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KENYA U18 BOYS CROWNED CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONS — QUALIFY FOR THE 1ST FIH YOUTH HOCKEY5S WORLD CUP, EGYPT, DECEMBER 2026



SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MESSAGE

On behalf of KHU, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Under-18 Boys and Girls teams for their outstanding performances at the recent championship. The Boys team clinched **Gold**, while the Girls team proudly secured **Silver**, both earning qualification to the **World Cup in December 2026**. This is a historic achievement that fills us with pride and optimism for the future of Kenyan hockey. We as KHU will support the U.18 Players through mentorship and their academic and hockey journeys.

I also wish to recognize the coaches, technical team, development academy coaches and our passionate fans whose unwavering support and dedication made this success possible. Your collective effort has been the backbone of these victories.

To the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), I sincerely thank you for your tireless work and commitment in ensuring the tournament ran smoothly. Your efforts did not go unnoticed and are deeply appreciated. Asante sana for your teamwork and professionalism.

A special word of gratitude goes to our President KHU Lt. Col (Rtd) Nashon Randiek, whose leadership and determination ensured this tournament happened despite the challenges. He truly led from the front, inspiring us all.

Beyond youth hockey, we celebrate our Masters teams who recently returned from the Rotterdam Masters World Cup, where O35W, O40W, O40M, O45M, and O50M proudly represented Kenya with mixed results. Their participation was a true labor of love, with each player self-financing at least KSh 300,000, and over 110 players making the journey. That devotion is inspiring — and raises some food for thought:



HISTORIC DOUBLE

Boys: **Gold** | Girls: **Silver**

Both qualify for the FIH Youth Hockey5s World Cup, Egypt, December 2026.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

With the same collective commitment shown by the masters fraternity, wouldn't such an amount fund a new turf at City Park?



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LT.COL(RTD) NASHON RANDIEK · PRESIDENT, KENYA HOCKEY UNION

I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to both the U-18 Boys' and Girls' Kenya Teams for their outstanding performances. The Boys' team clinched Gold, while the Girls' team proudly secured silver — achievements that have made the entire nation proud. We now look forward with great excitement to the World Cup in Egypt this December 2026, just a few months away.

My sincere appreciation also goes to the coaching staff for their dedication, time, and guidance in molding these teams into champions. Your commitment has been the backbone of this success.

To NOC-K, thank you for your unwavering support. Your contribution was instrumental in the successful hosting of this tournament and in ensuring our teams had the platform to shine.

We also extend our gratitude to the volunteers and fans whose passion and tireless efforts brought life and energy to the event. You are the heartbeat of Kenyan hockey, and your role cannot be overstated. As we prepare for Egypt, we wish our teams the very best. With the spirit, talent, and unity they have shown, we are confident they will represent Kenya with pride on the world stage.

Asante sana to all who made this journey possible. Together, we rise.

**Warm regards,
President, Kenya Hockey Union**

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Kenya U.18 teams qualify for Youth H5s World Cup

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Kenya hosted the inaugural Youth Africa Hockey5s Tournament at Sikh Union Dashmesh Stadium from August 6–8, 2026, where the U18 Boys clinched the continental title and the Girls secured silver. Both teams qualified for the first-ever FIH Youth Hockey5s World Cup in December 2026, marking a historic double achievement for the host nation.

The Sikh Union came alive as the city welcomed the continent's finest young hockey players for the inaugural Youth Africa Hockey5s Tournament. With its newly laid deep-blue turf shimmering under the Nairobi sun, the venue became the stage for a fast-paced, high-scoring spectacle that marked a turning point for African hockey.

The tournament carried immense weight — it was not just a competition, but the continental qualifier for the first-ever FIH Youth Hockey5s World Cup set for December 2026. For the players, every sprint, tackle, and goal was a step toward history. The Kenya U18 Boys' team delivered a performance that will be remembered for years. From the opening whistle, they played with flair and determination, defeating South Africa 8–5 in a thrilling group-stage encounter. Captain Kelvin Onyango led from the front, scoring a hat-trick and rallying his teammates with unshakable confidence.

Their momentum carried into the clash against Nigeria, where Kenya triumphed 10–5, with goals shared across the squad — Godfrey Fedha, Reagan Meshack, Peter Awot, Daniel Omondi, Caleb Korir, and others all finding the net. In the final, Kenya once again faced South Africa, edging them 6–5 in a nail-biting contest to claim the continental crown and secure their ticket to the World Cup.



