FIH PRO LEAGUE

Media Kit 2026-27

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| Key resources and contacts

About the event

Event name: FIH Hockey Pro League
When: 8 December 2026 – 27 June 2027
Where: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, China, Germany, India, Netherlands, Spain

Teams

- **Women:** Argentina, Australia, Belgium, China, Germany, Great Britain, India, Netherlands, Spain
- **Men:** Argentina, Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, India, Netherlands, Spain

Official website: FIH Pro League | Official FIH website
The official event website provides everything that you need to know about the event, including news updates, fixtures, results, standings, live match reporting and broadcast information.

Broadcast and live streaming

Broadcasters for each territory will be published on the FIH Hockey Pro League website as soon as it becomes available. A wide range of options for hockey fans around the world to watch the matches can be found on our streaming platform **Watch.Hockey**, ***powered by Deltatre.***



The **FIH 2026-27 Season Pass** includes FIH Hockey Pro League 2026-27, Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2026, FIH Hockey5s Youth World Cup 2026, FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2026-27, FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 2026-27, replays and highlights from the 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup and much more. For further information, please click here.

Hockey Scores Live app

A free app providing real-time scores, play-by-play timelines, competition schedules, and comprehensive player statistics for international and select domestic matches.

- **Follow** every goal, penalty corner, and card as it happens, complete with live match clocks.
- **Track** the official Men's and Women's FIH World Rankings including live point updates after every match.
- **Browse** career stats, historical team records, and analytics.
- **Access** match highlights and read the latest news.



The app is available to download for free on both the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store.

Social media
The FIH will provide comprehensive coverage of the event via our social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram, X, TikTok and YouTube.

We have also launched our dedicated FIH Hockey Pro League Instagram page, which can be found here: https://www.instagram.com/hockeyproleague/

Hashtag: #FIHProLeague

| FIH Hockey Pro League team contacts & media accreditation requests

Team contacts

You can find an email contact for each team competing in the FIH Hockey Pro League below.

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Netherlands (M&W)	Agnes de Kuijper – pers@knhb.nl
Spain (M&W)	Isidro López – prensa@rfeh.es

Media accreditation requests

Media accreditation applications for the FIH Hockey Pro League are handled by the host nation of the various stages taking place across the world. If you are interested in attending a match, please use the below contact information.

Please be aware that only bona fide members of the media will be granted accreditation to FIH Hockey Pro League matches, and that all members of the media are required to sign a Terms and Conditions form to secure a matchday accreditation.

Venues, participating teams & contacts

- **Argentina, Córdoba (8–13 Dec 2026)**
  - Argentina, China (W), France (M), Great Britain
  - Accreditation contact: Alexia Halvorsen - prensa.cah@cahockey.org.ar

- **Spain, Valencia (14–22 Dec 2026)**
  - Spain, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands
  - Accreditation contact: Isidro López – prensa@rfeh.es

- **Argentina, Rosario (9–14 Feb 2027)**
  - Argentina (W), India (W), Germany (W)
  - Accreditation contact: Alexia Halvorsen - prensa.cah@cahockey.org.ar

- **Australia, Gold Coast (13–21 Feb 2027)**
  - Australia, Belgium, China (W), France (M), Netherlands
  - Accreditation contact: Kristina Fay - kristina.fay@hockey.org.au

- **India, Rajgir and Rourkela (13–28 Feb 2027)**
  - India, Argentina (M), Germany (M), Great Britain, Spain
  - Accreditation contact: media@hockeyindia.org

- **Belgium, Wavre (12–27 June 2027)**
  - Belgium, Argentina, Australia, China (W), France (M), Great Britain, India, Spain
  - Accreditation contact: Denis van Damme - denis.vandamme@Hockey.be

- **Germany, Berlin & Hamburg (12–27 June 2027)**
  - Germany, Australia, China (W), France (M), Great Britain, India
  - Accreditation contact: Philipp Föhre - foehre@deutscher-hockey-bund.de

- **Netherlands, Utrecht & Den Bosch (15–27 June 2027)**
  - Netherlands, Argentina, Great Britain, India, Spain
  - Accreditation contact: Agnes de Kuijper – pers@knhb.nl

FIH Media Contact

All queries relating to competition or FIH matters should be directed to media@fih.ch.

| A message of welcome from FIH President Tayyab Ikram

Dear Friends,



It is a genuine pleasure to welcome the global hockey community to the 2026-27 season of the FIH Hockey Pro League, a competition that continues to set the benchmark for international hockey and bring the very best of our sport to fans around the world.

Since its launch in 2019, the Pro League has established itself as a showcase for world-class hockey, combining exceptional talent, fierce competition and unforgettable sporting moments. The new season promises to deliver all this and more, with the world's leading teams ready to compete in a series of high-intensity encounters that will keep fans engaged from the opening match to the final whistle.

The stakes are particularly high as, this season again, the winners of both the men's and women's competitions will secure direct qualification for the LA28 Olympic Games. This exciting prospect adds another dimension to the League, making every point and every performance potentially decisive in the journey towards the ultimate sporting dream.

The 2026-27 edition also welcomes back two nations whose presence will further enrich the competition. India's women return following their triumph in the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2026, bringing renewed ambition after their Asian Games 2026 title. France's men also rejoin the League after winning the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2026. Their participation reinforces our commitment to providing a pathway for teams to reach the highest level of international hockey. With ten nations competing, the Pro League continues to reflect the diversity, ambition and growing strength of our global sport.

Above all, this competition belongs to the athletes. Their talent, determination and sportsmanship are what make the FIH Hockey Pro League so compelling. They will once again demonstrate the very best of hockey, inspiring fans and future generations alike. Alongside our host National Associations, FIH remains committed to providing the conditions and platforms that enable athletes to perform at their highest level throughout the season.

A competition of this scale can only succeed through the dedication of a vast community working together. I would therefore like to extend my sincere appreciation

to the participating National Associations, host cities and local authorities, commercial and broadcast partners, officials, umpires, volunteers and everyone contributing to the organisation of the League. And, of course, my warmest thanks go to the fans, whose enthusiasm and loyalty give our sport its unique energy.

I wish all participating teams and athletes an outstanding season, filled with sporting achievements, memorable encounters and moments that will resonate far beyond the pitch.

Let us celebrate the passion, excellence and unity that define our sport, as the FIH Hockey Pro League once again brings the world's best together in the true spirit of the "*League of the Best*."

Yours in Hockey,

Tayyab Ikram
FIH President

| About the FIH Hockey Pro League



The Netherlands women were the winners of the 2025-26 FIH Hockey Pro League.

Following the drama and breathtaking action of the FIH Hockey World Cup in Belgium and the Netherlands in August, the world's finest international teams and players return to elite-level competition as the FIH Hockey Pro League enters its eighth season.

Known as '*The League of the Best*', the FIH Hockey Pro League brings together the world's top men's and women's national teams in a prestigious, year-round competition, showcasing the very best of international hockey.

Each season, the team finishing top of the standings claims the coveted FIH Hockey Pro League Trophy, a symbol of sustained excellence at the highest level of the sport.

Both the men's and women's competitions follow the same format, offering fans a seamless, world-class viewing experience through the Watch.Hockey app and global broadcast partners.

The FIH Hockey Pro League captures everything that makes international hockey so compelling, giving fans the opportunity to watch their national teams compete on home soil while strengthening connections between teams, supporters and the sport itself.

For more information about the purpose of the FIH Hockey Pro League, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions page by clicking here.

Argentina set to ignite opening stage



Argentina women, winners of the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026.

The opening stage of the season (8–13 December 2026) takes place in Córdoba, where Argentina's passionate home fans will welcome the world's elite.

Fresh from their triumph as women's World Cup champions (pictured above), Las Leonas will launch their campaign alongside Los Leones, the men's World Cup bronze medallists, with the backing of their fervent home supporters.

Both teams face formidable opening challenges, with Argentina's women taking on China and Great Britain, while the men's team goes head-to-head with Great Britain and France.

Immediately after the Córdoba showdowns, the action moves across the Atlantic to Valencia, Spain (14–22 December 2026). European powerhouses Spain, Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands will battle it out before the second phase of the competition gets under way in February 2027.

Welcome back: India women and France men rejoin elite

One of the defining storylines of the 2026-27 season is the much-anticipated return of two proud hockey nations to the Pro League.

- **India women:** Following a dominant promotion campaign in the FIH Hockey Nations Cup, India women return to the top tier of international hockey. They arrive on the back of their best World Cup finish in more than half a century, followed by a gold medal at the Asian Games, which secured their qualification for the LA28 Olympic Games. They will begin their Pro League campaign in February 2027, with stages in Argentina and on

home soil in India.

- **France men:** Also earning promotion through the Nations Cup, France men bring flair, ambition and growing momentum back to the top flight. They will kick off their campaign from matchday one in Córdoba. Regularly regarded as potential dark horses at major international competitions over the past decade, France will be looking to use the Pro League as an opportunity to establish themselves among the world's leading nations.

High stakes: The road to LA28



Belgium men secured their ticket to LA2028 by winning the 2025-26 FIH Hockey Pro League.

Since its launch in 2019, the FIH Hockey Pro League has established itself as the pinnacle of annual international hockey competition. This season, the stakes are higher than ever. Alongside the coveted trophy, national pride, fierce rivalries and valuable FIH World Ranking points, the winners of the 2026-27 Pro League will secure direct qualification for the LA28 Olympic Games.

They will follow in the footsteps of the Belgian men and Netherlands women, who secured their places at the Games by winning the 2025-26 Pro League season.

With every regulation point and shootout bonus potentially proving decisive in the final standings, teams will face an intense international schedule spanning Argentina (Córdoba and Rosario), Spain (Valencia), Australia (Gold Coast), India (Rajgir and Rourkela), Belgium (Wavre), Germany (Berlin and Hamburg) and the Netherlands (Utrecht and Den Bosch).

The FIH Hockey Pro League offers a unique opportunity to follow the world's leading teams throughout the season, bringing fans together in a global celebration of elite international hockey.

With every match carrying significance, every venue bringing its own atmosphere and every team determined to make its mark, the 2026-27 season promises the excitement, drama and outstanding performances that have earned the Pro League its reputation as *'The League of the Best'*.

The FIH Hockey Pro League 2026-27 match schedule, including the match timings, is available here.

| Competition format

The following information has been taken from the 'FIH Hockey Pro League Competition Regulations' document, created for the 2026-27 Season. More information about all FIH competition regulations can be found at the following link:

https://www.fih.hockey/about-fih/official-documents/sport-event-resources

Announcement of Match Squads and Starting Line Ups

a) No later than 1 week before the start of a stage that a team is involved in, Team managers must submit to FIH the names of up to 24/28 Players that will form that team's squad for the duration of this Stage.
Note: *For stages where a team play more than 4 matches, all teams will be able to submit a list of 28 players. This condition applies to the matches in Spain (M & W), Australia (M & W), India (Men only), Belgium (M & W), Netherlands (M & W) and Germany (M & W)*

b) No later than 1 hour before the start of a match, Team Managers must submit to FIH via TMS

- The names of up to 18 Players that will form their team's squad for the Match of whom 2 must be goalkeepers wearing full protective equipment,
- The names of the 11 Players that will start the match, and
- the names of the Team Manager, Team Coach, Physiotherapist and Team Doctor for the match plus one other member of the team management who will be present on the team bench.

c) A nominated Player who becomes incapacitated between the announcement of the 24/28 Players for a stage, and up to one hour before the start of the first match for that team in the stage, may be replaced in the 24/28 by another Player whose name appears on the team's Long List, provided that a team may not nominate any Player who is suspended from playing in the League. For clarity, no replacement players will be allowed during a stage from 1 hour before the start of the first match for each team of the stage.

d) A nominated starting line-up Player who becomes incapacitated between the announcement of the starting line-up and the start of a match may be replaced in the starting line up by another Player from within the match day squad of 18. The Team Manager must notify the Match Manager on duty accordingly, who will inform the Team Manager of the opposing team and the media of such a change. For clarity, no replacement from outside the match day squad of 18, is permitted after the match day squad is submitted into TMS 1 hour before the start of the match.

