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RUNNING ORDER

19:30 – Intro and entertainment

20:00 – First course

20:30 – Second course

21:00 – Coach of the Year / Official of the Year / Brave Award /
Community Club of the Year / Player of the Year / International
Player of the Year

21:30 – Third course

22:00 – Volunteer of the Year / Inclusion Award / Masters Team of the
Year / Spirit of Hockey Award / Derek Forsyth Award / Club Team
of the Year

Awards End – Bar remains open

01:00 – Carriages

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BARRY CAWTE, CEO, SCOTTISH HOCKEY

I'm delighted we have brought the Scottish Hockey Awards back, and to hold the awards in such an exciting and prestigious fashion is a fantastic way to celebrate the sport. There's a lot to celebrate at every level of the sport. There are incredible people doing amazing things for hockey, and tonight we get to celebrate those people.

Thanks to the volunteers, staff, board, and everyone across the sport who contributes to making the sport what it is. We like to acknowledge the support from our key partners at **sportscotland** and the Scottish Institute of Sport. We are very grateful. Thank you to our sponsors who have got behind the awards to honour all of the nominees.

Finally thanks to everyone across the hockey landscape in Scotland for getting behind everything we've been working on over the last couple of years, and for being part of the incredible journey we're on. I'm delighted to welcome you in celebrating the great successes across hockey during that time.

I hope you have a wonderful night at the Scottish Hockey Awards.



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MARTIN SHEPHERDSON, CHAIR, SCOTTISH HOCKEY

Welcome to the Scottish Hockey Awards, a fantastic occasion where we celebrate and honour the successes of clubs, players, volunteers and officials across Scotland.

I'd like to congratulate all who have been nominated, your achievements and contribution to the sport is incredible and I'd like to thank you on behalf of all of Scottish Hockey for your tremendous efforts within the sport.



I'd like to thank all of tonight's sponsors and partners for supporting the awards, and helping us give a well-earned stage to all the nominees and winners tonight.

A huge thank you to all the Scottish Hockey staff for their amazing work on behalf of everyone in the sport, and to all the volunteers on the board and committees to do so much to support Scottish Hockey on its journey forward.

We're working together as One Team and I can't wait to celebrate a brilliant year in the journey of Scottish Hockey. Have a fantastic night, and I hope you all enjoy the occasion.

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LYNN FORSYTH, PRESIDENT, SCOTTISH HOCKEY

I'm delighted Scottish Hockey is holding this fantastic evening dedicated to celebrating the passion, skill, and camaraderie that we all enjoy in our beloved sport. Tonight, we gather not only as fans, players, coaches, and volunteers, but as a community united by hockey.

Tonight's awards ceremony is a tribute to the spirit of teamwork, resilience, and love for sport that lies at the core of hockey. We are here to honour those who have not only displayed extraordinary skill on the field but have also demonstrated exemplary leadership, dedication, and a true love for the game, on and off the pitch.

Whether you are a veteran of the game or a newcomer, the Scottish Hockey Awards unites us all under the banner of our shared passion for hockey.

Celebrate the hockey community, make more memories with your teammates and friends, and share the love for the game. Enjoy the festivities!



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CRAIG MUNRO, VICE PRESIDENT, SCOTTISH HOCKEY

As the Vice President of Scottish Hockey, I am honoured to be part of the awards that celebrate the achievements, talent, and dedication that define our sport. Tonight, we gather not only as members of a sporting community, but as people bound by a shared passion for everything the hockey community offers.

The clubs, teams, players, coaches, and volunteers recognised at the awards, are so significant to the sport. The awards are a great chance for us to come together to

recognise and applaud the remarkable feats achieved on the field, as well as the tireless efforts made behind the scenes.

To the nominees, congratulations on your well-deserved recognition. Thank you for your tireless contributions to the growth and success of hockey in Scotland.

Enjoy the celebrations, and our shared love for the game, and I hope you all have an unforgettable evening.



COACH OF THE YEAR

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This award is for an outstanding coach/deliverer working in a school, club, community setting. The recipient will have invested time in their development as a coach and have made significant impact of the people they coach.