FINAL RESULT

Kenya 6–5 South Africa

MVP & Top Scorer: Kelvin Onyango (12 goals)

Kenya



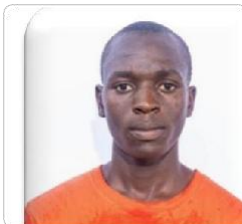
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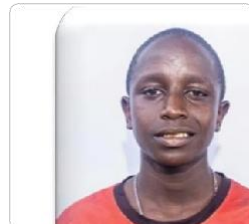
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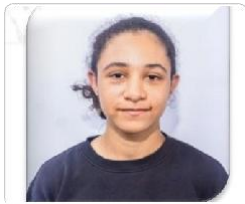


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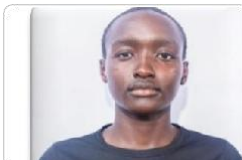
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Sheywe Sec. School



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St. Josephs Girls Kitale



MICHELLE OGUK
Ngiya Girls



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St. Josephs Girls Kitale



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MANAGER



Barbra Simiyu
HEAD COACH



Griffin Amakulie
ASST. COACH





The Kenya U18 Girls' team showed resilience and spirit throughout the tournament. They opened with a tough 5–3 loss to South Africa, but bounced back emphatically, thrashing Uganda 7–0 and Nigeria 10–6 in a critical pool decider. In the final, the girls fought bravely but fell 11–6 to South Africa, earning a proud silver medal and qualification to the World Cup. Elsewhere, Nigeria edged Ghana 4–3 to claim bronze, while Ghana's participation was particularly notable as Malawi withdrew late, leaving Ghana in 4th in the women's category.

The Kenya Under-18 Girls' Team delivered a spirited performance, showing resilience, pace, and determination against some of the continent's toughest opponents. Despite the loss to South Africa, the girls rallied with grit and teamwork, pushing rivals to the limit in fiercely contested matches.

Their journey was marked by moments of brilliance — sharp counterattacks, disciplined defense, and flashes of individual skill that drew applause from the home crowd. Each game became a testament to their growing confidence and hunger to compete at the highest level.

"Proof that Kenya's young women are ready to challenge Africa's best and carry the nation's hopes into the World Cup in Egypt this December 2026."

Captain Shanel Hijedi led from the front, playing brilliantly to ensure the Kenyan girls sealed their World Cup qualification spot. Notably, Laura Kadogo, a Grade 9 student from Impala Academy Development, showed immense promise — cementing the belief that Kenya's hockey future is bright and reiterating the importance of age-grade development in nurturing talent.



YOUTH AFRICA CUP
6TH - 8TH AUGUST 2026
NAIROBI, KENYA



South African youth tested at Nairobi's U18 Hockey5s Championships

The Youth Africa Cup Hockey5s Championships, staged at the Sikh Union Dashmesh Stadium in Nairobi from August 6–8, 2026, brought together the continent's brightest young talents in a festival of pace, skill, and resilience. With Egypt absent, the tournament opened the door for fresh rivalries, and the South African U18 ladies found themselves thrust into the heart of the drama. Their campaign began with a stern test as the Nigerian girls edged them out in the opening match, a result that set the tone for a fiercely competitive journey.

Kenya's girls, buoyed by home support and relentless energy, added further pressure, forcing the South Africans to dig deep and rely on tactical discipline to stay in contention. Despite the setbacks, the team showed flashes of promise, rallying in later games with determination and structure, proving that their youth program continues to produce talent capable of competing at the highest level.

The South African boys' team also faced a stern challenge, particularly against the hosts Kenya, whose pace and home-crowd roar created a cauldron of pressure. Yet the boys responded with grit and tactical discipline, showcasing moments of flair and resilience that kept them competitive throughout the tournament. Their campaign, though marked by narrow defeats, highlighted the depth of South Africa's youth hockey and the promise of players who are steadily rising through the ranks.

In the end, Nairobi's Youth Africa Cup was more than a competition — it was a proving ground, a showcase of resilience, and a celebration of the next generation of African hockey stars.

AT A GLANCE

Hosts: Kenya (Sikh Union Dashmesh Stadium)

Dates: August 6–8, 2026

Nations: Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda





Africa Hockey Federation and dignitaries grace the YAC tournament

The Sikh Union Dashmesh Stadium in Nairobi was a hive of excitement as the Inaugural Youth Africa Cup U18 Hockey5s Tournament unfolded from August 6–8, 2026. The event marked a defining moment for African hockey — a vibrant showcase of youth talent, continental unity, and the sport's modern evolution.