Competition Plan and Ranking in the League

a) Each League Season encompasses a single league phase with each nation playing against the other nations 2 (two) times. Matches are played in stages, in a single country, including either the host nation against "away" nations or between the "away" nations playing against each other.

b) In the event of a Match being drawn, a shoot-out competition will be played in accordance with Appendix 2. The winner of the shoot-out competition will be awarded one bonus point.

c) The following points will be awarded for each Match:

i three (3) points to the winner in normal time;

ii one (1) point to the winner of a shootout following a draw plus one (1) bonus point, making a total of two (2) points.

iii one (1) point to the loser of the shootout, in the event of a draw;

iv no points to the loser of a match in normal time.

d) During the Season, teams will be ranked by the points gained up to that point in time. In the case of two or more teams having an equal number of points, they will be ranked according to Regulations 4.2 e – k below.

e) If at any point of time during the Season two or more teams with the same number of points for any place in the League will be ranked according to their respective number of Matches won.

f) If there remains equality among two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to their respective goal difference in normal time (which means goals for less goals against). A positive goal difference always takes precedence over a negative one.

g) If there still remains equality among two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of goals for.

h) Should there still remain equality among two teams, then the aggregate results of the matches played between those teams will determine the ranking of the tied teams in accordance with regulations c, d, e, f and g of this Article.

i) If more than two teams are involved, then a ranking based upon the results of the matches among (only) them shall determine their respective position in accordance with regulations c, d, e, f and g of this article.

j) If there still remains equality among two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to the number of Field Goals scored in the League.

k) If there remains equality among two or more teams these teams will be ranked according to the lesser number of red cards, followed by the lesser number of yellow cards followed by the lesser number of green cards.

l) During the Season, if teams are still equal after regulation 4.2k, they will be displayed in alphabetical order.

m) At the end of the Season, if teams are still equal after regulation 4.2k, they will be ranked equally.

n) If all matches are not completed during the season for reasons of Force majeure (for example due to the COVID pandemic), the procedure set out in Regulation 8.1 j will apply. For the season to be considered complete and the final ranking table to be official, and League positions including the winners to be confirmed, at least 75% of the matches (54 matches) in a gender Pro League must have been completed. If less than 75% of the matches have been completed, then the season will be considered to be incomplete and no winner or relegated team will be announced. Individual match statistics will be maintained and recorded on TMS.

Note: If one of the two Matches played between two teams is cancelled, each team will receive one point. If both matches are cancelled, each team will receive 3 points. No statistics (i.e goals, cards and caps) will be applied to the cancelled match.

| Rules and competition regulations

Players
A matchday squad is made up of a maximum of 18 players, composed of 11 players on the field and up to seven substitutes.

Substitutions
There are no limits on the number of substitutions, apart from during a penalty corner or video referral when substitutions are not allowed.

Match periods
Matches consist of four periods of 15 minutes.

Green and yellow cards
If a player is shown a green card by the umpire, he or she has a temporary suspension lasting two minutes. This means the team plays with one fewer player during this period. The time penalty kicks in when the suspended player sits on a chair next to the technical table. After the two minutes are up, the player can return to the pitch. If a player is shown a yellow card, the suspension shall be a minimum of five minutes. The Technical Officer on duty is responsible for timing the temporary suspension. Once the suspension is over, the player (or a substitute) can return to the pitch unless this occurs during the taking of a penalty corner, in which case the player cannot return until the penalty corner has been completed or another penalty corner is awarded.

Countdown clock
When a penalty corner is awarded, time is stopped for 40 seconds, except in the case of re-awards or penalty corners awarded after a Video Umpire referral. In the case of a re-awarded penalty corner time will be immediately stopped but the teams will not be allowed an additional 40 seconds. The umpire will re-start play at the earliest possible opportunity, ensuring that any delay is kept to a minimum. Matches are also stopped for 40 seconds after a goal is scored, except in the case of goals awarded after a Video Umpire Referral and a Penalty Stroke.

Penalty corners
The 40-second countdown clock gives defenders time to put on protective equipment before the penalty corner is taken. It is essential that all field players defending a penalty corner wear a face mask until the first shot at goal. If a defending field player removes the face mask before the first shot at goal, the penalty corner will be re-taken.

As the 40-second countdown clock approaches zero, the umpire lets both teams know that time is almost up. If both teams are ready after 40 seconds, the umpire will blow the whistle to restart play, and the attacking team must inject the ball straight away.

If the ball is not injected immediately, or either team is not ready to restart, the umpire will assess the reason for the delay.

- **If players need extra time to put on their protective equipment:** The umpire will allow the additional time needed to ensure everyone is properly protected. There will be no penalty for this - player safety comes first.
- **If a defending player deliberately delays the restart:** The umpire will issue that player with a green card, and their team will have to defend the penalty corner with one fewer player. If the same team repeatedly delays play, the penalty will increase to a yellow card.
- **If an attacking player causes the delay:** The umpire will issue that player with a green card. Repeated offences will result in an increased penalty of a yellow card.

Video umpire

Each team is allowed one video umpire team referral during the regulation time. Team referrals are restricted to decisions within the 23 metre areas relating to the award (or non-award) of goals, penalty strokes and penalty corners. The on-pitch umpires will ask the video umpire to study the relevant images and for his or her advice and recommendation. If the referral is successful, the team retains the right to make another team referral. If the referral is unsuccessful, the team loses the right to use the video umpire for the rest of the game. The umpires may also consult the video umpire, using their own umpire referral, if they have doubts about whether or not to award a goal.

If a match ends in a draw a shoot-out competition will take place to determine the winner. In the shoot-out competition each team has the right to one team referral for the award (or non-award) of goals, penalty strokes and whether a shoot-out should be re-taken or not. Referrals remaining at the end of regulation time are not carried over into the shoot-out competition. The umpires may still also consult the video umpire, using their own referral, if they have doubts about whether or not to award a goal.

Shoot-outs

A shoot-out competition will be used if the scores are equal at full time. Each team picks five players who will each take one shoot-out. If the teams are tied after a series of shoot-outs, the winner will be decided by sudden death, ie when one team has scored one more goal than the opposing team after an equal number of shoot-outs have been taken. The process will be repeated in series of five shoot-outs for each team until a winner has been decided.

Complete information about the FIH Rules of Hockey can be found below.

FIH Rules of Hockey (Updated March 2027): Click here .



| TEAMS – WOMEN

Background information about the competing women's FIH Hockey Pro League teams, including notable achievements, key players and more can be found below.

Please note: not all squads had been finalised at the time of publication. For the latest information about each team, please click here.

Argentina

Nickname: Las Leonas
Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 4th. 2020-21: 2nd. 2021-22: 1st. 2022-23: 2nd. 2023-24: 3rd, 2024-25: 2nd, 2025-26: 2nd
Notable honours: 3x World Cup winners (2002, 2010, 2026), 4x FIH Hockey World Cup silver medallists (1974, 1976, 1994, 2022), 3x FIH Hockey World Cup bronze medallists (1978, 2006, 2014), 3x Olympic silver medallists (2000, 2012, 2021), 3x Olympic bronze medallists (2004, 2008, 2024), Hockey World League champions (2015), 7x Champions Trophy winners (2001, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016), 8x Pan-American Games gold medallists (1987, 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2019, 2023), 7x Pan-American Cup winners (2001, 2004, 2009, 2013, 2017, 2022, 2025), FIH Hockey Pro League winners (2021-22), 4x FIH Hockey Pro League runners up (2020-21, 2022-23, 2024-25, 2025-26)

About the team: In a list of Argentina's greatest sporting achievements, defeating the all-conquering Netherlands on their own turf to win the women's FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 has to rank close to the very top. Although Argentina had previously beaten the mighty Dutch to lift World Cup titles at Perth 2002 and Rosario 2010 – the former on neutral soil in Australia, the latter on home turf – their shoot-out triumph over hockey's most dominant force, in front of a partisan, orange-clad crowd at Amstelveen's Wagener Stadium, arguably set a new benchmark for Las Leonas. An Olympic gold medal is the only major honour missing from their collection, and the journey towards potential glory at LA28 begins right here in the FIH Hockey Pro League.

Much like those glorious teams of years gone by, Argentina's current squad is packed with world-class talent. Twenty-four-year-old midfielder Sofia Cairo (FIH Women's Player of the Year 2026) was a magnificent performer at the World Cup, while Cristina Cosentino (FIH Women's Goalkeeper of the Year 2026) and attacking livewire Zoe Diaz (FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year in 2024 and 2026) were also hugely impressive. Add the experience and quality of established stars Maria Granatto, Agustina Alonso, Julieta Jankunas and Eugenia Trinchinetti – all of whom have earned more than 200 international caps – alongside feared penalty corner drag-flicker Agustina Gorzelany, and Argentina will surely be among the title favourites in this year's FIH Hockey Pro League.

One to watch: Sofia Cairo. Named FIH Women's Player of the Year for 2026 following her magnificent displays at the Hockey World Cup, the 24-year-old midfield playmaker is the heartbeat of the current Argentina team. Equally capable of influencing the game at both ends of the field, Cairo will be a key player as Las Leonas look to build on their World Cup success.

Head coach: Fernando Ferrara. Since taking the reins in July 2021, Ferrara has guided Las Leonas to World Cup, Pan-American and Pro League glory. With only an Olympic gold medal missing from his collection of honours, he will be determined to complete the set at Los Angeles 2028. As a player, Ferrara represented Argentina's men at three Olympic Games: Seoul 1988, Barcelona 1992 and Atlanta 1996.

In action: Argentina will host matches between 9-13 December 2026 at the Estadio Municipal de Hockey in Cordoba, with further fixtures being played on home soil between 10-14 February at Estadio Mundialista de Hockey Luciana Aymar, Rosario. The team will also appear at the stages being played in the Netherlands (Utrecht – 15-16 June 2027 & 's-Hertogenbosch – 26-27 June) and Belgium (Wavre – 19-23 June 2027).

Website: www.cahockey.org.ar
X: @ArgFieldHockey **Facebook:** ArgFieldHockey **Instagram:** arg_fieldhockey

FIH Hockey Pro League team page: click here.

Australia

Nickname: The Hockeyroos
Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 2nd. 2020-21: 5th, 2021-22: DNP. 2022-23: 3rd. 2023-24: 6th, 2024-25: 5th, 2025-26: 8th
Notable honours: 3x Olympic gold medallists (1988, 1996, 2000), 2x FIH Hockey World Cup winners (1994, 1998), 3x FIH Hockey World Cup silver medallists (1990, 2006, 2014), 2x FIH Hockey World Cup bronze medallists (1983, 2022), FIH Hockey Pro League silver medallists (2019), 6x FIH Champions Trophy gold medallists (1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2003), 8x Oceania champions (1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2023), 4x Commonwealth Games gold medallists (1998, 2006, 2010, 2014)

About the team: The Hockeyroos endured a torrid FIH Hockey Pro League campaign in 2025-26, finishing second bottom of the standings – their lowest placement on record. However, there were encouraging signs of better times ahead, not least being the only team to take points off eventual champions the Netherlands, winning a shoot-out following a 1-1 draw. Taking those positives into August's FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 in Belgium and Netherlands, Australia produced some excellent performances to reach the semi-finals before suffering heart-breaking 1-0 defeats against eventual champions Argentina and Belgium to finish fourth.

While missing out on the medals was hugely disappointing, Australia's impressive performances ensured they departed Europe with their pride intact and confidence restored. Standout displays from defender/midfielder Claire Colwill and goalkeeper Jocelyn Bartram earned individual recognition, with Colwill shortlisted for the FIH Rising Star of the Year 2026 award and Bartram named Goalkeeper of the Tournament, as well as earning a place on the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year 2026 shortlist. Colwill and Abigail Wilson finished as Australia's joint top scorers at the World Cup with three goals apiece, while Steph Kershaw, Courtney Schonell and Mariah Williams also got on the scoresheet.

One to watch: Claire Colwill. A world class defender and midfielder with composure beyond her years, 23-year-old Claire Colwill is already a star but the best is yet to come. Made her 100th international appearance for Australia at the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026, co-captaining the team in their narrow semi-final defeat to eventual champions Argentina.

Head coach: Rhett Halkett. A former South African international with over 150 appearances who competed at the Olympic Games London 2012. Halkett took the reins in September 2025 following the resignation of legendary Hockeyroos striker and double Olympic gold medallist Katrina Powell, stepping up from assistant coach. Previously served as assistant to the Netherlands women (2021) and India men (2022–24).

