



Junior Hockey Season 2011-12

Dear Junior member/ Parent

We are just a couple of weeks away from the start of another exciting season and all the possibilities it offers. The start date is Sunday 11th September for all groups and it runs each Sunday through to Sunday 11th December, starting again after the Christmas break on the 8th January and running through until the 1st of April.

It will be all go over these Sundays which lots of learning and challenges to face. I sure we will all have great fun and I hope you are all looking forward to it as much as we are.

All training sessions take place on Sunday mornings at the times and venues detailed below. Please note the change of venue for some of the girls.

Age Group	Group Leader	Venue	Coaching Times
Under 8 Mixed	Tommy Hamilton	HSBC	10.15 to 11.45
Under 10 Mixed	Alex Crawford/Ken Hoad	HSBC	10.15 to 11.45
Under 12 Girls	Emma Budgen	HSBC	10.15 to 11.45
Under 14 Girls	Charles Darby	Bromley High	09.00 to 10.30
Under 16 Girls	Andy Willis	Bromley High	10.30 to 12.00
Under 12 Boys	Andy Georgel	Langley Park	09.30 to 11.00
Under 14 Boys	Brendan Kearns	Langley Park	11.00 to 12.30
Under 16 Boys	Neil Goodall	Trinity School	10.00 to 11.30
Under 18 Boys & Girls should train mid-week with the senior club dates to be advised.			
Under 16 boys and girls are also invited to attend senior club training. U18 boys will be involved in Sunday Leagues/Competitions.			

As with every season our aim is to provide coaching for each age group each week irrespective of whether matches are being held, although there may be exceptions. Lead coaches in each group will keep you informed of details of matches and competition in due course.

As well as completing the attached parent consent form, **which must be completed and handed in with your subscription cheques before the start of the first session you attend**, please also read the attached parent involvement note and guiding principles.

Can we ask you to arrive at your first session half an hour early as this will help the coach complete the paperwork, collect subscriptions, deal with membership issues and take the register without infringing on the coaching session.

Last season our juniors continued to thrive with many boys and girls selected to play at regional and county level. The u16 boys won the national plate final last year and the u18 boys reached the indoors and outdoor national finals. Our U16 Girls reached the Mercian

League quarter final Playoff and our U14 Girls represented the London Borough of Bromley in the London Youth Games and finished third. In addition we saw many of the juniors make the transitions to the senior teams on Saturdays.

We have appointed a new Welfare Officer within the Junior Section of the Hockey, Brendan Kearns. Everyone involved in the hockey club has a moral and legal responsibility to safeguard and protect young people – generally known as our duty of care. This duty extends to making sure children are safe in sport and integral to this is that they enjoy it and have fun. The role of the Welfare officer is primarily to promote good practice within the organisation and to be the named first point of contact for young people, parents, coaches and all others within and connected to the club where the welfare of our junior members is concerned. His contact details are on the club web site. Whatever your connection with the club, a junior member, a parent, a player or a coach if you have any concerns about junior members please contact Brendan or in his absence Andy Willis.

As I'm sure you are aware Bromley and Beckenham are one of the most successful and largest junior hockey sections in the South of England. It is completely run on a voluntary basis. Because of the large number of juniors that attend, the number of competitions and leagues we enter, the various sites we use for matches and training we always need helpers and volunteers. I think it is fair to say that most of our volunteers would say that it's hard work but enjoyable and rewarding. If you are interested in helping, coaching or umpiring attached is a separate note on Parental Involvement which details the opportunities and what's involved.

During the season please make sure that your child turns up promptly to coaching sessions and matches with the appropriate protective equipment, in particular gum shields and shin guards. Also they should bring the right clothing to suit weather conditions and a drink.

Club shirts, socks and shorts are all available from Beckenham Cricket specialists. 181a High street Beckenham BR3 1AE. Tele 020 8633 3582/ 020 8658 6284.
www.beckenhamcricketsspec.com

Our aim is for you/ your child to benefit from good coaching, comradeship and enjoyment to reach their personal goal (at whatever level that may be) in playing one of the best team sports, Hockey. We hope that you and your child will continue to join in our enthusiasm for what we believe will continue to be a very bright future for Hockey in our area.

We strongly recommend you add the club site to your favourites
www.bromleyandbeckenhamhc.co.uk We will be looking to use this more and more as the season goes on to update members and parents.

If you have any questions please contact the lead coach of your child age group or Brendan Kearns or Andy Willis. All contact details are on the web site.

We look forward to seeing you all in September and to an exciting 2011-12 hockey season.

Brendan Kearns/Andy Willis
Joint Chair
Bromley and Beckenham Junior Hockey Section.