

COUNTY AND DISTRICT PLAYERS

Page 4 of the NHYCL Rules 2019 sets out which county and district players are restricted to only playing for their club's A team in their age group, and defines which players shall be regarded as "County Squad Players" and "District Squad Players".

However Hampshire have recently defined the boys' RPC Pathway as having 8 levels as follows:

1. Primary County
2. Primary/Shadow
3. Core Shadow
4. Shadow/Hawks & Royals
5. Core Hawks & Royals
6. Fringe Hawks & Royals
7. Core Club
8. Fringe Club

Any boys not categorised by Hampshire as being in one of the above levels will not be in any Pathway squad.

So instead of the definitions set out in clauses (i) and (ii) on page 4, the following new definitions shall now apply for the purposes of identifying which boys are restricted to only playing for their club's A team in their age group according to page 4 in the NHYCL rules:

i) Any boy who is in level 2, 3, 4 or 5 above is deemed to be a "District Squad Player". For the avoidance of doubt, if a player is moved to level 6 or below, he will immediately cease to be a "District Squad Player", and will thus no longer be subject to any A team-only restrictions set out in the NHYCL rules. Any boy promoted to level 5 or above will immediately become subject to any A team-only restrictions set out in the NHYCL rules.

ii) Any boy who is or has been a Primary County (i.e. level 1) player either in the current season or the preceding winter, is deemed to be a "County Squad Player". For the avoidance of doubt, even if a level 1 player is moved down to level 2 or below during the season or preceding winter, he will remain a "County Squad Player" for the purposes of the NHYCL rules for the whole season. Any boy promoted to level 1 will immediately become a "County Squad Player" for the purposes of the NHYCL rules for the remainder of the season.