In action: Australia's host stage will take place at Gold Coast, Queensland between 13-21 February 2027. The team will also appear at the stages being played in Germany (Berlin – 12-16 June 2027) and Belgium (Wavre – 19-27 June 2027).

Hockey Australia website: www.hockey.org.au
X: @hockeyroos **Facebook:** thehockeyroos **Instagram:** @hockeyaustraliaofficial

FIH Hockey Pro League team page: click here.

Belgium

Nickname: Red Panthers
Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 5th. 2020-21: 7th. 2021-22: 4th. 2022-23: 4th. 2023-24 – 4th, 2024-25 – 3rd, 2025-26 – 3rd
Notable honours: 2x FIH Hockey World Cup bronze medallists (1978, 2026), 4th place – Olympic Games Paris 2024, 2x EuroHockey Championships silver medallists (2017, 2023), EuroHockey Championships bronze medallists (2021), 4th place – EuroHockey Championships (2013, 2025), 1st place – FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers (2024), 2x 3rd place – FIH Hockey Pro League (2024-25, 2025-26)

About the team: With bronze medals in both the FIH Hockey Pro League and the FIH Hockey World Cup, 2026 was another stellar year for Belgium's brilliant Red Panthers. They were superb in season seven of the Pro League, finished just one point behind runners-up Argentina as co-captain Charlotte Englebert and Stephanie Vanden Borre scored six goals apiece, with Delphine Marien contributing five.

They took that impressive form into the World Cup, which they co-hosted with the Netherlands. The goals of striker Englebert and penalty corner ace Vanden Borre proved instrumental as Belgium reached the semi-finals unbeaten. Although they suffered a 1-0 defeat against the Oranje in the last four, the Red Panthers bounced back in style, beating Australia 1-0 as an Englebert strike secured their first World Cup medal in 48 years.

The Red Panthers squad is packed with experience, with Judith Vandermeiren (280+), Emma Puvrez (250+), Vanden Borre (230+), Lien Hillewaert (180+) and co-captain Michelle Struijk (170)

bring a wealth of international experience to the table. They are complemented by outstanding young talents such as midfielder Camille Belis and teenage striker Famke van Heel. Belis was named Young Player of the Tournament at the EuroHockey Championship 2025 in Mönchengladbach, while Van Heel was shortlisted for the FIH Rising Star of the Year 2026 award. The squad also boasts outstanding goalkeeper Elena Sotgiu, widely regarded as one of the world's finest shot-stoppers.

One to watch: Charlotte Englebert. Shortlisted for the FIH Women's Player of the Year 2026 and named best women's player at FIH Hockey World Cup 2026, livewire forward Charlotte Englebert was the star of the show as the Red Panthers won a World Cup medal for the first time since 1978.

Head coach: Adam Commens. Former Australia international Adam Commens, who guided the team to World Cup bronze, has a long association with the Belgian hockey. He served as the men's national coach between 2007 and 2010 before becoming Hockey Belgium's High Performance Director in 2016, overseeing the most successful period in their history. Between 2011 and 2016, Commens was head coach of Australia women, guiding the Hockeyroos to silver at the 2014 FIH Hockey World Cup in The Hague (NED).

In action: Belgium's host stage will take place in Wavre between 12-27 June 2027. The team will also appear at the stages being played in Spain (Valencia – 14-22 December 2026) and Australia (Gold Coast – 13-21 February 2027).

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China

Nickname: The Snow Lotuses
Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 7th. 2020-21: 8th. 2021-22: 8th. 2022-23: 7th. 2023-24: 5th, 2024-25: 4th, 2025-26: 4th
Notable honours: 2x Olympic silver medallists (2008, 2024), World Cup bronze medallists (2002), Champions Trophy gold medallists (2002), 3x Champions Trophy silver medallists (2003, 2006, 2026), Champions Trophy bronze medallists (2005), 4x Asian Games gold medallists (2002, 2006, 2010, 2022), 3x Asia Cup gold medallists (1989, 2009, 2025), 2x 4th place – FIH Hockey Pro League (2024-25, 2025-26)

About the team: Having secured back-to-back fourth-place finishes in the 2024-25 and 2025-26 campaigns, their best-ever results in the competition, China will fancy their chances of breaking into the FIH Hockey Pro League podium places this season. However, the Olympic silver medallists from Paris 2024 endured a disappointing FIH Hockey World Cup in Belgium and the Netherlands in August, finishing eighth. That final position, though, tells only part of the story. China were unbeaten in their opening four matches, powering past England (4-2) and South Africa (5-1), while drawing with India (2-2) and Australia (1-1). The result against the Hockeyroos

left them needing a positive result against co-hosts the Netherlands to keep their title hopes alive. However, a 4-1 defeat against the fellow Paris 2024 Olympic finalists ended their chances of progressing, before a shoot-out loss to Spain confirmed their eighth-place finish. Zhou Meirong scored four goals to finish as China's leading scorer, with Zhang Ying contributing three. Despite the disappointing final position, China were competitive throughout the tournament and suffered just one outright defeat in normal time. It was followed by a silver medal at the Asian Games 2026, where they were pipped to the title by a resurgent India.

China's revival came under the guidance of Alyson Annan, who was rewarded with a seventh FIH Women's Coach of the Year award in 2026. However, it would prove to be the final chapter of a remarkable four-and-a-half-year spell in charge of the Snow Lotuses, with the Hockeyroos legend and two-time FIH Player of the Year announcing her decision to step down in November. Annan, whose replacement was not confirmed at the time of writing, will be sorely missed, but leaves the squad in a strong position as they look to build on recent progress.

One to watch: Li Hong. A dynamic attacking midfielder capable of both creating and scoring goals, the 27-year-old Olympic silver medallist from Paris 2024 was nominated for the 2025 FIH Player of the Year award. Fellow Chinese international Liu Ping also received recognition, earning a place on the shortlist for the 2025 Best Goalkeeper award.

In action: China will appear at the stages being played in Argentina (Cordoba – 8-12 February 2027), Australia (Gold Coast – 13-21 February), Germany (Berlin – 12-16 June 2027) and Belgium (Wavre – 13-21 June 2026) and Germany (Berlin – 22-23 June 2027).

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Germany

Nickname: Die Danas
Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 3rd. 2020-21: 4th. 2021-22: 6th. 2022-23: 5th. 2023-24: 2nd, 2024-25: 7th 2025-26: 5th
Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (2004), 2x Olympic silver medallists (1984*, 1992), Olympic bronze medallists (2016), 2x FIH Hockey World Cup champions (1976*, 1981*), 2x European champions (2007, 2013), FIH Hockey Pro League silver medallists (2023-24), 8x European silver medallists (1991, 1999, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2019, 2021, 2025), Champions Trophy gold medallists (2006) **As West Germany*

About the team: 2025 European silver medallists Germany have long been a major force on the international stage, winning numerous global honours over the decades including two World Cups and Olympic gold at Athens 2004. However, Die Danas enter season eight of the FIH Hockey Pro League aiming to bounce back from a challenging FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 campaign. Defeats against eventual champions Argentina (3-2) and soon-to-be bronze medallists Belgium (3-1) proved costly, as Germany missed out on the semi-finals before suffering a disappointing loss to India in the 5-6 classification match. There were some encouraging individual displays, particularly from Jette Fleschütz, Lynn Krings and influential co-

captain Lisa Nolte who each scored three times in the competition. However, three defeats in six games were below the expectations of this traditionally successful hockey nation.

Germany's sixth-place finish marked the end of Janneke Schopman's tenure as head coach, with the former Netherlands international and Beijing 2008 Olympic gold medallist parting ways with Die Danas just 12 months after guiding them to silver at the 2025 EuroHockey Championship.

Before the World Cup, Germany finished fifth in the 2025-26 Pro League, climbing two places from the previous season. They ended the competition in impressive form, winning seven of their final eight matches against England, Australia, China and Ireland. Their 5-1 triumph over Olympic silver medallists China was particularly impressive, with all five of their goals coming in the final quarter through Lilly Stoffelsma, Jette Fleschütz, Sophia Schwabe, Sara Strauss and Sonja Zimmermann. That late-season surge provides a reminder of the quality within the squad as they look to rediscover their best form.

One to watch: Lisa Nolte. Germany's co-captain and one of the most influential figures in Die Danas' midfield, Düsseldorfer HC's Lisa Nolte combines leadership, creativity and a formidable attacking threat. A key player since making her senior debut in 2019, the 25-year-old represented Germany at Paris 2024 and continues to lead by example, bringing a composed presence to an evolving team.

Head coach: Markus Lonnes. Appointed in September following Janneke Schopman's departure, Lonnes takes charge of Die Danas for the next Olympic cycle. Lonnes spent 16 years coaching the women's team at Rot-Weiss Köln and was Die Danas' assistant coach at the Beijing 2008 Olympics.

In action: Germany's host stages take place in Berlin (12-16 June 2027) and Hamburg (26-27 June 2027). The team will also appear at the stages being played in Spain (Valencia – 14-22 February 2027) and Argentina (Rosario – 9-14 February 2027).

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Great Britain

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 8th, 2020-21: 3rd, 2022-23: 6th, 2023-24: 7th
Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (2016), 3x Olympic bronze medallists (1992, 2012, 2021), FIH Champions Trophy silver medallists (2012). FIH Pro League bronze medallists (2020-21).

About the team: With qualification for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games up for grabs, Great Britain step into the 2026-27 FIH Hockey Pro League in place of England, looking to re-establish themselves among the world's leading teams. Having claimed bronze at London 2012, gold at Rio 2016 and a further bronze at Tokyo 2020, GB have a fine recent Olympic pedigree. However, their eighth-place finish at Paris 2024 was a disappointing outcome for a team with such high ambitions, and the journey towards putting that right starts here.

Much of the current GB squad represented England at the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026, where they endured a campaign of frustration. Despite opening with an impressive 4-0 victory over South Africa, defeat to China (2-4) and a goalless draw against India saw England miss out on the required top two finish they needed to progress. They eventually placed ninth in the final standings, signing off with a trio of victories beating Chile (4-1), Japan (3-2), and United States (3-1). While the overall result fell short of expectations, there were encouraging signs as key players such as Lily Owsley, Tess Howard, Grace Balsdon and Darcy Bourne all continued to demonstrate their ability to compete with the very best.

As ever, the strength of Great Britain lies in bringing together the best talent from across the Home Nations. Scotland's own World Cup stars Amy Costello and Charlotte Watson represented GB at Paris 2024, while exciting forward Ellie MacKenzie has recently joined the GB centralised programme. Wales is represented by promising attacking midfielder Betsan Thomas, who was named Player of the Tournament at the 2025 EuroHockey Championship II, alongside fellow stars Amy Cradden and Caitlin Witham.

One to watch: Lily Owsley. A Rio 2016 Olympic gold medallist and one of the most experienced players in the GB set-up, Lily Owsley remains a massively influential figure in the team. Having competed at her fourth World Cup in 2026, the dynamic midfielder possesses exceptional pace, technical ability and attacking instincts. Her experience and creativity could prove invaluable as GB look to rediscover their best form.

Head coach: At the time of writing, England and GB Hockey were still in the process of appointing a new head coach to lead the women's team into the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic cycle. Jon Bleby – who has held various coaching positions with both England and GB over the years, most recently as assistant coach to England women – has been named interim head coach until the end of 2026.

In action: Great Britain will appear at the stages being played in Argentina (Cordoba – 8-13 December 2026), India (Rourkela – 23-27 February), Belgium (Wavre – 12-13 & 19-20 June 2027), the Netherlands (Utrecht – 15-16 June 2027) and Germany (Hamburg – 26-27 June 2027).

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India

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2021-22: 3rd, 2023-24: 8th, 2024-25: 9th
Notable honours: FIH Champions Challenge bronze medallists (2002), Commonwealth Games gold medallists (2002), Commonwealth Games silver medallists (2006), 4th place – Olympic Games (1980, 2021), 2x Asian Games gold medallists (1982, 2026), 2x Asian Games silver medallists (1998, 2018), 4x Asian Games bronze medallists (1986, 2006, 2014, 2022), 2x Asia Cup gold medallists (2004, 2017), 3x Asia Cup silver medallists (1999, 2009, 2025)

About the team: India women have enjoyed an extraordinary period of progress over the last two years, firmly establishing themselves among the leading forces in international hockey. They return to the FIH Hockey Pro League with plenty of momentum, having won the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup in Auckland, finished fifth at the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 and, most recently, a historic gold medal at the Asian Games in Japan.

