



Dear Member

Welcome to the 2018-19 season!

In advance of training starting on Sunday 9th September I wanted to drop a line detailing some salient points for the new season;

1) An introduction;

I am thrilled to say that I have picked up the role as Director of Junior Hockey from Ness. By way of introduction; I am a local lad having been raised near Fernhurst and I spent many of my formative years in local hosteleries. I played hockey at school and university which has given me a genuine love of the game. I have 2 daughters playing at the club Ella (U14's) and Amy (U8's). Ness has given a great handover but I am still very much the new boy at school - hence please be gentle with me!

2) Pitches;

We have some exciting news! During the Summer, in conjunction with Waverley Council, we have secured finance to relay pitch 2 - the new pitch will be blue and will give us a premium playing surface. The relaying of the pitch will happen across September/October. There will be some temporary changes to training and playing locations during those months. To help with pitch availability some training and matches may be held at Bohunt School (Liphook) or re-arranged to be away fixtures. Pitch 2 (the pitch furthest from The Edge Sports Centre) is due to be out of action from Monday 10th September until Wednesday 17th October 2018. We will issue specific information to each squad and alerts on the website explaining any changes to normal training

3) Training;

Squad category is determined by your child's age on 31 August 2018

Training times for all squads from Sunday 9th September are as follows:-

Group	Day & Time	Location
U6 Boys and Girls	Sunday, 0900 – 10.00	Indoor Sports Hall in The Edge
U7/U8 Boys and Girls	Sunday, 0900 – 10.00	Pitch 1, Woolmer Hill Sports Ground
U9/U10 Boys and Girls	Sunday, 09.00 – 10.30	Pitch 2, Woolmer Hill Sports Ground
U12 Boys	Sunday, 09.00 – 10.30	Pitch 1, Woolmer Hill Sports Ground
U12 Girls	Sunday, 10.30 – 12.00	Pitch 1, Woolmer Hill Sports Ground
U14 Boys	Sunday, 10.30 – 12.00	Pitch 1, Woolmer Hill Sports Ground
U14 Girls	Sunday, 10.30 – 12.00	Pitch 2, Woolmer Hill Sports Ground
U16 Girls *	To Be Advised	
U16 Boys **	Wednesday, 19.00 – 20.00**	Pitch 1, Woolmer Hill Sports Ground
Junior Goalkeepers	Friday, 18.30 – 20.00	Pitch 2, Woolmer Hill Sports Ground
Senior Goalkeepers ***	Every other Monday 19.30 – 21.00	Pitch 1, Woolmer Hill Sports Ground

* U16 Girls will all be invited to train with one of the Adult Ladies squad mid-week either Wednesday or Monday evening. A separate e-mail will be sent out very shortly. There will be some U16 specific squad training prior to some matches, timings to be advised

** U16 Boys will train on Wednesday evenings and are free to join the Mens 3s,4s & 5s training afterwards for a further 30mins to an hour. Some U16 Boys will be invited to train with the Mens 1s and 2s on Thursday night and this will be their priority over the U16s training

*** Some Junior Goalkeepers will be asked to train with the Senior Goalkeepers on every other Monday evening. You will be contacted by the Goalkeeping Coach (Adrian Jenkinson) accordingly.

U12/U14 Boys/Girls additional Friday Sessions from Friday 14th September as follows:

Group	Day & Time	Location
U12 Boys	Friday, 17.30 – 18.45	Pitch 1, Woolmer Hill Sports Ground
U12 Girls	Friday, 17.30 – 18.45	Pitch 1, Woolmer Hill Sports Ground
U14 Girls	Friday, 18.45 – 20.00	Pitch 1, Woolmer Hill Sports Ground
U14 Boys	Friday, 18.45 – 20.00	Pitch 1, Woolmer Hill Sports Ground

4) Junior Subscription Fees;

Please note ALL junior subscriptions for existing members are payable by Sunday 16th September 2018 to ensure your place in a squad. Some squads are very full so do not miss out.

Membership Category	Subscription		Match Fees
	Paid Before 1.10.18	Paid After 30.09.18	
16-17	£105	£115	£5 only if playing in Adult Matches
GK with own kit	£50	£50	£5 only if playing in Adult Matches
Junior (U12-U16)	£135	£145	£5 only if playing in Adult Matches
Minis (U6-U10 inclusive)	£110	£125	None
3rd or subsequent Junior	£15	£20	£5 only if playing in Adult Matches
Occasional Player *	£50	£50	£5 only if playing in Adult Matches

* An Occasional Player is a member of the club who is unable to attend training but would like the opportunity to play in up to 5 matches in the season. (for example a child away at boarding school)

5) Fee Payments;

- During the Summer, we have been busy implementing and trialling our payments gateway to make it easier for you to pay your annual subs.
- So, for the 2018/2019 season we will accept payment by debit or credit card directly on our website. This will be a faster, easier and more secure way of paying.
- We hope to have the payment site available from 9th September, so please come back here for instructions on how to do this.
- We will also send a helpful reminder email so you don't miss the deadline.
- As a result, we will no longer be accepting cheques or BACS payments. We see this as a small price to pay to make our club run more efficiently, allowing us to focus on the things that matter... like playing and coaching hockey

6) Squad Managers & Coaches

Head of Coaching (Neil Francis) and Volunteer Coordinator (Robyn Francis) will e-mail each squad during the next few days with more information on who will be coaching and who are your specific squad managers. Some age groups are still being finalised, so look out for an e-mail.

7) Parent Consent Forms (PCF);

- Existing members - to re-validate your child's PCF, sign onto the website with your parent login, click on yourself (your first name at the top of the page next to the word welcome) , then on the "Dependents" tab in the middle of the page. Click on each individual child then onto 'Parental Consent'. Check and update the form presented when you select 'Parental Consent'. All members are required to click "save" at the bottom of the page, then click "print this form" at the bottom of the page and sign the paper version at the end of the form, and bring it along to

the first hockey session and give to your squad manager. One form is required per each playing child. Please note if you have not completed signed and returned a PCF by 30 September 2018 your child will not be able to play! WE WILL OPERATE ZERO TOLERANCE TO NON PRESENTATION OF A FORM.

- Parents of new members are required to complete a Parental Consent Form for each child playing using the same links once they have access to the website. For further details on the Parental Consent Form see section 'Juniors Pages' (top of website), Parental Consent after you have logged in.

8) Essentials;

- For your child's safety and protection, we are **unable to train, or play in matches**, any young person not **wearing mouth guard and shin pads**. Please make sure these **items are all in place from the first training session**. We do not want to disappoint you or your youngsters by turning people away at the gate on Sundays. We will operate a zero tolerance to necessary paperwork not completed by the deadline above.

So to summarise:

Start date: Sunday 9th September

Bring shin pads and mouthguard (for every training session/match)

Bring PRINTED AND SIGNED Parental Consent Form to your first session

Subscription payment to be made once online payment details have been sent to you in the next few days

And finally, enjoy yourselves! We are looking forward to a really busy, action packed season!