

Topic

Talent ID to junior national squad – the journey

- The issues around identifying talent and then developing the next generation of future internationals through national age group programmes
- Effectively preparing developing performers from a physical, technical, psychological and lifestyle viewpoint
- Understanding the range of pressures and challenges that teenage players have to deal with and strategies for managing them
- Technological developments that can enhance the effectiveness of the coaching team

The speaker will use examples from his coaching involvement within the England Hockey National Age Group programmes and Single System delivery.

Speaker: Andy Bradshaw – England U18 Girls Hockey, Head Coach

Profile

Andy has coached within the England performance programme for over ten years, working in a variety of roles across U16 and U18 Boys, U21 Girls and now leads the U18 Girls squad. This work has involved European competition in Holland, Germany and Spain including a silver medal in the U21 European Championships 2010 in Lille (behind U21 World Champions Holland). He also coaches the players based at the Yorkshire National Performance Centre (NPC), U21 players from both the Men's and Women's programmes.

In addition to this Andy is heavily involved in the talent identification and development systems within the England Hockey. He has been Head Coach at the High Performance Assessment Camps U15/17 (HiPAC) since 2008 and assesses/selects from the Futures Cup tournaments U16/18 age groups.

Andy has also just started his UKCC Level 4 PG Dip in Elite Coaching Practice (Talent Development) with UCLAN and will incorporate some of the latest academic research into the discussions.