Their Nations Cup triumph was particularly impressive, with India winning all five of their matches to secure top spot and promotion back into the Pro League. Victories over the United States (3-2), Japan (2-1), Uruguay (3-2), Chile (6-0) and hosts New Zealand (2-0) ensured a perfect tournament. They carried that superb form into the World Cup, narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals but finished an impressive fifth. The team were excellent throughout, holding China, England and Australia to draws, while recording a convincing 6-1 victory over South Africa. They signed off in style with a 3-1 win over Germany in their final classification match, securing their best World Cup finish since 1974 (4th). Navneet Kaur was among their standout performers, scoring twice against Germany as her team finished the tournament on a high.

At the recent 2026 Asian Games in Japan, India were crowned champions for only the second time in their history, ending a 44-year wait for gold. They produced a series of commanding performances before overcoming defending champions and Olympic silver medallists China 1-0 in a gripping final. Lalremsiami scored the decisive goal in the 10th minute, while goalkeeper Savita produced a brilliant penalty stroke save in the second quarter to preserve India's advantage. The triumph also secured India's direct qualification for the LA28 Olympic Games, adding another major milestone to an outstanding period for the team. Deepika scored a staggering 21 goals in the competition, with the ever-influential Navneet Kaur scoring ten.

One to watch: Navneet Kaur. A key figure in India's talented and dynamic forward line, Navneet possesses the pace, skill and creativity to unlock any defence. At the time of writing, Navneet had made 224 international appearances, having made her debut against Ireland in April 2014 at the age of 18. Scored ten goals as India claimed the Asian Games title for the first time since 1982.

Head coach: Sjoerd Marijne. Between 2017 and 2021, Marijne oversaw a transformative period for India women's hockey, culminating in an outstanding fourth-place finish at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, played in 2021. After stepping down following the Olympics to spend more time with his family, the former Netherlands women's and India men's head coach returned to the role in 2025 to inspire a new generation.

In action: India's home matches take place between 23-28 February 2027 at the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela. The team will also appear at the stages being played in Argentina (venue TBC – 9-13 February 2027), Germany (Berlin – 12-16 June 2027), the Netherlands (Hertogenbosch – 22-23 June 2027) and Belgium (Wavre – 26-27 June 2027).

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Netherlands

Nickname: The Oranje
Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 1st. 2020-21: 1st. 2021-22: 2nd. 2022-23: 1st, 2023-24 – 1st, 2024-25 – 1st, 2025-26: 1st
Notable honours: 5x Olympic gold medallists (1984, 2008, 2012, 2021, 2024), 9x FIH Hockey World Cup winners (1974, 1978, 1983, 1986, 1990, 2006, 2014, 2018, 2022), 6x FIH Hockey Pro League champions (2019, 2020-21, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26), 2x Hockey World League champions (2012-14, 2016-17), 7x Champions Trophy winners (1987, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2018), 13x European champions (1984, 1987, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2005, 2009,2011, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025).

About the team: While the Netherlands remain the benchmark in women's international hockey, the mighty Oranje will arrive at the FIH Hockey Pro League determined to remind the world why they are considered one of global sport's most dominant forces. Reigning Olympic, European and FIH Hockey Pro League champions, the Dutch had enjoyed an extraordinary run of success before heading into August's FIH Hockey World Cup they co-hosted with Belgium.

However, their quest for an unprecedented fourth consecutive world title ended in heartbreaking fashion, as Argentina produced a stunning shoot-out victory in the final at Amstelveen's Wagener Stadium. Having led 1-0 through a Yibbi Jansen penalty corner, the Netherlands were pegged back six minutes from time before losing 3-1 in the shoot-out. It was a rare and painful setback for a team accustomed to winning the biggest prizes, and one that will undoubtedly fuel their determination to reassert their authority as they target the defence of their Olympic title at Los Angeles 2028.

The quality within the Dutch ranks remains extraordinary. Jansen, the 2024 FIH Player of the Year, once again demonstrated why she is regarded as the world's finest penalty corner drag-flicker, topping the World Cup scoring charts with eight goals. Her remarkable set-piece ability is complemented by the extraordinary attacking talents of Frédérique Matla, Felice Albers and Marijn Veen, the latter netting five times at the World Cup to finish as the competition's second highest scorer. Goalkeeper Anne Veenendaal offers a reassuring presence between the posts, supported by a formidable defensive unit. While the World Cup brought the curtain down on the stellar career of double Olympic gold medallist and two-time FIH Player of the Year Xan de Waard, with an enviable blend of established superstars and emerging talent, the Netherlands remain a formidable proposition.

One to watch: Yibbi Jansen. Since making her international debut in January 2018, the penalty corner expert has scored an astonishing 119 goals in 120 matches. She is the daughter of Ronald Jansen, who played in goal for the Netherlands men's team that won Olympic gold at Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000.

Head coach: Raoul Ehren. After winning two FIH Hockey Pro League titles (2024-25, 2025-26) either side of European Championship (2025), Ehren made an imperious start to his tenure with the Oranje. While the World Cup final defeat will have been a painful moment, Ehren – who won nine Dutch and seven European titles as head coach of Den Bosch women before enjoying a fruitful two-year stint with Belgium's Red Panthers – will leave no stone unturned to remind the world just how good this team is.

In action: The Netherlands' home matches take place in Utrecht (15-16 June 2027) and Hertogenbosch (22-27 June 2027). The team will also appear at the stages being played in Spain (Valencia – 14-22 December 2026) and Australia (Gold Coast – 13-21 February 2027).

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Spain

Nickname: The Red Sticks
Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2021-22: 5th, 2024-25: 6th, 2025-26: 6th
Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (1992), FIH Hockey World Cup bronze medallists (2018), 2x European Championship silver medallists (1995, 2003), European Championship bronze medallists (2025), Champions Challenge 1 silver medallists (2003), FIH Hockey Nations Cup gold medallists (2023-24), FIH Hockey Nations Cup silver medallists (2022).

About the team: Spain's Red Sticks enter season eight of the FIH Hockey Pro League on the back of some good performances at the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 in Belgium and the Netherlands, where they finished seventh. They started the competition well, claiming seven points from their opening three games with victories over Ireland (3-2) and New Zealand (3-0) either side of a 1-1 draw with hosts and eventual bronze medallists Belgium in Wavre. Their title challenge was derailed by defeats against soon-to-be World Cup winners Argentina (3-0) and Germany (4-1), but finished on a positive note with a shoot-out victory over Paris 2024 Olympic silver medallists China, securing seventh position.

In the 2025-26 FIH Hockey Pro League, the Red Sticks produced several headline-grabbing performances along the way to a sixth-place finish. Early home victories over Belgium (1-0) and Germany (3-1) in Valencia were followed by an impressive 4-1 away success against Australia in Tasmania, with Lucia Jimenez, Sofia Rogoski, Laura Bosch and Marta Segu all finding the net. Arguably their finest performances came in London in June, where they defeated Argentina (2-1) and hosts England (1-0) on successive days, underlining their status as one of hockey's elite teams. As she did in the World Cup (three goals), Patricia Alvarez finished as Spain's leading scorer in the competition with five goals.

One to watch: Xantal Gine. With more than 240 international appearances, co-captain Xantal Gine is the most experienced player in the squad as well as a superb defender and inspirational leader for the Red Sticks. Alongside the team's bronze medal at the 2025 EuroHockey Championship, Gine also helped Spain claim World Cup bronze at London 2018.

Head coach: Carlos Garcia Cuenca. Building on the sterling work of previous incumbent Adrian Lock, Carlos Garcia Cuenca has made a significant impact since his appointment in September 2023, winning the FIH Hockey Nations Cup (2023-24) title and securing a superb bronze medal at the 2025 EuroHockey Championships.

In action: Spain's home matches will take place in Valencia between 14-22 December 2026. The team will also appear at the stages being played in India (Rourkela – 24-28 February 2027), the Netherlands (Utrecht – 57-16 June 2027) and Belgium (London – 22-27 June 2027).

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| TEAMS – MEN

Background information about the competing men's FIH Hockey Pro League teams, including notable achievements, key players and more can be found below.

Please note: not all squads had been finalised at the time of publication. For the latest information about each team, please click here.

Argentina

Nickname: Los Leones
Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 5th. 2020-21: 7th. 2021-22: 5th. 2022-23: 8th. 2023-24: 4th, 2024-25: 6th, 2025-26: 5th
Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (2016), 2x FIH Men's World Cup bronze medallists (2014, 2026), Hockey World League silver medallists (2017), 11x Pan American Games winners (1967, 1971, 1975, 1979, 1991, 1995, 2003, 2011, 2015, 2019, 2023), 5x Pan American Cup winners (2004, 2013, 2017, 2022, 2025).

About the team: After claiming a remarkable bronze medal at the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 in Belgium and the Netherlands, Argentina are riding a wave of confidence as they enter season eight of the FIH Hockey Pro League.

Los Leones matched their best World Cup finish with a series of outstanding performances showcasing the passion, desire and flair for which they are renowned. Opening with a 3-0 win against Japan, Argentina suffered a set-back against home favourites the Netherlands, losing 3-1 in Amstelveen's Wagener Stadium. However, they bounced back in emphatic fashion, sweeping aside New Zealand (7-1), England (3-1) and India (5-3) to storm into the semi-finals. A narrow defeat to eventual champions Germany (2-1) ended their title hopes, but they signed off in glorious style with a superb 2-1 victory over the Netherlands in Wavre. Forty-year-old captain Matias Rey provided the magical moment, scoring a dramatic winner in the final two minutes to secure the bronze medal. It was a fitting reward for the Pan American champions, whose outstanding campaign was further highlighted by the brilliance of their talismanic striker Tomas Domene. He claimed both the World Cup's Best Player and Top Scorer (10 goals) awards, before being crowned men's FIH Player of the Year 2026 in October.

Before the World Cup, Los Leones had secured a mid-table finish in the FIH Hockey Pro League, although their campaign contained several noteworthy results. Alongside victories over the Netherlands, Pakistan (twice) and Australia, Argentina recorded two impressive away wins against India at the iconic Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela. Domene scored four times in an emphatic 8-0 opening victory, while Tadeo Marcucci struck twice in a 4-2 success in the second meeting.

One to watch: Tomas Domene. The leading scorer in both the 2025-26 FIH Hockey Pro League (21 goals) and the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 (10), Domene is a proven match-winner who poses a constant threat from both open play and penalty corners.

Head coach: Lucas Rey. An Olympic gold medallist from Rio 2016, Lucas Rey is making as big an impact from the sidelines as he did during his wonderful playing career. In his two years in

charge, Argentina have progressed from finishing sixth in the 2024-25 FIH Hockey Pro League to winning the Pan American Cup and World Cup bronze. Following the World Cup success, Lucas's younger brother Matias announced his international retirement, bringing the curtain down on a 20-year, 325-cap career. The brothers famously shared Olympic gold in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

In action: Argentina's home matches take place in Cordoba between 9-13 December 2026. The team will also appear at the stages being played in India (Rajgir – 14-18 February 2027), the Netherlands (Utrecht – 15-16 June 2027 & Hertogenbosch – 26-27 June 2027) and Belgium (Wavre – 19-23 June 2027).

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Australia

Nickname: The Kookaburras
Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 1st. 2020-21: 2nd. 2022-23: 7th, 2023-24: 1st, 2024-25: 5th, 2025-26: 3rd
Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (2004) 4x Olympic silver medallists (1968,1976, 1992, 2021), 5x Olympic bronze medallists (1964, 1996, 2000, 2008, 2012), 3x FIH Hockey Men's World Cup winners (1986, 2010, 2014), 2x FIH Hockey Pro League champions (2019, 2023-24), Hockey World League champions (2015, 2017), 15x Champions Trophy winners (1983, 1984, 1985, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1999, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016, 2018), 7x Commonwealth Games gold medallists (1998, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022), 13x Oceania Cup champions (1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2023, 2025).

