

## Tricks 4 Sticks – Blitz Guidelines

### Underage Formats

- Phase 1 – Fun 4's - 6-9 year olds
- Phase 2 – Super 6's - 10- 12 year olds
- Phase 3 – Extreme 8's – 12 – 14 year olds

Game cards for all of the above can be found [here](#)

1. Make sure you have enough volunteers on the day. Pitch set up can take longer than expected (putting up signs, blowing up balloons, attaching balloons, setting up goals, setting up circles etc.). Remember to use your Youth Leaders / people who have completed their Transition Year Hockey course for umpiring and volunteering.
2. Keep one person on the registration desk at all time if possible. They can answer any questions and will be on hand if the paramedic is needed.
3. It is a good idea to have an overall coordinator for the Blitz. This person should be nominated to oversee the running of the event and delegate the required duties. The coordinator should brief all the volunteers prior to the event, detailing what each individual will be responsible for. This can be done through an informal chat or through email/text communication.
4. The most important thing is to get the first match finished on time. That way you will be on track with your schedule and once the festival is started, it's a matter of simply monitoring the times.
5. Have one person in charge of each pitch with another couple of volunteers circulating the pitch in case of any issues. The person in charge of the pitch should have the air horn and can blow for the beginning and the end of the matches. The additional volunteers can help with rounding up teams for starting, getting bibs or balls when needed etc.
6. Putting the goody bags together can take longer than expected. Try getting a large group of people together, setting up an assembly line and putting the packs together in advance of the festival day. Perishables such as fruit can be put into the bags closer to the time.
7. If there are any incidents such as a player being injured or a complaint make sure that you write down full details of the incident in case it is needed at a later date.
8. Lastly, the festival is a great day out for players and organisers alike so please, enjoy!

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