VISHAL MARWAHA

Vishal has totally transformed the standards and expectations of senior and aspiring players within Western Wildcats men. He restructured the pathway for junior boys moving through the club, exposed more aspiring players to high quality training, and educated them about what it takes to be a top-class player.

In 2022-2023, the team finished second in the outdoor league, then went on to win the end of year Grand Finals; retained the Scottish Cup and retained the indoor league title.



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EWAN CAMPBELL

Ewan made an outstanding contribution to Hillhead Men and Ladies during the 2022-2023 season.

With Hillhead Men Ewan led the coaching programme for the 2nd XI, changing the mind-sets of the players and recording an 'invincible' season, undefeated in the Regional League and winning the District Cup.

Ewan led Hillhead Ladies in National League Division 2. Despite losing some very good players to other clubs just prior to the start of the competition, Ewan rallied the team to a series of outstanding results, remaining undefeated for the whole programme.



KEITH SMITH

Keith was the integral to the success of the Watsonians Ladies 1s; winning an outdoor domestic clean sweep of Premiership Title, Scottish Cup and Grand Finals as well as guiding the Ladies 1s indoor team to their first ever National Indoor Title. He then led the Ladies 1s in their first ever European competition, where he coached them to an impressive clean sweep of wins and gaining promotion to the European Club Trophy Level for the 23/24 European season.

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

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This award highlights an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to officiating through their professionalism, conduct, and as an advocate for fair play – creating a positive environment for the competitive game to be played.

SARAH WILSON

Sarah umpired the EuroHockey championship final in Monchengladbach and is an outstanding ambassador for Scottish Hockey officials, whilst being the humblest person.



JAMIE TELFER

Having not only had an outstanding season of personal accomplishments with numerous International and European appointments, Jamie has also taken on a mentoring role within Hillhead. Running Level 1 courses and generally promoting umpiring as a route to excellence within Scottish and World Hockey.

His appointment to the FIH UDP is another fantastic success for himself and Scottish Hockey.

BRAVE AWARD

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This award was nominated by Brave Academy coaches and celebrates the fantastic progress players within each of the Brave Centres have made in their development over the year.

LIGHTNING ASPIRING GIRLS

The Lightning Aspiring Girls group demonstrate all the qualities we are looking to develop in our BRAVE players - they had a fantastic last cycle that ended in their BRAVE cup win. Their attendance at training was first rate and their commitment to train and push each other was exemplary. They showed they were BOLD and RELENTLESS in their pursuit of pushing themselves and were a joy to coach for the Lightning team.

DEVILS ASPIRING BOYS

I'd like to nominate the Devils Aspiring boys - these players all had a tough shift in getting to Strathallen Every Monday for Training which was a trek even from Dundee never mind the players coming from Aberdeen and Inverness!

The boys trained with intensity and commitment throughout the year and the progress we saw was very pleasing. These boys go above and beyond to attend BRAVE academy because they feel it supports them in their progress - that for me demonstrates what we ask of our athletes to make positive choices about their development.

THUNDER EMERGING GIRLS

The Thunder Emerging girls went on a huge journey last cycle - from not understanding the requirements to train at the required level for Brave academy to making the BRAVE Cup final and understanding the performance levels required to perform consistency at the top level.

Through the cycle the players got better at recognising the qualities we are looking for in our players and they knitted together as a group and started to push each other much further in the 2nd part of the year. Performance and intensity improved and their willingness to get out of their comfort zone and take risks.

COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR



CLAYTON HOTEL
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This award is for a club which is at the heart of their community. A club which not only delivers and grows hockey but works tirelessly to provide an environment open to the local community with key partnerships and programmes to embed themselves with the growing community around them.

HILLHEAD HOCKEY CLUB

Hillhead has created and delivers a fantastic, enthusiastic and inclusive juniors programme.

CLYDESDALE HOCKEY CLUB

Clydesdale Hockey Club offers numerous family friendly events for the community, and surrounding areas.

UDDINGSTON HOCKEY CLUB

Uddingston runs a schools programme in South and North Lanarkshire, and has a youth programme with over 300 members. They also have walking hockey initiatives to reach the less able members of the community.

The club has a significant in-school programme with community coaches visiting eight schools. Hockey is provided to 2000 state school children per year as part of this programme.