About the team: Two-time FIH Hockey Pro League champions Australia have spent decades amongst the world's elite, winning the biggest titles the sport has to offer including Olympic, World and Continental championships.

The mighty Kookaburras were rightly regarded as genuine title contenders at the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 in Belgium and the Netherlands, topping Pool C thanks to wins against Ireland (3-1) and eventual silver medallists Spain (1-0) before being held 2-2 by South Africa. However, a 1-1 draw against Belgium in the next phase left them needing victory against reigning World champions Germany to reach the semi-finals, with Die Honamas breaking Aussie hearts by winning 4-2 on route to a successful title defence. It was a bitter blow for the brilliant Australians, who claimed a fifth place finish with a 2-0 win over England. Blake Govers and Joel Rintala top scored for the Kookaburras, both registering four goals apiece.

Prior to the World Cup, Australia won nine of their 16 matches in the 2025-26 FIH Hockey Pro League to finish third in the standings, defeating six of their eight opponents at least once. Alongside victories over Pakistan, Spain, Argentina and reigning World and European champions Germany, they also claimed impressive wins against both World Cup co-hosts. The

Kookaburras defeated reigning Olympic champions the Netherlands and Tokyo 2020 Olympic gold medallists Belgium in Wavre. Nathan Ephraums and Jack Welch finished as Australia's joint-leading scorers with six goals apiece, while dynamic forwards Tim Brand and Joel Rintala also made significant contributions with five goals each.

The Kookaburra squad also boasts a wealth of experience including 33-year-old defender and penalty corner expert Jeremy Hayward, a World Cup winner with Australia in 2014 who has 266 caps and 126 international goals. Prolific striker Blake Govers (185 caps / 170 goals) is another centurion, alongside Ephraums, Brand, Tim Howard, Tom Craig, Joshua Beltz and Lachi Sharp.

One to watch: Ky Willott. Named Kookaburras Player of the Year in 2025 while also collecting the Players' Player and Goal of the Year awards, the 25-year-old is a commanding presence in midfield who combines tireless work rate with an eye for goal. Since debuting against Malaysia in April 2022, Willott has scored 27 goals in 94 international appearances.

Head coach: Mark Hager. A legendary Kookaburras striker during the 1980s and 1990s, Hager took charge in November 2024 following successful spells with the New Zealand women, whom he guided to Commonwealth Games gold at Gold Coast 2018, and England/Great Britain, helping GB to Olympic bronze at Tokyo 2020.

In action: Australia's home matches take place in Gold Coast between 13-21 February 2027. The team will also appear at the stages being played in Germany (Berlin – 12-16 June 2027) and Belgium (Wavre – 19-27 June 2027).

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Belgium

Nickname: The Red Lions
Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 2nd. 2020-21: 1st. 2021-22: 2nd. 2022-23: 3rd, 2023-24: 5th, 2024-25: 2nd , 2025-26: 1st
Notable honours: FIH Men's World Cup winners (2018), Olympic gold medallists (2021), Olympic silver medallists (2016), FIH Men's World Cup silver medallists (2023), Olympic bronze medallists (1920), 2x FIH Hockey Pro League champions (2020-21, 2025-26), 3x FIH Hockey Pro League silver medallists (2019, 2021-22, 2024-25), Hockey World League silver medallists (2015), European champions (2019), 2x European silver medallists (2013, 2017), 3x European bronze medallists (2007, 2021, 2023)

About the team: Following a fine second-place finish in the 2024-25 FIH Hockey Pro League, Belgium went one better in 2025-26, storming to the title to secure their place at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. However, despite that outstanding success, the Red Lions endured a disappointing FIH Hockey World Cup 2026, an event they co-hosted with the Netherlands, finishing seventh and falling well short of their ambitions.

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Belgium's Pro League triumph was built on a remarkable level of consistency and attacking firepower. Winning 13 of their 16 matches, drawing two and losing just once, they finished seven points clear at the top of the table. Ageless striker Tom Boon (19 goals) and drag-flicking defender Alexander Hendrickx (15) – both Olympic gold medallists from Tokyo 2020 – combined for an astonishing 34 goals, while rising star Thomas Crols added five and produced a series of eye-catching attacking displays. That undoubted quality, however, did not translate into World Cup success. A seventh-place finish was a considerable disappointment for a team that had arrived among the leading contenders, and will leave the Red Lions determined to put things right.

There is certainly no shortage of experience or world-class talent within the Belgian ranks. Hendrickx remains a formidable threat from penalty corners, while midfield heartbeat Victor Wegnez sets the tempo with his relentless energy and composure. Behind them, legendary shot-stopper Vincent Vanasch, a three-time FIH Goalkeeper of the Year, provides reassurance in the biggest moments, while captain Arthur Van Doren – twice crowned FIH Player of the Year – anchors one of the world's most disciplined defences. With a wealth of international knowhow and proven match-winners throughout the team, the Red Lions have all the ingredients to bounce back from their home World Cup disappointment by targeting the successful defence their Pro League title.

One to watch: Tom Boon. Although he turns 37 in January, Belgium striker and 2025 FIH Men's Player of the Year Tom Boon remains absolutely at the top of his game. At the time of writing, Boon had scored 226 goals in 397 international appearances – including an extraordinary 40 goals over the last two Pro League seasons - and looks set to become only the ninth men's player in the history of the sport to reach 400 caps. Nominated on the three-player shortlist for the men's FIH Player of the Year Award 2026.

Head coach: Shane McLeod. Having overseen the most successful era in Belgian hockey history, the New Zealander needs little introduction. Between 2018 and 2021, his side won the FIH Hockey World Cup (2018), EuroHockey Championship (2019), FIH Hockey Pro League (2020-21) and Olympic gold at Tokyo 2020. After spending three years as assistant coach, McLeod returned to the top job following Paris 2024, guiding the team to Pro League silver in 2024-25 before lifting the title in 2025-26.

In action: Belgium's home matches will take place at the Belfius Hockey Stadium in Wavre between 12-27 June 2027. The team will also appear at the stages being played in Spain (Valencia – 14-22 December 2026) and Australia (Gold Coast – 13-21 February 2027).

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FIH Hockey Pro League team page: click here.

France

Nickname: Les Bleus
Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2021-22: 8th
How they qualified: 1st place – FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2025-26
Notable honours: 4th place – Olympic Games (1920, 1936), 7th place – FIH Men's World Cup (1971, 1990), 8th place – FIH Men's World Cup (2018), 6th place – FIH Champions Trophy (1992), 2x 4th place – EuroHockey Championship (1970, 2025), FIH Hockey Nations Cup gold medallists (2025-26), FIH Hockey Nations Cup silver medallists (2023-24)

About the team: France return for a second crack at the elite FIH Hockey Pro League thanks to a title-winning performance at the FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2025-26 in Cape Town, South Africa. Les Bleus, coached by legendary Belgium midfielder John-John Dohmen, won all five matches in Cape Town, defeating host nation South Africa twice (Pool B: 4-2 & Final: 2-1) as well as Ireland (2-0), the United States (4-1) and Japan (4-3), while Corentin Sellier (Player of the Tournament), Victor Charlet (Top Scorer: 8 goals) and teenager Malo Martinache (Best Young Player) all collected individual honours.

The team were competitive in all their fixtures at the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 in Belgium and the Netherlands. However, a loss and two draws in a tough pool featuring hosts Belgium (3-2), eventual champions Germany (1-1) and Malaysia (3-3) ended their title hopes, leaving them fighting for the 9-16 classification positions. After suffering defeat at the hands of South Africa (3-1), France battled to victories over Ireland (2-1) and Japan (3-1) to claim 13th place, matching their achievement at the 2023 event in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, India. Victor Charlet top scored for France with four goals, while Louis Haertelmeyer and 2021-22 FIH Young Player of the Year Timothée Clément both netted twice.

One to watch: Victor Charlet. A hugely influential figure since making his senior international debut against Great Britain in March 2014, Charlet is one of the world's most dangerous penalty-corner specialists while also providing outstanding leadership in defence.

Head coach: John-John Dohmen. One of the most decorated players in hockey history, Dohmen was the driving force behind Belgium's World Cup triumph in 2018 before helping the Red Lions claim Olympic gold at Tokyo 2020. The 2016 FIH Player of the Year retired after the Olympic Games Paris 2024 as the men's world record appearance holder, having earned 481 international caps. Appointed France head coach in February 2025, he has instilled the tactical intelligence and winning mentality that characterised his own outstanding playing career.

In action: France will feature in the stages being played in Argentina (Cordoba – 8-12 December 2026), Australia (Gold Coast - 13-21 February 2027), Germany (Berlin – 12-16 June 2027) and Belgium (Wavre – 22-23 June 2027).

Website: www.ffhockey.org
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FIH Hockey Pro League team page: click here.

Germany

Nickname: Die Honamas
Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 6th. 2020-21: 3rd, 2021-22: 4th. 2022-23: 6th, 2023-24: 6th, 2024-25: 4th, 2025-26: 6th
Notable honours: 4x Olympic gold medallists (1972*, 1992, 2008, 2012), 4x Olympic silver medallists (1936, 1984*, 1988*, 2024), 4x Olympic bronze medallists (1928, 1956, 2004, 2016), 4x FIH Men's World Cup winners (2002, 2006, 2023, 2026), 9x Champions Trophy winners (1986*, 1987*, 1988*, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1997, 2001, 2007, 2014), 9x European champions (1970*, 1978*, 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2011, 2013, 2025) *As West Germany

About the team: Having successfully defended their FIH Hockey World Cup crown, Germany underlined their status as one of international hockey's powerhouses. As well as winning a record-matching fourth World Cup title (matching Pakistan), Die Honamas became the first men's team to win back-to-back World Cup titles on two separate occasions.

Their latest triumph was built on outstanding team performances, defensive resilience and an ability to deliver when it mattered most. Germany made their intentions clear with a remarkable, hard-fought 1-0 victory over hosts and 2023 World Cup finalists Belgium in the pool phase, before overcoming Argentina 2-1 in the semi-finals thanks to strikes from Justus Weigand and Paul-Philipp Kaufmann. They then produced another disciplined display to edge Spain 1-0 in the final, with Michel Struthoff scoring the decisive goal in the 44th minute. Goalkeeper Jean-Paul Danneberg was instrumental throughout, producing a string of outstanding saves to keep Spain at bay, while legendary Germany attacker Christopher Rühr was named Player of the Match in the final in recognition of his outstanding contribution.

Germany's wonderful individuals were further recognised at the 2026 FIH Hockey Stars Awards, with attacking star Weigand nominated for men's Player of the Year, Danneberg for men's Goalkeeper of the Year and young talents Jakob Brilla and Justus Warweg for men's Rising Star of the Year, with Warweg winning the prize. Head coach André Henning was also named Men's Coach of the Year, capping a remarkable year for a team that will now aim to qualify for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, with a ticket available right here in the Pro League.

One to watch: Justus Weigand. The 26-year-old Mannheimer attacker has enjoyed a fantastic 12 months, with his outstanding performances proving pivotal in Germany' superb World Cup title defence. At the time of writing, Weigand scored 35 goals in 94 international appearances.

Head coach: André Henning. Named Coach of the Year in the 2023 and 2026 FIH Hockey Stars Awards, 41-year-old Henning is the mastermind behind Germany's impressive medal haul in recent times, winning two World Cups (2023 & 2026), a European Championship (2025) and Olympic silver (Paris 2024).

In action: Germany's home matches take place in Berlin (12-16 June 2027) and Hamburg (26-27 June 2027). The team will also appear at the stages being played in Valencia (14-22 December 2026) and India (Rajgir – 13-17 February 2027).

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FIH Hockey Pro League team page: click here.

Great Britain

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 4th. 2020-21: 6th. 2022-23: 2nd, 2023-24: 3rd
Notable honours: 2x Olympic gold medallists (1920, 1988), Olympic silver medallists (1948), 2x Olympic bronze medallists (1952, 1984), FIH Pro League silver medallists (2022-23), FIH Pro League bronze medallists (2023-24), FIH Champions Trophy silver medallists (1985), 2x FIH Champions Trophy bronze medallists (1978, 1984)

About the team: With a ticket for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games on the table, Great Britain return to FIH Hockey Pro League action in place of England in search of a berth at the world's greatest sporting spectacle. GB have a fine reputation in the Pro League, with podium finishes in 2022-23 (silver) and 2023-24 (bronze) providing clear evidence of their capabilities.