Gracing the occasion was Africa Hockey Federation President Seif Ahmed, whose presence underscored the tournament's continental significance. Alongside him stood Vice President Nii Quaye Kumah, Kenya Hockey Union (KHU) officials, and National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOC-K) leaders, including 2nd Vice President Lt. Col. (Rtd) Nashon Randiek, whose leadership and vision have been instrumental in advancing hockey development across Kenya.

The championship enjoyed strong backing from both NOC-K Kenya and KHU executives, reflecting a shared commitment to nurturing young athletes and positioning Kenya as a hub for hockey excellence. Adding to the inspiration was former NOC-K President and Olympian Paul Tergat, who graced the event to motivate the teams — his words resonating deeply with players eager to carve their names into history.

The tournament's electric atmosphere, set against the backdrop of Sikh Union's newly refurbished turf, symbolized the dawn of a new era for African hockey. Fast-paced matches, youthful exuberance, and continental camaraderie defined the three-day spectacle, culminating in Kenya's golden triumph and qualification for the FIH Youth Hockey5s World Cup later this year.

As the sun set over Nairobi, one message rang clear: African hockey's future is bright, and its heartbeat is youthful, united, and unstoppable.



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Kenyan officials at the YAC U18 H5s tournament



Peter Mwathe

FIH / AFHF / KHUA

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Nationality: Kenyan



Tina Agunda

FIH / AFHF / KHUA

Assignment: Umpires Manager

Nationality: Kenyan



Elizabeth Okama

KHUA / AFHF

Assignment: Local Umpire

Nationality: Kenyan



Austin Mutua

KHUA / AFHF

Assignment: Local Umpire

Nationality: Kenyan



Sikh Union set to host Premier League matches

The Kenya Hockey Union is delighted to usher in a new chapter as the second leg of the Premier League begins on August 29th. In a landmark move, all Nairobi fixtures will now be staged at the new Dashmesh Stadium, a venue that proudly features a world-class Astro Blue turf, recently certified by the International Hockey Federation (FIH).

This development is more than an infrastructure upgrade — it is a statement of intent. By securing access to modern facilities, the Union is raising the bar for Kenyan hockey. The Dashmesh Stadium promises to enhance the quality of play, sharpen athlete performance, and create a richer experience for clubs, officials, and fans. It is a fitting stage for the Premier League, aligning perfectly with our vision of making Kenyan hockey more competitive and attractive both locally and internationally.

Equally important, progress has been achieved without increasing the financial burden on clubs. The Union has successfully negotiated a favorable rate structure, ensuring Premier League teams continue to pay KES 5,000 plus 16% VAT — totaling KES 5,800/- per team. This consistency reflects our commitment to growth that is both ambitious and sustainable.

As the Premier League resumes, the Dashmesh Stadium stands as a symbol of pride and possibility. It is a motivator for our teams to aim higher, a platform for our athletes to shine, and a beacon of community spirit that showcases Kenyan hockey at its very best.

FIXTURE NOTICE

- All Premier League matches to be played at Dashmesh.
- Rate: KES 5,000 + 16% VAT — total KES 5,800 per team per match.
- Payment to be made 24 hrs before match.



Dashmesh Stadium: a new home of thrills

The newly unveiled Dashmesh Stadium has already stamped its authority as a fortress of exhilarating hockey action. From its very first fixtures, the venue has delivered drama, goals, and unforgettable moments that have left fans buzzing.

The curtain-raiser saw Sikh Union edge USIU 3-2, setting the tone for what would become a season of high-octane clashes. Soon after, the stadium witnessed a nine-goal thriller as Sikh Union overcame Daikyo Mombasa 6-3 in a pulsating encounter that had the crowd on its feet.

The battles kept coming. In a cracker of a contest, Warriors stunned Sikh Union 2-1, with goalkeeper Nyaranga stealing the headlines after a heroic penalty stroke save. Sikh Union bounced back in style, dispatching Parklands 3-1 in another entertaining duel.

The most recent games saw the Youth Africa Cup U18 Hockey5s tournament hosted at the venue. The pitch was transformed when side boards were introduced, as is the norm with Hockey5s. The landmark event showcased the next generation of youth talent on the continental stage.

Dashmesh has already proven itself as more than just a stadium — it is a theatre of dreams, rivalries, and unforgettable hockey stories. Fans can expect nothing less than fireworks when the league and international youth competitions roll into town.



PREMIER LEAGUE

The Kenya Hockey Premier League is back for the 2nd leg on the 29th of August with renewed battles guaranteed to shake up the tables. Both the women's and men's divisions are beginning to reveal their true contenders, while the chasing pack scrambles to keep pace. University sides that were on long holiday like Kenyatta University Ladies and JKUAT, with games in hand, will have a chance to claw their way back into contention.