The club houses a men's shed to assist with the effects of mental health in men, and engaged with local retired group, Uddingston Pride, who use club facilities to host meetings and grow plants. Uddingston also runs a foodbank drive for our local foodbank.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR



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This award is for an individual player within our domestic competition structure who has excelled in the season 2022-2023 in any of the following ways: playing ability, leadership, commitment, and positive role modelling.

JAMIE GREEN

Jamie showed exceptional development and achieved the playoffs with Clydesdale for the first time in their history. He captained Scotland U18 at Euro A Division and has been incredible for Grange so far this season.



SARAH JAMIESON

Sarah Jamieson was without doubt the standout player of the season in the women's Premiership and was a huge factor in the team winning the Premiership title; and the Grand Final.

Sarah's goal-scoring exploits are second to none, but her ability to create opportunities and score goals from nowhere, consistently over the course of the season, is tremendous.

Sarah played a vital part in Watsonians winning promotion at the EuroHockey Club Challenge Tournament in Turkey. Leading by example, Sarah is also highly regarded for her performances for Scotland and sets a standard with a level of play that she takes from international level into the club game.



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FRASER MORAN

Fraser Was an outstanding performer in all competitions; Premiership, Scottish Cup, EHL, Under 21's and Scotland Men and indoor league. He was Player of the Year at Western Wildcats HC after driving the team to second in the league, winning the play-offs and winning the Scottish Cup. Fraser was a major influence on the outcome of games due to threat at set pieces, being top scorer in men's team, all leading to his senior call up. He was an outstanding performer against Pinoke in the EHL.



KEIR ROBB

Keir has given outstanding performances and goal scoring for his club. He is now a leader within his club as 1st team captain. He got an international call up this year as well and all-round great personality as well.



ROB HARWOOD

Rob showed exceptional playing ability during the 22/23 season. He is a versatile player who scored and assisted many goals, helping his side win all 3 domestic trophies on offer. He captained the team to many victories and helped instill a supportive yet competitive atmosphere at every training session and game. He has assisted with the youth section at the club, helping inspire the next generation and passing on his knowledge of hockey.



INTERNATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

QTV

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This award is player nominated, with the winner chosen by the public. The Scotland international players voted for the individual in their squad who has demonstrated the following attributes; excellent team mate, outstanding performance on the pitch, hard work and commitment to the programme.

AMY GIBSON



AMY COSTELLO



KATIE ROBERTSON



LEE MORTON

ANDREW MCCONNELL

ROB FIELD

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

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Volunteers are at the heart of any club and this award recognises the outstanding contributions an individual has made, going above and beyond, within a club setting. Their commitment and passion to improve the lives of people, players, and the wider community is clear.

GORDON MCFARLANE

Gordon has been involved with Ellon Hockey club since the club began almost 40 years ago, as a player, coach, manager and head junior section lead. He also helps with club committee work, umpiring and fundraising. At the moment he is the junior section lead coach who organises all the group sessions for coaches to take the club's expanding junior section as well as organising the teams for various youth festivals.



JAMES MORAN

James is the kind of person that just gets things done. As assistant coach to Western Wildcats men's first team he attended every training session and game. He then spent time reviewing game footage to provide data for improvement in future performances, including directing tactical planning for fixtures while working in such with lead coach, Vishal Marwaha.

Over and above this commitment, James was the kind of volunteer who completed seemingly menial tasks around the club; water testing for legionnaires, fixing locks, doing general repairs, keeping the place tidy, making sure players are well looked after.

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SARAH BELL

Sarah has gone from running the GHK 4th XI team to growing the number of competitive teams playing at GHK to a 5th & 6th XI while also implementing a 7th XI as a development squad. She coordinates, coaches and manages this alongside running junior development and festivals. Sarah does this all as a volunteer, giving up her whole weekend and most nights of the week. Sarah has been the key enabler for the growth of GHK's membership to record levels.

ALAN MEIKLE

Alan has taken Hillhead boys hockey from single digit numbers at training to over 70 boys from P4 upwards. A driving force behind engaging and inspiring other volunteers within the club to support Futures sessions and U16 squads at Festivals, SH cup, and into league hockey.