Most of Great Britain's current squad featured in England's exceptional FIH Hockey Pro League 2025-26 season, where they lost just twice in 16 matches to finish second behind title winners Belgium. They claimed eight wins and six draws, earning valuable bonus points in all but one of those ties, winning five shoot-outs to finish with an impressive 35-point haul. Remarkably, both of England's defeats – at the hands of reigning World and European champions Germany (4-1) and eventual Pro League champions Belgium (3-2) – came in late-2025, going unbeaten in all 12 Pro League fixtures played in 2026. Powerhouse forward Nick Bandurak top scored for England in the event with ten goals, while Henry Croft (7), Sam Hooper (6) and experienced striker Sam Ward (5) all made significant contributions.

While English athletes make up much of the GB squad, the best of the 'home nations' only serves to strengthen their pool of players. Wales captain Jacob Draper, a two-time Olympian with GB at Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 who featured for his nation in the recent World Cup, is an integral part of the defensive and midfield lines, while prolific 24-year-old Scotsman Struan Walker was named Player of the Season 2025-26 in the Dutch Hoofdklasse after a fine debut year with Eindhoven's Oranje Rood.

One to watch: Zach Wallace. Nominated for the FIH Player of the Year Award both in 2023 and 2024, team captain Zach Wallace is a world class attacking midfielder capable of match-winning moments. Having barely missed a game since making his international debut in October 2018, the 27-year-old was named England Hockey's Men's Senior Performance Player of the Year for 2025. Plays his club hockey for Dutch giants HC Bloemendaal alongside 22-year-old GB defender Conor Williamson.

Head coach: Zak Jones. Named interim head coach of England and Great Britain from September 2024 after the departure of previous incumbent Paul Revington, Zak Jones was appointed permanently in March 2025 following impressive early-season results in the 2024–25 Pro League. The former Wales international joined England and GB Hockey in 2020 as men's assistant coach, having previously led Wales men through a highly successful period.

In action: Great Britain will feature in the stages being played in Argentina (Estadio Municipal de Hockey, Cordoba – 8-13 December 2026), India (Rajgir - 23-27 February 2027), Belgium (Belfius Hockey Arena, Wavre – 12-13 & 19-20 June 2027), the Netherlands (SV Kampong, Utrecht – 15-16 June 2027), and Germany (Hamburger Polo Club, Hamburg – 26-27 June 2027).

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FIH Hockey Pro League team page: click here.

India

Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: DNP. 2020-21: 4th. 2021-22: 3rd. 2022-23: 4th, 2023-24: 7th, 2024-25: 8th, 2025-26: 8th
Notable honours: 8x Olympic gold medallists (1928, 1932, 1936, 1948, 1952, 1956, 1964, 1980), Olympic silver medallists (1960), 4x Olympic bronze medallists (1968, 1972, 2021, 2024), FIH Men's World Cup champions (1975), 5x Asian Games champions (1966, 1998, 2014, 2023, 2026), 4x Asia Cup champions (2003, 2007, 2017, 2025), 2x Champions Trophy silver medallists (2016, 2018), 3rd place – FIH Hockey Pro League (2021-22)

About the team: Having bounced back from finishing eighth at the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 to claim a second successive Asian Games gold medal, seal their ticket to the LA28 Olympic Games in the process, India men enter the new FIH Hockey Pro League with a renewed sense of confidence.

India failed to find their best form at the World Cup, suffering defeat in four of their six matches. A shoot-out loss to Belgium confirmed their eighth position in the final standings. However, they responded emphatically in Gifu, Japan, winning all five of their pool matches to reach the semi-finals. After edging past arch-rivals Pakistan 4-3 in a thrilling semi-final, India dominated Malaysia 5-1 in the gold medal match to lock down their place at LA28. Captain Harmanpreet Singh was at his inspirational best, scoring twice in the final, while Jugraj Singh, Hardik Singh and Shilanand Lakra also found the net. Harmanpreet finished as joint top scorer with 12 goals, while Abhishek and experienced midfielder Manpreet Singh – India's highest capped player of all time with 430 international appearances – were instrumental in India's triumph.

With their Asian Games victory, India became only the third men's team to book their place at LA 2028, joining hosts the United States and Belgium, who qualified by winning the 2025-26 FIH Hockey Pro League. Having finished eighth last season, the 2026-27 FIH Hockey Pro League provides an excellent opportunity for head coach Craig Fulton to build on that Asian Games success as India target that elusive ninth Olympic gold medal.

One to watch: Harmanpreet Singh. India's drag-flick specialist and star defender Harmanpreet is a proven match-winner who played a pivotal role in ending India's 41-year Olympic podium drought with back-to-back bronze medals. Harmanpreet is a three-time FIH Player of the Year winner, taking the prize in 2021, 2022, and 2024. Scored eight of India's 17 goals at the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 before finishing joint top scorer, alongside Pakistan's Sufyan Khan, with 12 goals in India's glorious title winning success in the recent Asian Games in Gifu, Japan.

Head coach: Craig Fulton. Appointed in April 2023, former South Africa international and triple Olympian Fulton coached Ireland's men's between 2014 and 2018 before serving as an

assistant coach for Belgium's men's team, helping them become World and Olympic champions.

In action: India's home matches will take place between 13-28 February 2027 in Rajgir. The team will also appear at the stages being played in Germany (Ernst Reuter Sportfeld, Berlin – 13-16 June 2027), the Netherlands (Hertogenbosch – 22-23 June 2027), and Belgium (Wavre – 26-27 June 2027).

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FIH Hockey Pro League team page: click here.

Netherlands

Nickname: The Oranje
Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 3rd. 2020-21: 5th. 2021-22: 1st. 2022-23: 1st, 2023-24: 2nd, 2024-25: 1st, 2025-26: 4th
Notable honours: 3x Olympic gold medallists (1996, 2000, 2024), 3x FIH Men's World Cup winners (1973, 1990, 1998), 3x FIH Hockey Pro League champions (2021-22, 2022-23, 2024-25), 8x FIH Champions Trophy winners (1981, 1982, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2006), Hockey World League winners (2012-14 Edition), 7x European champions (1983, 1987, 2007, 2015, 2017, 2021, 2023).

About the team: Olympic champions the Netherlands will be looking to put their disappointing FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 campaign behind them as they begin their latest FIH Hockey Pro League journey. As co-hosts, the Oranje entered the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 competition with high hopes of winning their first title since Utrecht 1998, but by finishing fourth place they missed out on a medal for the first time in 20 years.

The Dutch were outstanding in their early stages, storming into the semi-finals with wins against New Zealand (5-1), Argentina (3-1), Japan (4-1) and India (3-1) and a 2-2 draw against England. However, their hopes of reaching the final were shattered in a thrilling semi-final against Spain, eventually losing 4-3 despite initially leading through Koen Bijen before Spain scored four goals in 14 minutes to stun the home favourites in the Wagener Stadium. The Netherlands scored late goals through Jip Janssen and Joep de Mol, but it wasn't enough. Their disappointment continued in the bronze medal match, where Argentina edged a closely contested encounter 2-1 by scoring the decisive goal in the final minute.

Despite the disappointment, there were plenty of outstanding individual performances, with Bijen, Jip Janssen, Duco Telgenkamp, Tjep Hoedemakers and inspirational captain Thierry Brinkman all making valuable contributions. The Pro League offers an ideal opportunity for head coach Jeroen Delmee's side to rediscover their best form and build towards Los Angeles 2028, where they aim to defend the Olympic title they claimed so magnificently in Paris.

One to watch: Thierry Brinkman. A dynamic goal creator and scorer, Thierry Brinkman became an Olympic hockey gold medallist at Paris 2024, following in the footsteps of his father, Jacques. Nominated for the FIH Men's Player of the Year award in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Head coach: Jeroen Delmee. Under the guidance of Delmee, the legendary Dutch defender and double Olympic gold medallist (1996, 2000) who took charge in late 2021, the Oranje have enjoyed sustained success. In addition to their magnificent Olympic gold medal at Paris 2024, the team has claimed three of the last five FIH Hockey Pro League titles, a World Cup bronze medal (2023) and their seventh European Championship crown (2023).

In action: The Netherlands' home matches take place in Utrecht (SV Kampong) and 's-Hertogenbosch (Den Bosch) between 15-27 June 2027. The team will also appear in Spain (Valencia, 14-22 December 2026) and Australia (Gold Coast, 13-21 February 2027).

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FIH Hockey Pro League team page: click here.

Spain

Nickname: The Red Sticks
Previous FIH Hockey Pro League placements: 2019: 7th. 2020-21: 9th. 2021-22: 7th, 2022-23: 5th, 2023-24: 8th, 2024-25: 3rd, 2025-26: 7th
Notable honours: 3x Olympic silver medallists (1980, 1996, 2008), Olympic bronze medallists (1960), 3x FIH Men's World Cup silver medallists (1971, 1998, 2026), 2x European champions (1974, 2005), 3x European silver medallists (2003, 2007, 2019), 2x European bronze medallists (1970, 2025), FIH Champions Trophy winners (2004).

About the team: Renowned for their flair, technical ability and adventurous attacking style, Spain's Red Sticks are among the sport's most exciting teams. They have long possessed the quality to challenge the world's best and emphatically underlined their credentials at the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 by claiming the silver medal.

After opening their campaign with a victory over South Africa (3-1) before suffering a narrow defeat to Australia (0-1), Spain really hit their stride. Further wins over Ireland (3-1) and defending champions Germany (2-1) left them needing a draw against co-hosts Belgium to reach the semi-finals. The Spaniards rose to the occasion magnificently, with captain Marc Miralles scoring a fourth-quarter equaliser to secure a 1-1 draw against the home favourites in Wavre, sending Spain into the last four at their opponents' expense.

They followed that impressive result by ending the title hopes of fellow co-hosts the Netherlands, overcoming the Olympic champions 4-3 in a thrilling semi-final at the Wagener Stadium. Attacking ace José Basterra was instrumental, scoring a hat-trick as Spain held their nerve in front of the partisan crowd to book a place in the final for the first time since 1998. Although they suffered a narrow 1-0 defeat to Germany, their remarkable campaign marked a hugely

significant moment in Spanish hockey. Their success was built on a series of outstanding individual performances, not least from goalkeeper Luis Calzado, whose sensational displays earned him the Goalkeeper of the Tournament award before being named FIH Goalkeeper of the Year 2026.

Spain's World Cup achievement followed an impressive conclusion to the 2025-26 FIH Hockey Pro League, where they recovered from a difficult start to secure their top-flight status thanks to 17 points from their last eight games. Basterra ended the season as the team's leading scorer with nine goals, while Pepe Cunill and Nicolas Alvarez contributed eight and seven respectively, setting the stage for an unforgettable summer.

One to watch: Jose Basterra. A hugely influential striker who is currently in the form of his life. Basterra scored seven times in Spain's superb run to the FIH Hockey World Cup final. Plays his club hockey in Belgium with Léopold in Brussels, having previously represented Madrid teams Club de Campo and Complutense.

Head coach: Max Caldas. Named FIH Men's Coach of the Year for 2025, former Argentina international Max Caldas boasts one of the most impressive coaching résumés in world hockey. His stunning silver medal at the 2026 FIH Hockey World Cup is the latest in a long line of remarkable achievements. After guiding the Netherlands women to Olympic gold (2012) and World Cup glory (2014), he led the Dutch men to three European Championship titles (2015, 2021 and 2023). Caldas also steered Spain to bronze in the FIH Hockey Pro League (2024-25) and the European Championship (2025).

In action: Spain's home matches will take place in Valencia between 14-22 December 2026. The team will also appear in India (Rajgir – 24-28 February 2027), the Netherlands (Utrecht – 15-16 June 2027), and Belgium (Wavre – 22-27 June 2027).

