



DRIFFIELD HOCKEY CLUB



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER 2009/2010

Welcome to season 2009/2010 at Driffield Hockey Club. We have slightly changed our procedure this year to try and make the club run more smoothly. You should have received this newsletter by email or failing that by post during the week prior to the start of the season, which is during the **week of 7th September**.

We have had to slightly change the times for some sessions and therefore the Seasons dates are as follows:

Autumn Term	7/9/10 Sept	to	14/16/17 Dec	(Not 26/28/29 Oct)
Spring Term	4/7/8 Jan	to	29/31 Mar/1 Apr	(Not 15/17/18 Feb)

Mixed Years 4 & 5	=	Monday's	6pm - 7pm
Boys Years 6 & 7	=	Monday's	6pm - 7pm
Girls Years 8 & 9	=	Monday's	7pm - 8pm

Boys Years 8 & 9	=	Wednesday's	6pm - 7pm
Boys Years 10 & 11	=	Wednesday's	7pm - 8pm

Girls Years 6 & 7	=	Thursday's	6pm - 7pm
Girls Years 10 & 11	=	Thursday's	7pm - 8pm

Payment is expected (to your coach, Fiona or Henri) during the first week of the season together with the completed membership form, (back dated cheques to Nov 1st are accepted). The player will be unable to play after this date as they would not be insured. This season payment of £54 (*raised to allow for dental and optical insurance*) is expected in full for the whole season and includes everything (training fees, pitch hire, match fees, league entries, subs and insurance) into one payment, no further costs will be expected. Payment is **only** by cheque, no cash please (with your child's name on the back) payable to Driffield Hockey Club (DHC). If any player has difficulty paying this amount in one single payment, please ring Henri (01262 420749) to arrange an alternative.

EMAIL

Most of you should have received this newsletter via email, please can you inform me (henri@buckrosefarm.freeserve.co.uk) if you have received this in the post or your email address changes. All correspondence will be transmitted by email from now on and if I don't have your email address, you could miss vital information.

MONTHLY WEEKEND LEAGUE GAMES

This year we have entered one team in every age group and in Under 14 girls and both Under 12's we have entered 2, due to numbers. You can find all the dates for the coming season further in this newsletter or on our web site, please put your child's dates on your calendar and be aware that transport will be needed to get your children to matches. **U10's must either travel with a parent or an adult that is known to the child that is willing to take responsibility for that child on the day.** Yorkshire Youth League results can be found through a link on our web site.



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Driffield Hockey Club has been re-assessed for their England Hockey Club Accreditation mark, over the summer and is pleased to have been accredited again for a further 3 years. This means we are a club which has passed all aspects of child safety, first aid, CRB checks etc and are covered by all necessary qualifications.

WHAT WE EXPECT AT TRAINING SESSIONS

Despite the relatively few accidents we have experienced we are insisting the players, whether at training or matches, wear shin pads and gum shields. This is for their own protection and your peace of mind, and players will not be able to train/play if they turn up without either. Players must not warm up on the pitch until the session before has finished nor must they practise in the goal near the dug-out on the left hand side of the pitch at any time (Health and Safety). Also it is important to stay on the astro turf once the session has started as we are responsible for you during that hour. We need you to look after the equipment supplied to you from the Club, when the weather is bad make sure keeper kits, bibs, and sticks are put back in their bags and zipped up. Keepers please keep the kit at home where it is safe and dry and inform us if it is in need of repair or replacement.

HOCKEY RULES OK!! BOOKLETS

These are available for sale from Henri/Fiona, priced at £3.00 for the complete set of 3. They are basic teaching booklets about the rules of hockey, with fun cartoons and questions to be answered. When each booklet is completed, hand it back to your coach for marking, upon completing all three a certificate is awarded at the Presentation Evening at the end of the season.

PHOTOGRAPHS

We are very lucky to have at Driffield Hockey Club Steve Gate who is an accomplished photographer who produces fabulous action shots of hockey players. If you would like him to take some photographs of your child at training or (if he is willing) at Sunday matches, please contact him on 07702 078716 or swjgate@tiscali.co.uk. There will be a charge for the printing of photo's that you order.

DRIFFIELD HOCKEY CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Jackets, Hooded Tops, Shirts and playing equipment can be purchased. Please order from Henri Bristowe, 01262 420749 or henri@buckrosefarm.freereserve.co.uk

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

As most of you should be aware we were 100 years old in 2009, ALL juniors from last season have been given a free t-shirt to mark this occasion, if you have missed collection of your shirt please see Henri. Centenary Mugs are also available for purchase for £5.

Training and matches will **ONLY** be **CANCELLED** for snow, extreme frost, flooding or fog. If in doubt please contact the **Sports Centre 01377 257480** for training and your Sunday organiser for matches. Do not just drop your children off and assume training is taking place; there are times when other factors lead to the session being cancelled.

Anyone willing to help our club, be it umpiring, coaching or for Sunday Matches please contact Fiona on 01377 252926.

For any 'up to date' information please visit our website which shows team reports, photo's, question and answer forum, this newsletter! etc. www.driffieldhockeyclub.org.uk