



### **Membership information – Please read**

As you are aware Bromley and Beckenham Hockey Club is a sports club run by and for the benefit of its members. Our junior section is part of that club and is run by a group of approx 20 dedicated volunteers who are mainly either playing members themselves or parents of junior members.

The clubs aim is and has been to provide high quality resources in a safe environment to help with the development of your child's journey in Hockey. This starts as early as 6 and continues up to U18 level. We hope to help develop their skills over the years to enable them to reach their own individual goals, whatever level that might be.

Ultimately we hope the juniors will participate in being a member of the senior Hockey Club as part of their recreational activities. We have been very successful to date with many of our senior members having progressed through the junior section and many of our juniors achieving representative honours at County, Regional and National level.

We also have and can assist and encourage our older juniors who have an interest in sports coaching or umpiring to take leadership awards and/or coaching courses and provide them with the opportunity to coach younger children in either borough junior schools and/or the club as part of either school GCSE or A level course work and/or the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Hockey is both a team and social sport and we believe this will help develop social skills through their involvement in the junior and hopefully senior sections of the club. Membership is not merely about player participation, and spectators, social members and helpers are needed and always encouraged to participate in the clubs activities.

### **Parental Involvement**

We need your help. As an amateur sport we are short of all typical resources, namely helpers and finance. We appreciate there are parents who stay and watch the coaching sessions and matches. We would however like to encourage more to do so and also encourage you to assist us to run the junior section. We need more coaches, more coaching assistants/helpers, umpires, more admin assistance and more finance.

Organising and running all of this takes time and money, which is where we need your assistance. We would welcome help or assistance in any of the following areas:-

- Coaching – either as helper to existing coaches or if qualified, to act as a coach within an organised group. Demand on your time is minimal, generally limited to Sunday morning

training sessions or management of a team at one of the matches or tournaments. For those interested, we can assist with training to become a qualified coach.

- Umpiring - Anyone with knowledge of playing hockey could assist us by acting as a match umpire particularly in the younger groups. Again for those interested, we can assist with training to become a qualified umpire.
- Admin helpers – assisting coaches run their groups or helping with the general running of the junior section. Roles could involve simply taking the register before sessions. It would be of great assistance if we could have a volunteer for each age group to undertake this role as it would release the coaches to concentrate on setting up the sessions.
- Fund Raisers – We need to raise funds to purchase expensive equipment and coaching aids for example Goalkeeping equipment and progress the clubs development ideas and projects. If you have ideas for fund raising or can run an event or can sponsor or know a potential sponsor.

The majority of the subscription costs at present are required just to cover the cost of Astro pitch hire. Regrettably the cost of hiring these pitches increases every year. On top of this we have to purchase equipment, pay for coach training/qualification and everything else required to run the section. There is so much more that we want to do to improve the overall experience of both the current junior membership and those of the future, but we need your help to do this.

Our club is a community and we welcome you to become more involved in our activities.

If you can help in any way please contact either your group leader or Brendan Kearns 07872 828721 or [brendan.kearns@btinternet.com](mailto:brendan.kearns@btinternet.com) or Andy Willis 07920 825520 or [aawillis@btinternet.com](mailto:aawillis@btinternet.com)