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FIH Hockey Pro League team page: click here.

| Competition officials



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https://www.fih.hockey/events/fih-pro-league/officials

Information regarding the appointed officials for each match will be made available on the FIH Hockey Pro League website around 24 hours before the start of the contest. To see this information, simply visit the below link and select the match that you are interested in.

https://www.fih.hockey/events/fih-pro-league/schedule-fixtures-results

| Additional Information

| FIH Hockey Pro League statistics

Below is a statistical snapshot covering the seven previous editions of the FIH Hockey Pro League. For a deeper dive into the competitions including league tables, individual matches and player statistics, please download the Hockey Scores Live app, which is available for free on both the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store.

| Stats overview

Editions
Women & Men: 7

Teams to have taken part
Women: 13 | Men: 14

Matches
Women: 476 | Men: 469

Total goals
Women: 1,793 (3.77 goals per match) | Men: 2,330 (4.97 goals per match)

All time medallists
Women

Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Netherlands	6	1	0	7
Argentina	1	4	1	6
Australia	0	1	1	2
Germany	0	1	1	2
Belgium	0	0	2	2
Great Britain	0	0	1	1
India	0	0	1	1

Men

Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Netherlands	3	1	1	5
Belgium	2	3	1	6
Australia	2	1	1	4
Great Britain	0	1	1	2
England	0	1	0	1
Germany	0	0	1	1
India	0	0	1	1
Spain	0	0	1	1

| Overview: FIH Hockey Pro League 2024-25 – Season 7

Final standings

Women: 1: Netherlands (champions), 2: Argentina, 3: Belgium, 4: China, 5: Germany, 6: Spain, 7: England, 8: Australia, 9: Ireland
Men: 1: Belgium (champions), 2: England, 3: Australia, 4: Netherlands, 5: Argentina, 6: Germany, 7: Spain, 8: India, 9: Pakistan

Competition statistics

Number of goals

Women: 245 (136 Field goals, 101 Penalty Corners, 8 Penalty Strokes). Ave 3.4 per match.
Men: 366 (185 Field Goals, 165 Penalty Corners, 16 Penalty Strokes). Ave 5.08 per match.

Number of disciplinary Cards

Women: 155 (130 Green, 23 Yellow, 2 Red)
Men: 143 (119 Green, 24 Yellow, 0 Red)

Top scorers

Women - 6 or more goals

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
JANSEN Yibbi	NED	0	15	0	15
GORZELANY Agustina	ARG	0	9	1	10
DICKE Pien	NED	8	1	0	9
MATLA Frédérique	NED	5	2	2	9
ZHANG Ying	CHN	1	4	2	7
ENGLEBERT Charlotte	BEL	3	3	0	6
HOWARD Tessa	ENG	5	1	0	6
VANDEN BORRE Stephanie	BEL	0	4	2	6

Men's – 8 or more goals

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
DOMENE Tomas	ARG	6	14	1	21
BOON Tom	BEL	10	8	1	19
HENDRICKX Alexander	BEL	0	14	1	15
BANDURAK Nicholas	ENG	6	4	0	10
BASTERRA José	ESP	6	2	1	9
CUNILL Pepe	ESP	1	7	0	8
TELGENKAMP Duco	NED	7	1	0	8

Team statistics

Women

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Netherlands	16	34	20	2	56	14	0	0
Argentina	16	16	13	1	30	17	3	0
Belgium	16	18	11	2	31	11	4	0
China	16	10	13	2	25	17	1	0
Australia	16	9	8	0	17	21	3	0
Spain	16	16	9	0	25	15	4	0
Germany	16	17	9	1	27	14	4	1
England	16	11	8	0	19	11	2	0
Ireland	16	5	10	0	15	10	2	1

Men

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Belgium	16	31	26	2	59	12	0	0
England	16	22	22	3	47	10	1	0
Australia	16	20	23	2	45	15	4	0
Netherlands	16	25	18	1	44	10	7	0
Argentina	16	16	19	5	40	15	6	0
Germany	16	23	15	1	39	19	5	0
Spain	16	23	16	0	39	12	1	0
India	16	16	13	2	31	11	0	0
Pakistan	16	9	13	0	22	13	1	0

Highest scoring matches

Women: 8 goals – Spain 3-5 Belgium – 5 February 2026 (Competition average: 3.4)
Men: 10 goals – Netherlands 7-3 Pakistan – 18 February 2025; Spain 9-1 Ireland – 22 June 2025 (Competition average: 5.08)

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| Overview: FIH Hockey Pro League 2024-25 – Season 6

Final Standings

Women: 1: Netherlands (champions), 2: Argentina, 3: Belgium, 4: China, 5: Australia, 6: Spain, 7: Germany, 8: England, 9: India
Men: 1: Netherlands (champions), 2: Belgium, 3: Spain, 4: Germany, 5: Australia, 6: Argentina, 7: England, 8: India, 9: Ireland

Competition statistics

Number of goals

Women: 304 (157 Field goals, 129 Penalty Corners, 18 Penalty Strokes)
Men: 343 (195 Field Goals, 125 Penalty Corners, 23 Penalty Strokes)

Number of disciplinary Cards

Women: 156 (123 Green, 23 Yellow, 0 Red)
Men: 172 (138 Green, 34 Yellow, 0 Red)

Top scorers

Women - 6 or more goals

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
JANSEN Yibbi	NED	2	17	0	19
GORZELANY Agustina	ARG	0	10	5	15
MATLA Frederique	NED	5	2	2	9
VANDEN BORRE Stephanie	BEL	0	7	2	9
Van der ELST Fay	NED	8	1	0	9
Deepika	IND	1	6	0	7
FOKKE Luna	NED	4	2	0	6
BRUGGESSER Brisa	ARG	6	0	0	6
TAN Jinzhuang	CHN	0	6	0	6

Men's – 7 or more goals

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
BOON Tom	BEL	13	6	2	21
WARD Sam	ENG	3	9	0	12
DOMENE Tomas	ARG	2	7	1	10
ALVAREZ Nicolas	ESP	9	0	0	9
WALLACE Zach	ENG	3	0	5	8
STOCKBROEKX Thibeau	BEL	6	1	0	7

GOVERS Blake	AUS	4	2	1	7
BIJEN Koen	NED	5	2	0	7

Team statistics

Women

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Netherlands	16	40	27	2	69	15	2	0
Argentina	16	20	11	5	36	15	3	0
Belgium	16	13	25	4	42	11	4	0
China	16	19	9	2	34	7	2	0
Australia	16	20	6	3	29	12	1	0
Spain	16	13	8	1	22	17	4	0
Germany	16	19	9	2	30	15	2	0
England	16	12	8	0	20	16	3	0
India	16	10	11	1	22	15	0	0

Men

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Netherlands	16	25	11	2	38	10	0	0
Belgium	16	35	15	3	53	15	3	0
Spain	16	23	13	3	39	13	3	0
Germany	16	26	20	0	46	16	6	0
Australia	16	24	16	2	42	18	6	0
Argentina	16	14	13	1	28	15	4	0
England	16	16	19	6	41	17	6	0
India	16	16	16	2	34	13	2	0
Ireland	16	13	6	3	22	18	4	0

Highest scoring matches

Women: 13 goals – Netherlands 11-2 Spain – 12 June 2025 (Competition average: 4.22)
Men: 10 goals – Germany 8-2 Ireland – 18 February 2025; Spain 9-1 Ireland – 22 June 2025 (Competition average: 4.76)

| Overview: FIH Hockey Pro League 2023-24 – Season 5

Final Standings

Women: 1: Netherlands (champions), 2: Germany, 3: Argentina, 4: Belgium, 5: China, 6: Australia, 7: Great Britain, 8: India, 9: USA
Men: 1: Australia (champions), 2: Netherlands, 3: Great Britain, 4: Argentina, 5: Belgium, 6: Germany, 7: India, 8: Spain, 9: Ireland

Competition statistics

Number of goals

Women: 277 (149 Field goals, 109 Penalty Corners, 19 Penalty Strokes)
Men: 341 (198 Field Goals, 124 Penalty Corners, 19 Penalty Strokes)

Number of disciplinary Cards

Women: 166 (136 Green, 30 Yellow, 0 Red)
Men: 172 (132 Green, 40 Yellow, 0 Red)

Top scorers

Women - 6 or more goals

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
JANSEN Yibbi	NED	2	13	4	19
GORZELANY Agustina	ARG	0	9	2	11
GU Bingfeng	CHN	0	4	3	7
LORENZ Nike	GER	1	5	1	7
TRINCHINETTI Eugenia	ARG	3	4	0	7
MOES Freeke	NED	4	2	0	6
VAN DER ELST Fay	NED	6	0	0	6

Men's – 7 or more goals

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
JANSSEN Jip	NED	0	12	3	15
GOVERS Blake	AUS	3	8	1	12
SINGH Harmanpreet	IND	0	8	4	12
WARD Sam	GBR	7	3	1	11
HENDRICKX Alexander	BEL	0	8	2	10
DOMENE Tomas	ARG	1	8	0	9
PEILLAT Gonzalo	GER	0	7	0	7

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Team statistics

Women

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Netherlands	16	34	24	5	63	16	3	0
Argentina	16	17	21	2	40	18	1	0
Germany	16	18	15	2	35	16	5	0
China	16	19	8	4	31	15	2	0
Australia	16	15	13	1	29	17	4	0
Great Britain	16	12	9	3	24	20	7	0
Belgium	16	12	10	2	24	8	1	0
India	16	13	3	0	16	13	5	0
USA	16	9	6	0	15	13	2	0

Men

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Australia	16	32	23	1	56	13	8	0
Netherlands	16	25	17	3	45	17	5	0
Belgium	16	24	13	4	41	15	3	0
Argentina	16	21	17	1	39	11	3	0
India	16	20	14	4	38	12	2	0
Great Britain	16	27	9	1	37	18	3	0
Spain	16	24	11	1	36	15	5	0
Germany	16	18	14	1	33	19	4	0
Ireland	16	7	6	3	16	12	7	0

Highest scoring matches

Women: 9 goals – USA 4-5 Argentina – 23 May 2024 (Competition average: 3.85)
Men: 10 goals – India 4-6 Australia – 15 February 2024 (Competition average: 4.74)

| Overview: FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-23 – Season 4

Final Standings

Women: 1: Netherlands (champions), 2: Argentina, 3: Australia, 4: Belgium, 5: Germany, 6: Great Britain, 7: China, 8: New Zealand, 9: USA
Men: 1: Netherlands (champions), 2: Great Britain, 3: Belgium, 4: India, 5: Spain, 6: Germany, 7: Australia, 8: Argentina, 9: New Zealand

Competition statistics

Number of goals

Women: 271 (163 Field goals, 90 Penalty Corners, 18 Penalty Strokes)
Men: 348 (179 Field Goals, 148 Penalty Corners, 21 Penalty Strokes)

Number of disciplinary Cards

Women: 166 (140 Green, 26 Yellow, 0 Red)
Men: 243 (180 Green, 63 Yellow, 0 Red)

Top scorers

Women - 6 or more goals

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
JANSEN Yibbi	NED	0	13	1	14
BURG Joosje	NED	7	1	0	8
DICKE Pien	NED	5	3	0	8
MATLA Frederique	NED	6	0	2	8
GU Bingfeng	CHN	0	3	4	7
MALONE Ambrosia	AUS	5	2	0	7
WHITE Emily	BEL	6	1	0	7
GRANATTO Maria	ARG	0	3	0	6
STAPENHORST Charlotte	GER	5	0	0	6
VANDEN BORRE Stephanie	BEL	6	6	0	6

Men's – 7 or more goals

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
SINGH Harmanpreet	IND	0	16	2	18
HENDRICKX Alexander	BEL	1	10	2	13
BANDURAK Nicholas	GBR	4	6	2	12
WARD Sam	GBR	5	6	0	11
PELLAT Gonzalo	GER	0	8	0	8
BRINKMAN Thierry	NED	7	0	0	7
REYNE Marc	ESP	6	1	0	7

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RINTALA Joel	AUS	5	2	0	7

Team statistics

Women

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Netherlands	16	37	21	4	62	14	2	0
Germany	16	29	9	0	38	15	3	0
Belgium	16	22	11	2	35	14	2	0
Argentina	16	15	13	2	30	19	5	0
Australia	16	20	8	0	28	17	2	0
Great Britain	16	12	11	2	25	17	2	0
China	16	10	8	5	23	14	3	0
New Zealand	16	8	7	2	17	14	1	0
USA	16	10	2	1	13	16	6	0

