

# DYHC, JESS, Repton-Waset emerge hockey champions

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DUBAI — Dubai Youth Hockey Club (DYHC) won the under 8 title while JESS Jumeirah Team 1 and the Repton School and Waset Youth Centre combined side finished on top, in the under 11 and under 15 categories respectively, in the youth development tournament during the weekend.

The six-a-side More Dubai Youth Hockey Tournament at the Greenfields Community School in DIP, DYHC's first official tournament,

saw over 180 children enter the age group competition.

The event, backed further by Pacman and Avery, also saw the Horizon International School, Jumeirah English Speaking School and Victory Heights Primary competing in the three different age divisions namely the under 15's, under 11's and under 8's. There was a total of 18 teams entered — four in the under 8's, six in the under 11's and eight in the under 15's.

Nadia Schwarz, coach and organiser of DYHC, said: "For our first ever tournament the turnout

was just fantastic, and I really thought the day was a total success and I thank More Cafe for stepping forward as the Event Sponsor and cannot thank Greenfields Community School enough for use of their pitch, Health and Safety Solutions for providing such professional first aid cover and all those within the hockey community here who volunteered their time on the day."

The International Hockey Federation's Erwin Maarhuis was present during the day and he was able to see an initial development phase of grassroots level hockey in the UAE.



Prize winners celebrate during the More Dubai Youth Hockey Tournament