Women's Premier League: Blazers unstoppable, Sailors stir the waters

#	TEAM	PI	W	D	L	DIFF	GD	PTS	FORM
1	Blazers Hockey Club	7	5	2	0	14-3	11	17	W W D D W
2	USIU-A Ladies	8	3	4	1	8-4	4	13	D W W D L
3	Lakers Hockey Club	6	3	2	1	11-4	7	11	D L W W W
4	Amira Sailors Hockey Club	7	2	3	2	3-5	-2	9	D D D L W
5	Strathmore University Ladies	7	1	4	2	6-8	-2	7	L D D D W
6	UON Ladies	6	1	2	3	4-6	-2	5	W D D L L
7	Sliders Hockey Club	7	1	2	4	2-13	-11	5	L L L L W
8	Kisumu Queens	5	0	4	1	2-3	-1	4	D D D D L
9	Kenyatta University Ladies	2	0	1	1	1-3	-2	1	L D ? ? ?
10	JKUAT Ladies	1	0	0	1	0-2	-2	0	L ? ? ? ?

Blazers, the undisputed queens of the league, sit firmly at the summit with 17 points from seven matches. Their unbeaten run (5 wins, 2 draws) and commanding goal difference of +11 underline their dominance. Right behind them, USIU-A Ladies cling to second place with 13 points, though their form has faltered with just three wins in eight outings. Lakers Hockey Club, despite sitting out the latest round, hold third place on 11 points, still within striking distance.

The real shake-up came from Amira Sailors, who stunned USIU-A with a 1-0 victory, propelling them into fourth place with 9 points. Further down, Strathmore University Ladies and Kisumu Queens are locked in a mid-table tussle, separated only by goal difference. UON Ladies and Sliders Hockey Club hover near the relegation zone, while Kenyatta University Ladies and JKUAT Ladies remain winless — but with games in hand, still have a chance to claw their way back into contention.

Men's Premier League: Warriors seize control

#	TEAM	PI	W	D	L	DIFF	GD	PTS	FORM
1	Warriors	9	5	3	1	22-13	9	18	W D L W W
2	Western Jaguars	9	5	2	2	20-12	8	17	L D W D W
3	Sikh Union Nairobi	9	5	2	2	20-15	5	17	D L D L W
4	Daikyo Heroes	9	5	0	4	17-19	-2	15	L W W L L
5	Wazalendo	9	4	2	3	17-15	2	14	D L L W L
6	Parklands Sports Club	9	4	1	4	13-16	-3	13	W L L L W
7	Kenya Police	9	2	5	2	14-15	-1	11	D D L W W
8	Kisumu Youngsters	9	3	2	4	11-12	-1	11	W L D D W
9	USIU-A	9	3	1	5	12-15	-3	10	L L W W W
10	Greensharks	9	0	0	9	—	—	0	L L L L L

The men's division witnessed dramatic power shifts in the 1st leg, where Warriors Hockey Club surged to the top with 18 points, courtesy of a ruthless 4-0 demolition of Daikyo Heroes. Their form (5 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss) and strong goal difference (+9) make them the team to beat. Western Jaguars and Sikh Union Nairobi trail closely, both on 17 points, but their recent stumbles have allowed Warriors to snatch the throne.

The mid-table battle is equally fierce. Daikyo Heroes slipped to fourth with 15 points after back-to-back defeats, while Wazalendo sit fifth on 14 points, undone by inconsistency. Parklands Sports Club made the biggest leap, climbing to sixth with 13 points after a spirited 2-1 win over Wazalendo. Kenya Police and Kisumu Youngsters are locked on 11 points each, while USIU-A pulled clear of immediate danger with 10 points. At the foot of the table, Greensharks remain winless, their nine straight losses leaving them stranded with zero points and in desperate need of a turnaround before the return leg.



"Both divisions promise fireworks. The leaders may be flying high, but the chasing pack is hungry, and every point will matter in the race for glory."

Kelvin Onyango, a development story



In Kenyan hockey today, few names resonate with the same promise and consistency as Kelvin Onyango — "Onyi." Now in Form Four, his final year of high school, Onyi's journey is a testament to talent nurtured through discipline, opportunity, and the guiding principles of Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD).

Onyi was a winner long before enrolling in high school — his teammates from Hesa were already winning tournaments against older age groups. His brilliance first lit up the stage when, as a Form One student, he stunned the nation by being crowned MVP at the Nationals. It was a rare feat for a freshman, and it marked the beginning of a trajectory that has since grown into stardom. He would go on to repeat the accolade twice more, proving that his early success was no accident but the product of skill, resilience, and structured growth.

