

WHITCHURCH YOUTH HOCKEY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Players,

Welcome to the new season. This brief newsletter outlines arrangements for the season. If you can return the paperwork and affiliation fees to me during the first two training sessions at Whitchurch, this would be very helpful. Please get in touch if you have any other concerns.

TRAINING

This starts on Tuesday September 7th with the last session before Christmas being December 14th. There will be no training during half-term weeks (Oct 26th and Feb 22th). We resume on Jan 4th until March 29th.

Under 11 Boys and Girls 5.00-6.00

Under 13 Boys and Girls 6.00-7.00

Over 13 Boys 7.00-8.00

Girls over 13 will train from 6.00-7.00 on Wednesdays. Over 15 girls will train with the Whitchurch Saints Ladies from 7.00-8.00pm on Wednesdays.

MATCHES

Are provisionally arranged for these dates and usually occur on Sunday mornings from 10.00 onwards

UNDER 9 & 11 – Oct 3rd & 31st, Nov 28th, Jan 10th & 16th, Feb 6th & 20th, March 20th, Apr 17th
UNDER 13 - Sept 19th, Oct 7th (boys only), Nov 21st, 5th Dec, Jan 23rd, Feb 13th & 27th, Mar 27th, Apr 17th

UNDER 15 BOYS – Sept 26th, Oct 17th, Nov 14th, Jan 9th & 30th, Mar 6th & 13th, Apr 3rd & 17th

If we qualify for the South Wales Finals, these will be held on April 17th. The Welsh Finals for boys will be on Saturday May 7th. In the past, we have been quite successful and we hope that some or all of our teams will be competing on these dates – April 17th is at the start of the school holidays – can you please avoid booking any trips until after this date!!

FINANCE

Membership for junior players is £60 for the year. For a second child member in the family, membership is £30 whilst £10 will cover membership for each subsequent youth member from the same family. I would be pleased if you could hand your membership to Steve or Wendy Gray (youth hockey treasurers) during the first couple of training sessions – in cash is fine or by cheque made payable to "Whitchurch Hockey Club". You could also post your membership to me to the address given above. The membership for older girls (i.e. 13 years old and above) should be paid to Whitchurch Saints hockey club.

PLAYING KIT

If you want to purchase shorts, skorts, socks or a playing shirt, please download a kit form from the website i) whitchurch-hc.com; ii) In the club; iii) Kit; iv) Scroll down and choose junior kit order form. The youth kit secretary is Dave Skirrow who attends youth training on Tuesdays. You are expected to purchase other items of kit yourself.

Youth hockey queries can be addressed to myself for the boys or for the girls hockey to Carin Skirrow (029-20657530). Please let us know if you could help with transport, sponsorship, coaching, youth organisation, first aid skills or social events.

Chris Despres (WHC Youth Hockey Co-ordinator)

WHITCHURCH HOCKEY CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT

for YOUTH PLAYERS and PARENTS

YOUTH PLAYERS

1. Players should show **respect** towards opponents, teachers, coaches, officials and umpires.
2. Players should be well-behaved when attending hockey sessions and should follow the instructions of their coach/es.
3. Swearing is unacceptable at hockey sessions
4. Umpires should be respected and their decisions accepted
5. Players must not use a camera or a mobile phone in any changing room
6. Players should wear appropriate protective gear – mouthguards and shin pads are very important.

PARENTS:

1. Should encourage their child/ren to play according to the rules and spirit of the game.
2. Should not force an unwilling player to play
3. Should support their child/ren in a positive way. Swearing, harassment of opponents or officials and verbal abuse are all unacceptable modes of behaviour.
4. Show respect towards opponents, teachers, coaches, officials and umpires.
5. Support the club's efforts to provide hockey for your child/ren and if you can, please volunteer your help – transport to matches, administration, coaching, and sponsorship.
6. Make sure that your child is properly dressed/equipped to take part in hockey sessions, including having a protective mouth guard and a pair of shin pads.
7. Should inform the youth officials at Whitchurch Hockey Club of any issues of concern about your child/ren. For example, the coaches would need to know about any health issues that could affect a player during hockey sessions, like asthma.

CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

You should all be aware that our Child Protection Officer is Mrs. Beth Lawson whose children play for Whitchurch Boys and Whitchurch Saints girls. Any issues that you have concerning your child's welfare at Whitchurch Hockey Club should be raised with Beth. Her home telephone number is 02920-522394.

Chris Despres
Whitchurch Youth Co-ordinator
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NAME OF PLAYER/S _____

WHITCHURCH HOCKEY CLUB YOUTH AFFILIATION FORMS – 2010-11

1. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT FORM

On some occasions, there will be an opportunity for participants to be photographed/vide'od for the purposes of performance feedback and/or publicity. It is the policy of this club and the Welsh Hockey Union that parental/guardians' consent is obtained prior to the taking of photographs/videos involving players under 18 years of age. Guidelines for the use of photographs/films have been approved by the Welsh Hockey Union and are found within its Child Protection regulations – these have also been adopted by Whitchurch Hockey Club; they can be downloaded from www.whitchurch-hc.com

I hereby give Whitchurch Hockey Club and the Welsh Hockey Union the absolute right to use any images (including reproductions/adaptations) resulting from photography or videography at events for performance feedback or publicity purposes.

Signed _____(Parent/Guardian) Date_____

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2. MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME of PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ POST CODE _____

HOME TEL. No. _____ MOBILE No. _____

EMAIL: _____

CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH (If for more than one child, please specify) _____

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3. HEALTH INFORMATION

Please give details here of any medical condition that your child/ren have and if they are taking any medication. In signing this section, you will be allowing the club to share this information with the officers and coaches of the youth section of the club.

Signed _____(Parent/Guardian) Date_____