Men

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
India	16	27	21	3	51	21	6	0
Great Britain	16	24	18	4	46	24	9	0
Netherlands	16	30	14	2	46	16	4	0
Belgium	16	15	24	3	42	20	4	0
Australia	16	20	19	2	41	18	5	0
Spain	16	24	12	1	37	18	7	0
Germany	16	15	14	2	31	23	12	0
Argentina	16	11	16	1	28	21	9	0
New Zealand	16	13	10	3	26	19	7	0

Highest scoring matches

Women: 9 goals – Netherlands 7-2 Australia – 8 June 2023 (Competition average: 3.76)
Men: 11 goals – India 7-4 New Zealand – 4 Nov 2022 (Competition average: 4.83)

| Overview: FIH Hockey Pro League 2021-22 – Season 3

Final Standings

Women: 1: Argentina (champions), 2: Netherlands, 3: India, 4: Belgium, 5: Spain, 6: Germany, 7: England, 8: China, 9: USA
Men: 1: Netherlands (champions), 2: Belgium, 3: India, 4: Germany, 5: Argentina, 6: England, 7: Spain, 8: France, 9: South Africa

Competition statistics

Number of goals

Women: 376 (200 Field goals, 155 Penalty Corners, 21 Penalty Strokes)
Men: 308 (211 Field Goals, 87 Penalty Corners, 10 Penalty Strokes)

Number of disciplinary Cards

Women: 120 (100 Green, 20 Yellow, 0 Red)
Men: 197 (156 Green, 41 Yellow, 0 Red)

Top scorers

Women's Top 10

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
GORZELANY Agustina	ARG	0	10	2	12
JANSEN Yibbi	NED	0	7	2	9
MAERTENS Pia	GER	7	0	0	7
MATLA Frédérique	NED	3	2	2	7
VANDEN BORRE Stephanie	BEL	1	6	0	7
BALLENGHIEN Ambre	BEL	3	2	1	6
BALSDON Grace	ENG	0	5	1	6
GINE Xantal	ESP	0	6	0	6
GRANATTO Maria	ARG	2	4	0	6
GU Bingfeng	CHN	0	5	1	6
TRINCHINETTI Eugenia	ARG	4	2	0	6

Men's Top 11

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
SINGH Harmanpreet	IND	0	14	4	18
BOON Tom	BEL	7	5	0	12
BANDURAK Nicholas	ENG	3	7	0	10
HENDRICKX Alexander	BEL	0	8	1	9
de KERPEL Nicolas	BEL	6	2	0	8
ABHISHEK	IND	6	1	0	7
BIJEN Koen	NED	7	0	0	7

BRINKMAN Thierry	NED	7	0	0	7
CHARLET Victor	FRA	0	5	2	7
MIRALLES Marc	ESP	0	5	2	7
WARD Sam	ENG	1	4	2	7

Team statistics

Women

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Argentina	16	21	20	2	43	17	3	0
Netherlands	16	22	16	4	42	11	1	0
Belgium	16	20	14	1	35	14	1	0
India	16	20	10	3	33	11	2	0
Germany	16	17	10	3	30	13	4	0
England	16	14	11	1	26	11	1	0
Spain	16	9	12	2	23	7	1	0
China	16	8	10	1	19	6	4	0
USA	16	4	7	2	13	10	3	0

Men

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
India	16	31	27	4	62	18	4	0
Netherlands	16	45	13	3	61	16	2	0
Belgium	16	29	22	1	52	15	4	0
Germany	16	17	20	3	40	16	5	0
England	16	18	20	2	40	21	4	0
Spain	16	16	18	2	36	7	2	0
Argentina	16	16	13	2	31	22	6	0
France	16	18	10	3	31	20	5	0
South Africa	16	10	12	1	23	21	9	0

Highest scoring matches

Women: 10 goals
Netherlands 10-0 USA – 3 April 2022

Competition average: 3.77

Men: 12 goals:
South Africa 1-11 Netherlands – 8 Feb 2022
South Africa 2-10 India – 9 Feb 2022
South Africa 2-10 India – 13 Feb 2022.

Competition average: 5.22

| Overview: FIH Hockey Pro League 2020-21 – Season 2

Note: Due to the implications of the COVID-19 global health pandemic, the 2020 edition was extended through to June 2021 to allow as many matches to take place as possible. Because numerous matches were unable to be played before the end of the season, the final ranking of the teams was determined by points percentage instead of total points.

Final Standings

Women: 1: Netherlands (champions), 2: Argentina, 3: Great Britain, 4: Germany, 5: Australia, 6: New Zealand, 7: Belgium, 8: China, 9: USA
Men: 1: Belgium (champions), 2: Australia, 3: Germany, 4: India, 5: Netherlands, 6: Great Britain, 7: Argentina, 8: New Zealand, 9: Spain

Competition statistics

Number of goals

Women: 156 (91 Field goals, 58 Penalty Corners, 7 Penalty Strokes)
Men: 248 (147 Field Goals, 100 Penalty Corners, 1 Penalty Stroke)

Number of disciplinary Cards

Women: 83 (71 Green, 12 Yellow, 0 Red)
Men: 156 (118 Green, 38 Yellow, 0 Red)

Top scorers

Women – 4 or more goals

Player	Team	FG	PC	PS	Goals
MERRY Olivia	NZL	5	6	0	11
GORZELANY Agustina	ARG	0	6	1	7
MATLA Frederique	NED	3	3	1	7
WELTEN Lidewij	NED	5	2	0	7
ROBERTSON Sarah	GBR	4	1	0	5
BALLENGHIEN Ambre	BEL	3	1	0	4
MERINO Delfina	ARG	3	1	0	4

Men – 6 or more goals

Player	Team	FG	PC	PS	Goals
HENDRICKX Alexander	BEL	0	11	0	11
TOLINI Jose	ARG	0	10	0	10
JANSSEN Jip	NED	0	7	0	7
HERTZBERGER Jeroen	NED	5	1	0	6
QUEMADA Pau	ESP	1	5	0	6

Highest scoring matches

Women: 9 goals – USA 0-9 Netherlands (competition average: 3.71)
Men: 10 goals – Australia 7-3 New Zealand (competition average: 4.96)

| Overview: FIH Hockey Pro League 2019 – Season 1

Final Standings

Women: 1: Netherlands (champions), 2: Australia, 3: Germany, 4: Argentina, 5: Belgium, 6: New Zealand, 7: China, 8: Great Britain, 9: USA
Men: 1: Australia (champions), 2: Belgium, 3: Netherlands, 4: Great Britain, 5: Argentina, 6: Germany, 7: Spain, 8: New Zealand

Competition statistics

Number of goals

Women: 266 (162 Field goals, 97 Penalty Corners, 7 Penalty Strokes)
Men: 308 (211 Field Goals, 87 Penalty Corners, 10 Penalty Strokes)

Number of disciplinary Cards

Women: 182 (154 Green, 28 Yellow, 0 Red)
Men: 137 (110 Green, 27 Yellow, 0 Red)

Top scorers

Women's Top 10

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
MERRY Olivia	NZL	9	3	3	15
MATLA Frederique	NED	7	2	1	10
FITZPATRICK Savannah	AUS	6	0	0	6
OWSLEY Lily	GBR	3	3	0	6
STAPENHORST Charlotte	GER	6	0	0	6
van MAASAKKER Caia	NED	0	6	0	6
GROTE Rebecca	GER	0	5	0	5
JANKUNAS Julieta	ARG	5	0	0	5
LORENZ Nike	GER	2	2	1	5
WILLIAMS Mariah	AUS	3	2	0	5

Men's Top 10

Player	Team	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Goals
GOVERS Blake	AUS	2	8	2	12
QUEMADA Pau	ESP	9	1	0	10
BOON Tom	BEL	8	1	0	9
CHARLIER Cédric	BEL	8	1	0	9
HERTZBERGER Jeroen	NED	6	2	1	9
ROPER Phil	GBR	6	3	0	9
HENDRICKX Alexander	BEL	0	8	0	8
PRUIJSER Mirco	NED	8	0	0	8
WARD Sam	GBR	4	4	0	8
ANDERSON Jacob	AUS	6	0	0	6

Team statistics

Women

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Netherlands	18*	29	15	1	45	14	3	0
Australia	18*	25	9	1	38	15	6	0
Germany	18*	22	12	1	36	30	4	0
Argentina	18*	22	11	0	33	17	3	0
New Zealand	16	17	9	3	29	11	1	0
China	16	17	10	0	27	15	4	0
Great Britain	16	10	11	1	22	17	3	0
Belgium	16	10	11	0	21	18	2	0
United States	16	6	9	0	15	17	2	0

**Played two additional matches due to their qualification for the Grand Final event*

Men

Team	Matches Played	Field Goals	Penalty Corners	Penalty Strokes	Total Goals	Green Cards	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Belgium	16*	43	14	0	57	15	3	0
Australia	16*	32	15	2	49	12	1	0
Netherlands	16*	30	12	1	43	18	2	0
Great Britain	16*	23	14	2	39	13	2	0
Spain	14	26	7	0	33	16	5	0
Argentina	14	20	9	2	31	13	3	0
Germany	14	20	8	2	30	14	6	0
New Zealand	14	17	8	1	26	9	5	0

**Played two additional matches due to their qualification for the Grand Final event*

Most attacking:
Women: Netherlands – 523 circle entries
Men: Belgium – 411 circle entries

Most saves:
Women: Australia – 98 saves
Men: Netherlands – 74 saves

Highest scoring matches
Women: 8 goals – Netherlands 7-1 USA (competition average: 3.5)
Men: 11 goals – Spain 5-6 Great Britain (competition average: 5.13)

Best Players of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2019
Women: Frederique Matla (NED)
Men: Aran Zalewski (AUS)

| Key Rules and Hockey Terminology

Key Rules

- **A penalty stroke is awarded** for a deliberate offence within the defending circle or when a probable goal is prevented.
- **A penalty corner is awarded** for an offence within the defending circle that is not a penalty stroke, or a deliberate offence within the defensive 23-metre area.
- **A free hit is awarded to the opposite team** for an offence anywhere on the field outside the defensive circle, and when not deliberate with the defensive 23-metre area.
- **Green card:** a temporary suspension of 2 minutes
- **Yellow card:** a temporary suspension of a minimum of 5 minutes.
- **Red card:** a permanent suspension from the current match

Terminology

23-metres area
The area enclosed by and including the line across the field 22.90 metres from each back-line, the relevant part of the side-lines, and the back-line.

Attack (Attacker)
The team (player) which (who) is trying to score a goal.

Back-line
The shorter (55 metres) perimeter line.

Circle
The area enclosed by and including the two quarter circles and the lines joining them at each end of the field opposite the centre of the back-lines.

Defence (Defender)
The team (player) which (who) is trying to prevent a goal being scored.

Field Player
One of the participants on the field other than the goalkeeper.

Flick
Pushing the ball so that it is raised off the ground.

Forehand
Playing a ball which is to the right of the player in a forward direction

Goalkeeper
One of the participants of each team on the field who wears full protective equipment comprising at least headgear, leg guards and kickers and who is also permitted to wear goalkeeping hand protectors and other protective equipment.

Goal-line
The back-line between the goal-posts.

Hit
Striking or 'slapping' the ball using a swinging movement of the stick towards the ball.
"Slap" hitting the ball, which involves a long pushing or sweeping movement with the stick before making contact with the ball, is regarded as a hit.

Offence
An action against an opponent contrary to the Rules which may be penalised by an umpire.

Player
One of the participants in a team.

Playing distance
The distance within which a player is capable of reaching the ball to play it.

Playing the ball: field player
Stopping, deflecting or moving the ball with the stick.

Push
Moving the ball along the ground using a pushing movement of the stick after the stick has been placed in contact or close to the ball. When a push is made, both the ball and the head of the stick are in contact with the ground.

Scoop
Raising the ball off the ground by placing the head of the stick under the ball and using a lifting movement.

Shot at goal
The action of an attacker attempting to score by playing the ball towards the goal from within the circle.
The ball may miss the goal, but the action is still a "shot at goal" if the player's intention is to score with a shot directed towards the goal.

Side-line
The longer (91.40 metres) perimeter line.

Tackle
An action to stop an opponent retaining possession of the ball.

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