He makes a hugely positive impact in the community by engaging parents at all stages, resulting in a positive culture change around hockey in the community reducing focus on football or rugby and making hockey a first choice for boys of all ages.



DUNCAN SERVICE

Duncan is the secretary for Falkirk and Linlithgow Hockey Club as well as the secretary/treasurer and umpire convener for East District. He has been doing all three roles at East District for many years. For the last 10 years he has made huge commitments to the grading and development of level 1 umpires. Not only does Duncan present the online level 1 course, he is also the main person who co-hosts the practical level 1 training session and is part of the small team of assessors who assess the level 1 umpire candidates. For the Brave Academy events he has arranged for senior umpires to work alongside new level 1 umpires to give them some extra training and has secured umpires for several youth events that have taken place in East District.



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ARTHUR ROBERTSON

In his role as Falkirk and Linlithgow Head of Youth Development, Arthur has been at the forefront of efforts to engage with schools and provide opportunities to children across the catchment. He worked with Active Schools in 2 local authorities to deliver in school taster sessions to primary schools, ran and supported hockey leader courses as part of the high school coach academy initiative, and liaised with Scottish Hockey to organise CPD for club coaches.

Arthur has also supported the club's absorbing of hockey activities at Linlithgow Academy, working with the school and parent committee to ensure a smooth transition.

Under him, the clubs youth section has grown to 150, and more children in the Falkirk and Linlithgow catchment have opportunities to participate in hockey than ever before.



INCLUSION AWARD



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This award is for a club which has demonstrated a commitment to inclusion across everything it does on and off the field. This could be anything from delivering bespoke projects and programmes to engage specific demographics of their local community to implementing policies and ways of working to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all members of the club and community.

UDDINGSTON HOCKEY CLUB

Uddingston Hockey Club has a pathway for all regardless of if you want to play professional or social hockey. The club identified it was missing a more accessible paced session therefore created a walking hockey group to ensure it could incorporate all demographics. The sessions have proven very popular with approx. 15 - 25 people in attendance each week, followed by coffee/tea and cake and an essential blether.



The club's in-school programme included a participant who was blind and very keen to participate. So, the club found an inclusive solution using sounds to ensure there was no barrier to playing hockey.

HILLHEAD HOCKEY CLUB

Hillhead is the only hockey club registered with LEAP Sports Scotland, a leading charity promoting LGBTI+ participation and ending LGBTI+ phobia in sport. It actively engages with LEAP throughout the season - hosting its annual tournament open to all, engaging its rainbow laces and rainbow captain's armband programme, hosting a stall in cooperation with LEAP at Pride Glasgow events. The junior section also hosted a LEAP Sports Family group for gender diverse children and their families.



The club promotes inclusion in the community by running a hockey stall at the Glasgow Mela in Kelvingrove park, the largest multicultural festival in Scotland.

Club coaches engage in honest and open discussions around mental health with players and guardians, and the club partnered with charities Common Wheel and Rookie Minds.

MASTERS TEAM OF THE YEAR

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This award is for the Masters Team who has achieved success at any level across season 2022 – 2023 and deserves recognition.

SCOTTISH MASTERS HOCKEY WOMEN'S 60S

The W60 masters team won gold at the European Championships in Valencia in July 23. This follows a silver medal at the World Championships in Cape Town in October 22. It is believed this is the first time any Scottish women's international side has won gold at this level.

The team is an inspirational group of role models for the younger masters' teams and ambassadors for the game showing you're never too old to achieve your dreams.



SCOTTISH MASTERS HOCKEY MEN'S 70S

The M70 masters team had a great year that saw them win the Celtic Cup, and come 4th in European Cup in Valenica.

SPIRIT OF HOCKEY AWARD

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This award is for any club, team, volunteer, coach, official who continuously displays the values of the game in everything they do, encompassing the true spirit and power of hockey.

ROSS MCWILLIAMS

Ross has organised the youth structure at Uddingston for the last few years, and under his guidance the section flourished with new members joining.

Ross also leads the West District youth programmes, and the West District youth hockey circuit would not be in the place that it is without the support and leadership that Ross has conveyed.

Ross wants the best for any player as they come through the programmes and on their hockey journey, regardless to what level they reach - as long as they are developing their skills and enjoying their hockey experiences.

