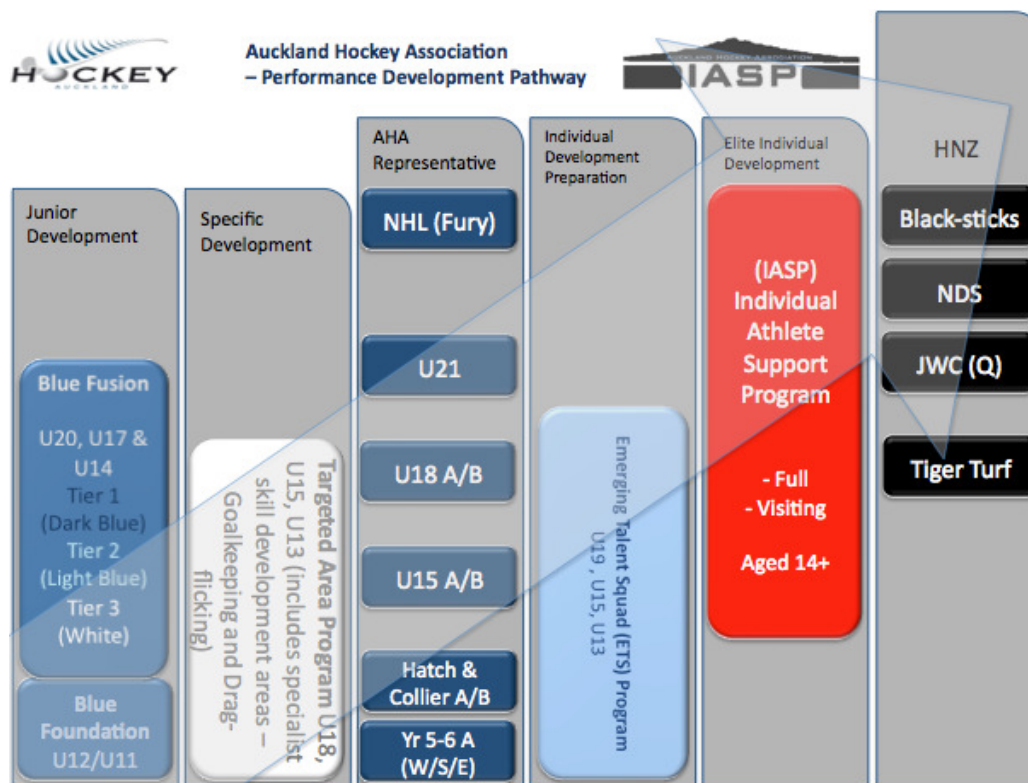


## Auckland Hockey Association – Performance, Development Pathway



### Pathway Overview Index

#### **Blue Foundation**

Ages: Y3-4, Y5-6, Y7-8

Entry level skill development focus targeted at athlete and parent education and involvement.

#### **Blue Fusion**

Ages: U13, U15 and U18 Programmes.

The Blue Fusion Programme has 3 tiers sitting inside each of the age groupings. The programme and the tiers are aimed at supporting the transition from each representative age group to the next and for athletes to have access to a programme that allows them to develop their game to push for selection sideways through the tiers in each corresponding age group.

Tier 1 - represents athletes selected to play in representative teams in the previous year.

Tier 2 - represents athletes selected into the last trial group in the previous year but who weren't selected.

Tier 3 - is an open group for all athletes not positioned in the top two tiers.

This is a programme based on progressing athletes through key concepts and skill proficiencies required between representative age groups. It is therefore a programme that will influence representative selections each year.

Note: The Hockey Department reserves the right to shift athletes into different tiers against their discretion of what's best for individual athletes and the programmes development and progression.

### **Targeted Area Programme (TAP)**

Ages: U13, U15 and U18

The TAP has been developed to allow flexibility for the Hockey Department to address problem areas and struggling age groups. It is a specialist skills development programme that will be designed on an annual basis against the previous years review and continually added to during the year. It will be camp based, session based and training block based depending on training window opportunities available against the targeted age group and targeted development area.

The focus of this programme is to address targeted areas of deficiency or priority proficiency. In many respects it replaces the previous Academy programme of the last few years.

### **AHA Representative Teams**

The AHA Representative Programme will continue to support player development through age group selections at U13, U15 and U18.

The AHA Representative Policy document has been reviewed and is currently being updated. Changes are being made at all levels, across all areas, to improve the professionalism and performances of our representative programmes.

## **Emerging Talent Squad (ETS)**

Ages: U19, U15 and U13

The ETS Programme is a feeder programme to the Individual Athlete Support Programme (IASP). IASP selectors will select athletes in consultation with representative coaches and their player ratings, athletes who they deem capable of meeting the IASP selection criteria with enhanced support into the future. 12 athletes will be selected in each of the above age groups on an annual basis. This programme is a squad, based programme where athletes are prepared for the IASP with a holistic athlete development approach and basic level individual case management support.

## **Individual Athlete Support Programme (IASP)**

Ages: Athletes must be aged 14+ to be offered full membership into the IASP.

The IASP is an annual ongoing individual case management focused programme with a holistic athlete development approach.

Its vision is to produce and support the ongoing development of **\*world class** 'Auckland' Black-sticks. With its primary objective one of ensuring that 'Auckland's' individual hockey talent is identified, developed, supported and promoted.

### IASP Visiting Athlete Training Agreements

Athletes identified as athletes of interest will be invited when appropriate and viable to attend training sessions with the IASP training group. These invites will be to expose and assess these athletes into the IASP environment for their development and to allow coaches to assess them more closely.