



# Development Report FY 2017-18

## Falklands Xtreme Sports

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## Introduction

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Falklands Xtreme Sports is a Falkland Islands based sports club geared towards providing those extreme sports to the community. It was established in May 2016 with ball hockey the first sport to be launched due to there being a large amount of players playing inline and who were looking for hockey to play in the summer season.

Falklands Xtreme Sports Goals are as follows:

- To provide a fun, alternative and quality extreme sports service for people of all ages and to ensure that members are the focus of all activities.
- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in extreme sports
- To promote extreme sports
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone
- To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment

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## Membership

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Current player membership stands at 85 players with 37 senior players (36 male and 1 female) aged from 16+ and 48 Junior players aged from 7-12 years.

The 2017-18 senior league has seen a 21% increase in player recruitment and overall a 65% increase in all player membership since inception.

Year	Senior Players	Junior Players
2016-17	29	0
2017-18	37	48

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## Competition Information

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During the launch season of 2016 there were 3 competitions introduced to the senior players.

- The FIC Xtreme Trophy
- Morrison Xtreme League
- Dynasafe BACTEC Xtreme Cup

The FIC Xtreme Trophy is a mini league with teams playing each other twice with the first placed team taking the trophy. The Morrison Xtreme League is the main competition and is a simple league format with teams playing each other 4 times.

Teams final places in the Morrison Xtreme League are then utilized to assist with the makeup of the Dynasafe BACTEC Cup with 1<sup>st</sup> placed facing off against 3<sup>rd</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place facing off against 4<sup>th</sup> place. All teams would play each other in a 5 game series before moving to a 1 game final and a 3<sup>rd</sup> placed play off.

In 2016-17 there were 4 teams vying for top spots;

- Goose Green Cavaliers
- Port Howard Patriots
- Walker Creek Warriors
- Hill Cove Hurricanes

Due to an increase in player membership in 2017-18 season a fifth senior team was created, Spring Point Spartans, to compete with the already established teams from 2016-17 season.

The 2017-18 season also seen the inception of the junior Morrison Xtreme League with 6 teams introduced;

- Goose Green Cavaliers
- Port Howard Patriots
- Walker Creek Warriors
- Hill Cove Hurricanes
- Spring Point Spartans
- Fitzroy Foxes

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## Current Status

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Falklands Xtreme Sports is as can be seen from the statistical information continuing to grow and develop its ball hockey membership. We are a member of the International Street and Ball Hockey Federation (ISBHF) and classified as a growing nation, affiliated with the Infant and Junior School (IJS) which is enabling the sport to be introduced and developed at 'grass root' levels and are a member of the Falkland Islands Overseas Games Association (FIOGA).

There currently is no higher association that oversees ball hockey in the Falkland Islands and one could say that Falklands Xtreme Sports is that association as we are the only club playing the sport in a nation with a population of 3000 people. FIOGA mentioned above is an association that sporting clubs can attain membership with to help raise that clubs profile, tap into government and private funds, obtain support and assistance in pushing sport further in the Falkland Islands and finally assisting with Small Island Games and Commonwealth Games attendance.

FIOGA is a group of sports clubs that are working together to ensure sport has a voice and to raise the profile of the Falkland Islands.

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## Future Aspirations

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The future is bright for ball hockey in the Falkland Islands with player membership growing (as can be shown by statistical information) and a growing sponsorship base of local and overseas companies.

### Short Term (6 months):

1. Increase the senior player membership by 20% to enable the introduction of a 7<sup>th</sup> team
2. Introduce a second tournament for the junior teams to compete in
3. Continue to raise the profile of ball hockey in the Islands to generate more sponsorship

### Medium Term (1-2 years):

1. Senior team to attend the 2019 ISBHF World Championships
2. Introduction of a Pee Wee league to cater for those 5-7 year olds
3. Introduction of a U16 league to enable a junior team to attend future ISBHF World Championships and to add the final step to the adult league
4. Increase membership of senior players by 50%
5. Increase membership of junior players by 60%

### Long Term (5+ years):

1. To establish regular attendance to the senior ISBHF World Championships
2. U16 Junior team to attend ISBHF Junior World Championships 2020
3. U20 Junior team to attend ISBHF Junior World Championships 2020
4. Introduction of a female league with aspirations of sending a female team away to future ISBHF World Championships
5. To assist with the introduction of a South American Ball Hockey Association to enable South American teams including the Falkland Islands to face off against each other in club or nation style tournaments.

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