The amount of players that have come through the youth set-up at Uddingston and the West District programmes to go on and still be involved in hockey, with many going on to be involved in Junior International squads, is a testament to the hard work displayed by Ross through his time leading the youth programmes in both environments.



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EILIDH CAMPBELL

During her time at EUWHC, Eilidh developed relationships with Scottish Hockey, the Sports Union and the men's club to ensure a strong community. Eilidh joined the Lead the Way programme to improve as a leader and gain support for projects at the club.

She increased communication and integration with the men's hockey club, allowing for the sharing of ideas and joint efforts in initiatives such as a charity food bank collection and the joint blood drive efforts.

Eilidh played a crucial role in club initiatives such as 'Move for the Mind' and in the introduction of Beginners' Hockey to increase inclusion within the club. Eilidh pushed for and successfully achieved Gold accreditation for the club, the only university club to achieve this

Further to her role as Club President, Eilidh dedicated herself to the club as a coach, an umpire, Child Protection Officer, and a committed player.

Eilidh is consistently positive and has gone above and beyond to create the best club possible: a welcoming environment with innovative ideas. She was crucial in creating a club that people feel comfortable in, and a place where everyone feels welcome to have a go.



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ROTTENROW BLUESOX

Fundraising has been a big part of Rottenrow BlueSox, and they have supported a number of charitable efforts most notably they're raising of money for Cancer Research by climbing Ben Nevis in the dark. An amazing £9k was raised for life saving research. The club has raised superb amounts of money for a number of charities, and contributed to the community. The ethos and effort the club puts into fundraising displays all the positive values of hockey, and shows all that's good about the sport.

The strong sense of community within the club, that also supports others in the hockey community, could be seen by the exceptional work and effort the club put into their fundraising efforts.

The club has a natural ability to create a strong social culture with a real sense of togetherness, and strong friendships being created. The club's approach is to 'bring like-minded people together and have fun', which is a great representation of what the spirit of hockey is all about.



CLUB TEAM OF THE YEAR

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This award is for any team who participates within a Scottish Hockey league competition or cup. It is for the team who has excelled on the pitch throughout season 2022-2023.

SHETLAND LADIES

Shetland won the Scottish District Cup for the first time in 2024 after competing in it for several years.

They also won their annual intercounty fixture against their old rivals Orkney for the first time in 20 years with a resounding 6-0 success.

These two victories mark Shetland Ladies most successful ever year in their history.

The Shetland Ladies team is more than just a team, it has created family like friendships. The team works hard to fundraise and promote hockey to all of Shetland, encourage young people to get involved, coaching, and being involved on the association's committee.



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HILLHEAD MEN'S 2S

Hillhead HC 2XI won the league and cup double in 2022-23. They won 13 and drew 3 of their league matches and won all four rounds of the District Cup. The team had a classic mix of youth and experience, with 11 of the squad homegrown products of Hillhead's junior development.

Some key members of the team also help coach other teams within the club and at their Futures and Juniors sessions. This underlines the strong development ethos we have at the club, with players giving back to the club.



WATSONIANS LADIES

During the 2022/23 season Watsonian's Ladies 1s won the domestic clean sweep. The team's outdoor success between 2021 and 2023 saw them go on a 41 game unbeaten streak and last season, they won 21 matches which included a 17 game winning streak, 1 draw and 1 loss scoring 146 goals and conceding only 16 goals.

Throughout the indoor season, they played 12 games, won 10, drew 2 and lost none, scoring 99 goals and conceding only 18. This ultimately led them to winning the National Indoor Title for the first time in the club's history.

The team went on to win every game of their European campaign winning the gold medal at the EuroHockey Club Challenge and earned promotion to the 2nd tier of European Hockey, the European Club Trophy.

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- Signed Scotland women's team Commonwealth Games shirt (provided by Scottish Hockey)
- Signed Scotland men's team Commonwealth Games shirt (provided by Scottish Hockey)
- Glasgow Warriors signed shirt (provided by Glasgow Warriors)
- West Brewery tour (provided by West Brewery)
- The Glenturret Distillery Tour (provided by The Glenturret)
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