



TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOCKEY CLUB

Founded 1898



21st August 2016

Dear Junior Member,

2016/17 SEASON

Welcome to the 2016/17 season, inspired by GB team Olympic Gold! We are looking forward to another really successful year. Outlined in this letter are the details for the coming season. Please make contact if you have any queries not covered below.

You should have received and returned a pre-printed membership form – if you have not received it (and it is not hiding in spam!) please contact Alec and we will resend.

Training, Coaching groups and times –

- Training will almost all be on Sunday mornings at Tonbridge School, although there will be the occasional session at Hawkenbury (during September one of the older groups will generally be training at Hawkenbury).
- Groups may be combined for training sessions depending on numbers and pitch allocations. All Under 12 groups will generally train at 9.30 at Tonbridge each week – older groups are more likely to be subject to variation.
- Goalie academy in the cage 10.45 - 12pm with Scott Crawford, Lauren Levine and Lucy Whitehead - please bring your club kit if you have it
- Watch the [junior teamsheet](#) each week and the website for details of training times which vary regularly.

First sessions - These details may be subject to change – so please confirm on the junior section of the website. The **first day of Sunday training for older groups will be 4th September.**

Because of restricted pitch availability training on 4th September will be at **HAWKENBURY**:

- Boys U11/12/13/14 from 9.00am to 10.15am
- Girls U13 and U14 from 10.15am to 11.30am
- Girls and Boys U15 and U16 from 11.30am to 1.00pm
- **No training for U10/11/12 Girls, U10/9 Boys U8/7/6 mixed on 4th Sept – and goalies should go with their groups.**
- Check the website for detailed timings.

Full training on all pitches including all U10s and younger will start on Sunday 11th September.

Please - Be prompt, arrive ten minutes before your session is due to start ...but do not go onto the pitch until your session starts. Bring mouthguards and shinpads and something to drink. Sticks may be borrowed. Please wear appropriate clothing especially in cold weather – if you need to keep warm, wear an undershirt (or two) under your red TWHC shirt and a sweatshirt over (not a bulky coat)! Gloves and hats are fine in the winter.

Parental consent forms **must** be completed before you can participate and can be found on the website.

Principal Junior Coaches and contacts:

Junior Coordinators	Louise Bateman	07881 535047 louby.b.68@hotmail.co.uk
	Alec Pelmore	07785 714239 alecpelmore@btinternet.com
Welfare Officer	Saeed Malik	07880 727121 saeed@idealpoint.co.uk

Coaching groups are on the basis of age at 1st September 2016.

- U16 Girls lead: Andy Whittaker
- U16/15 Boys lead: James Beck
- U15 Girls lead: Julian Barnaby
- U14 Girls lead: Vince Holden
- U14/13 Boys lead: David Judge
- U13 Girls lead: Dan Macro
- U12 Girls lead: Jeremy Giles
- U12/11 Boys lead: David Judge
- U11 Girls lead: Lou Bateman
- U10 Girls lead: Ben Holder
- U10 Boys lead: Scott Crawford
- U8/7/6 mixed lead: Martin Rohan

Young Coaches – as in previous years, we encourage our older juniors to come along and help coach younger groups; many have done it as part of their Duke of Edinburgh service. We are also offering discounts on subs for those U17/18s who do regular junior coaching.

Coaching and team managing help - We rely to a large extent on parents, both playing club members and non-playing helpers and, as the junior section has expanded, we need ever more help with admin, kit sales, coaching and umpiring. It does not have to be a 24/7 commitment and we would be very grateful if parents could offer any tangible support. Please contact Alec or Lou if you can offer any help, however modest. There is a box on the membership form where you can offer help!

Half term and Christmas

Subject to confirmation, there may be limited training on 16th, 23rd and 30th October. There will be no training on 25th December and 1st January and limited training on 18th December.

Matches - We have entered teams in the U14 and U16 girls and boys Kent leagues and in the EH Cup. U12 and U10 groups will play regular friendlies against other Kent clubs. The website will have an updated [fixture programme](#) – please put these dates in your diary when they are posted and keep them free. We try to fix match squads at least two weeks ahead; you should be emailed by your coaches for availability; please reply promptly to requests for availability. Team lists will be posted on the website on the junior teamsheet.

Senior Hockey – We run development sides at senior level which welcome junior players. Those over 13 are welcome to attend midweek training and play in senior matches on Saturdays subject to selection – see website for details and contact the relevant Chair of Selection. Be aware however, that senior selectors are looking for regular commitment and find it difficult to slot juniors into teams on an occasional basis. Note that we regard U18 players as part of the senior section of the club. They are expected to play with the seniors if possible and attend senior trials; training should be done with the seniors during mid-week sessions.

Kit – There is an [order form](#) on the website for ordering club shirts, hoodies and socks. If you return the form in August, your kit will be ready for the first session. We are hoping to run a second hand kit facility – contact Nicola Nicholson (01892 850069) or bring any kit along to the first session.

Sponsorship – We are offering advertising opportunities on our heavily visited website. Could any parents contact **James Barber**: james.barber@hjrecruitment.com if they can help, or if they know somebody who could take up advertising/sponsorship at very modest rates.

Back to Hockey – To all parents – did you play hockey at school? How about taking it up again? We are looking to recruit new senior members, especially those returning after a break from the game. Please contact the Men or Ladies Club Captains: Francis Bridgeman: francisbridgeman@msn.com and Jen Hunt: jenhunt2010@gmail.com

Child Protection - The Club's Welfare Officer is Saeed Malik. Our policies and procedures are available on the website www.twhc.co.uk. If you have any queries or issues about any children or coaches, you should not hesitate to contact either Lou Bateman, Saeed Malik or Alec Pelmore who will treat any approaches in confidence.

We are looking forward to another great season

Yours sincerely,

Lou Bateman and Alec Pelmore – Junior Coordinators

PS: ALL PARENTAL CONSENT FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:-

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