

What is hockey?

Field hockey is an international team sport of the hockey family that can be played on grass, artificial or watered turf and on indoor-boarded surface.



Similarly to football, each team is made up from ten field players and a goalkeeper.

The sport is played by both men and women around the globe and has been an **Olympic sport since 1908**. Hockey is popular in European countries such as England, Netherlands, Belgium but also in India, Pakistan, Argentina, Australia, USA and others. It has an estimated fan base of 2 billion fans making it the **4th most popular sport in the world¹**.



Who we are

Hockey was **first introduced in Cyprus back in 1900**. By 1940, a League and a Cup Competition were established. Games and competitions continued throughout the years up until 1979 when the official Cyprus Hockey Association (CHA) was founded.

Now, our Association **spans across all ages** focusing from the development of our youth, to regular activity for our senior players. Cyprus Hockey consists of 4 programs:

- Youth Academy
- National Championship
- U21 Youth National Team
- Men's National Team

¹ Sports Show - <https://sportsshow.net/top-10-most-popular-sports-in-the-world/>

Our vision

1

To **increase awareness** of field hockey in Cyprus and encourage young people to join the sport and our association.

2

To **outperform in the upcoming tournament** and qualify for **participation in more competitive categories** in future European tournaments.

Why you should support us

Our national team has been participating in international tournaments since 2011². The original team was incredibly young, yet we have always punched above our weight and learned from every experience. Through our hard-work and our convictions **Cyprus is now ranked 58th worldwide** in the official ladder of the FIH (International Hockey Federation).

Now, with still a young yet experienced team, we have a clear view of what needs to be done to have a successful performance in the upcoming European tournament in 2021. The **first step is to create a professional environment** that rewards our athletes who have invested numerous hours training in the past 10 years, as well as personally paying for the costs of all international tournaments.

The professional environment we want to create involves:

- Strength and Conditioning sessions with professional coaches
- Preparation camps in top hockey countries such as UK and Netherlands
- Provision for physiotherapist to look after players' injuries and wellbeing
- Equipment to train at a higher intensity and speed

Our aim is to **set the standard for future tournaments and generations to come**. We believe that this will set Cyprus on the right track for big achievements and establish the Cyprus name on the hockey world. Will you help us out with our plan?

²Men's Senior National Team - Past Tournaments (Page 6)

Sponsorship opportunities

To complete our plan and achieve our vision, **we kindly ask for your support.**

We have devised a **sponsorship scheme with numerous opportunities** for providing support ranging from €50 to €2000.

Furthermore, through this sponsorship we can promote your Company or brand to people **all around Europe and in Cyprus**, including both the teams and hockey fans present at the tournament but also to a greater extent as **games are streamed online.**

Any support is very much appreciated and will be one step forward to achieve something great for Cyprus.

	Clothing	Positioning	Contribution amount, €	Available slots
	Playing Shirt	Front	2,000.00	1
		Sleeve	500.00	2
	2nd Playing shirt	Front	2,000.00	1
		Sleeve	500.00	2
	Training shirt	Front	500.00	1
		Back	200.00	8
	Travelling shirt	Front	500.00	1
		Back	50.00	30
	Sweater	Front	250.00	8
		Back	100.00	20
		Sleeve	500.00	2

If you are interested in supporting us, please do get in touch using our contact details in the next page. We can then engage in conversation to decide the level/means of support that suits you best.

If you require any further information, feel free to read the additional sections we have provided at the end of the leaflet, or get in touch and we will happily provide it.



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Want to know more?

Hockey is considered a technical sport and has developed rapidly in recent years. It is also known as a family orientated sport, as it is not uncommon to see a whole family being involved either as supporters, coaches, players or umpires.

The sport itself has seen many changes throughout the years, resulting in faster **and more entertaining games**. Hockey games are exciting to watch as they usually involve many goals while the result is not easily predictable.

The EHF (European Hockey Federation) and the FIH (International Hockey Federation) have put massive effort to promote fair play and respect. It is therefore considered a sport that **promotes young people culture, while encouraging respect and discipline**. Additionally, hockey is one of the **most gender balanced sports in the world** with a lot of initiatives tailored to encourage equality in the sport.

Hockey in Cyprus

Both the Association and the National Team strive to follow the path set by the EHF and FIH. To be able to achieve that, we have set some **goals and beliefs**, which we will stand by to, create something special for Cyprus. Some of those are outlined below:

- Encourage participation across all ages
- Create our first Women's Senior National Team
- Provide a safe environment for children to learn a new sport and acquire skills for life, such as discipline, respect, fair play, setting goals and self-development
- Create a fun environment at every youth academy session
- Encourage people to be active

We believe we have something important to offer to our country and we are **determined to introduce the benefits of our sport to those who are willing to try it**. We believe that hockey is a sport that can be played by everyone and Cyprus Hockey will always support anyone with whatever they want to take away from hockey.



Men's Senior National Team – Past Tournaments

- EuroHockey Men's Championship IV - 2011 (Greece)
- EuroHockey Men's Championship IV - 2013 (Greece)
- EuroHockey Men's Championship IV - 2015 (Lithuania)
- EuroHockey Men's Championship IV - 2015 (Slovenia)
- World League Round I - 2016 (Czech Republic)
- World League Round I - 2018 (Poland)
- EuroHockey Indoor Championship III – 2018 (Cyprus)
- EuroHockey Men's Championship IV - 2019 (Finland)