Onyi's rise cannot be separated from the early development structures that shaped him. From grassroots academies that recruited him, such as Hesa Bredarlings — which had also recruited his elder brother Fredrick Ouma, who had his own stint as the Nationals MVP in 2022 — his journey reflects the core fundamentals of LTAD:

Early Engagement: Exposure to structured training at a young age.

Progressive Competition: Gradual elevation from school to national and continental stages.

Holistic Growth: Emphasis on character, discipline, and education alongside technical skill.

These strategies ensured that his talent was not just raw brilliance but a carefully nurtured asset, capable of thriving under pressure and sustaining excellence over time. As Onyi prepares to leave high school, his story is already one of remarkable achievement and promise. From a Form One prodigy to a continental MVP, he embodies the future of Kenyan hockey — a player whose journey reflects the power of structured development, family support, and relentless ambition.

The "Onyi" name is no longer just a nickname; it is becoming a legacy, one that inspires younger players and signals Kenya's growing presence on the global hockey stage.

Kenya Hockey Masters back from World Cup



In Rotterdam, the Netherlands, Kenya's Masters hockey teams stepped onto the grand stage of the World Masters Hockey Cup, representing the nation across five categories — O35 Women, O40 Women, O40 Men, O45 Men, and O50 Men. Their campaign was a tapestry of mixed results, spirited performances, and invaluable lessons about the global game.

For the O35 Women, the tournament was a test of resilience. Finishing 15th out of 16, they found a bright spark in Omaidoh Amoooh, whose five goals lit up Kenya's scoreboard and proved that determination can shine even in tough contests.

The O40 Women fought bravely despite finishing 18th out of 18. Their pride came through in the goals of Nyambura Sandra and Ogot Jackqline, each finding the net and ensuring Kenya's voice was heard in the competition.

The O40 Men delivered Kenya's most promising run, securing 10th place out of 19. Leading the charge was Zack Aura, whose five goals showcased both skill and consistency. In the O45 Men's category, the contributions were shared — Kennedy Kyalo, Anthony Wamalwa, Deo Ranjeev, and Bwogando Evans each scored once, reflecting teamwork and collective effort against seasoned opponents.

The O50 Men finished 19th out of 22, but their campaign was highlighted by KHU Secretary General Wycliffe Ongori, who netted five goals and demonstrated that passion for hockey knows no age. Beyond the rankings, the tournament was a networking goldmine — connecting Kenya's players with peers from across the globe, and an eye-opener exposing the disparity in hockey standards between nations with advanced infrastructure and those still building their pathways.

Yet, Kenya's Masters left Rotterdam with heads held high. Their participation was a statement: hockey in Kenya is alive, ambitious, and determined to grow. The lessons learned will fuel future development, inspire younger generations, and remind the world that Kenya's hockey spirit is unbreakable.

Kenya's golden double at FEASSA 2026



Kenya's school hockey teams lit up Morogoro, Tanzania, with a commanding display at the 2026 FEASSA Games, securing both boys' and girls' titles and completing a historic podium sweep. For St. Anthony's Kitale, the victory was more than just a trophy — it was redemption. After eight years without a regional crown, the national champions finally reclaimed glory by defeating perennial rivals Friends School Kamusinga 3–1 in a thrilling final.

Captain Kelvin Onyango rose to the occasion, scoring all three goals in a masterful performance. He converted a penalty stroke in the 29th minute, added a penalty corner in the 42nd, and sealed the win with a field goal in the 58th. Kamusinga had briefly leveled through Annan Kurero's penalty corner, but Onyango's hat-trick ensured Kitale's return to the summit.

In the girls' competition, St. Joseph's Kitale etched their name deeper into FEASSA history by clinching a third consecutive championship. Having won in Mbale (2024) and Kakamega (2025), they completed the treble in Morogoro after edging Ng'iya Girls 3–2 in post-match shootouts. Salome Ayoo gave St. Joseph's the lead, only for Ng'iya's Quincy Akinyi to equalize with a penalty stroke. In the shootouts, Elizabeth Mapema, Valarie Joy, and Shanel Helida held their nerve to secure the crown.

Kenya's dominance was underlined by Nyamira Girls, who claimed bronze with a 1–0 victory over Uganda's Kakungulu Memorial — ensuring all three podium places in the girls' category belonged to Kenyan schools. The tournament also celebrated standout performers: Kelvin Onyango was named Boys' MVP after his decisive hat-trick and leadership, while Shanel Imisa of St. Joseph's earned the Girls' MVP award for her consistency and composure throughout the campaign.

