

ACADEMY NEWS



Welcome to the March edition of our newsletter. It has been a very busy couple of months on and off the field. We hope you will take the time to catch up on recent events and fill your diaries with up-and-coming events at the club.

Dates for your diary



Sunday 21st March

There will be no Academy training; this is due to the annual Timperley men's veterans' tournament which is held to raise club funds.

Easter Sunday, 4th April

No training.

Sunday 25th April

Annual Academy Presentation Day (Details below)

Sunday 25th April

Last training session of the season for the Under 7's group who train with Ruth Brown. Training continues for all other age groups.

Sunday 11th July

Last training session of the season.

Sunday 5th and 12th September

Training re-starts with registration days.

Presentation Day

We would like to invite all academy players, parents and coaches to join us for this annual event to celebrate and recognise the progress made during the season by our teams and individual players. Our annual awards will be made from the Under 7 age group up to U16 level and of course, coach of the year and team of the year will be presented!

Following the success of the format used for parents v kids games at Christmas, we will be running a similar format before the presentations.

Players and parents should meet at the club at 10.30am on 25th April so that we can sort out teams and give the parents a warm up and quick practice on the basic skills and rules. We will play a number of short games between 11.00 and 12 noon. For any players not wishing to play in the matches the coaches will arrange a training session.

Parents should wear trainers and something comfortable - shin pads are advised and sticks will be provided for those who need them.

At 12 noon please join us in the club function room when the presentations will be made. The Academy will be laying on a light buffet for players and parents so feel free to get a drink in and enjoy the event which is always popular.

Please return any perpetual trophies from last year's awards to Pippa as soon as possible. Individual trophies should be kept!

Kit, ball and stick amnesty

This is also a great chance to return any Timperley kit or balls or to donate any old sticks from your garage.



EH Under 14 Regional Play off Day

Timperley is hosting the above event and our Boys U14 team will be competing for a place in national finals of this national competition. Training will go ahead as normal on one pitch with the U14's on the other. The aim is give the younger teams the chance to watch some of the matches during training to support our boys as well as to learn a bit more about match situations and the rules. Support will be welcome for the U14 games which continue into the afternoon. The boys are playing at 11.30 v Southport and 1.30 v Ben Rhydding and if successful, will play in the final at 16.50 against the winner of the other group (Bolton, Bowdon or Huddersfield)

To help raise some club funds we will also be running a cake sale on the day. Please contact Sarah Marsh: mstevenmarsh@btinternet.com if you are able to help run the stall on the day or donate some home made cakes.

Timperley Sports Club membership

Just a reminder if your child has paid the £40 junior membership to the club for hockey that they do not have to pay this sum again if they also play junior cricket at Timperley. They will just have to pay the cricket section fees. Cricket runs a thriving academy at the club so look out on the cricket notice board for details of their training sessions.

Website and email addresses

A reminder that you can find newsletters, match reports and photos on our website:

www.timperleyhockeyclub.com.

If you have photos which could be uploaded or you are a roving reporter for one of the teams, please contact Chris Heywood, who will upload photos or reports for you.

There is also a wealth of information on the England hockey website: www.englandhockey.co.uk

Could parents also keep us updated on email addresses and contact details? Any changes to:

jbarker1@ntlworld.com or ruth.brown@tiscali.co.uk

Remember to mention your child's name and playing age in the details.

Volunteers

We are looking for new volunteers to help support the running of the academy. We work on the principle of many hands make light work so we have a range of specific roles which means that parents volunteering don't need to commit too much time, especially if we split the jobs.

We have a monthly meeting that lasts about an hour and would really welcome new ideas and new volunteers to join us. If interested please email Shelagh Entwisle on: entwisle.everett@btinternet.com

We would be keen to get some more social activities going (for players and families) and it would be great to get a couple of parent volunteers to co-ordinate these for the younger age groups (up to year 6) and the older age groups (year 7 and above) with an additional option of whole academy events. It would be helpful if a couple of parents could take this on and try a few ideas out during the spring or summer, prior to the last training session on 11th July.

There are a range of administration related areas where we need help, including Sunday morning registration, equipment store, match reports, so do please come along and offer help or ideas.



Parent Assistant managers for 2010/11 season

We also need to identify a number of parent assistant managers for each age group to help plan how we do things next season. These roles are vital to help the coaches on match days and also to help with match availability by emailing and co-ordinating transport etc.

The coaches will pick up the hockey / coaching side of things but without this type of help it is very difficult to ensure we can fulfil our fixtures home and away

Next season we will move to the new England Hockey age groups and will be looking for parent assistant managers for the following ages groups:

- Under 10 (mixed)
- Under 12 (mixed)
- Under 14 (boys)
- Under 14 (girls)
- Under 14 Beavers (mixed - Saturday fixtures)
- Under 16 (boys)
- Under 16 (girls)
- Under 16 Badgers (Mixed - Saturday fixtures)
- U18 boys and girls depending on numbers

If you are interested, please talk to any of the coaches or Shelagh Entwisle.

Volunteer Courses

There are also a number of courses available which the academy will fund for any coaches, parents or older academy players wishing to attend if they volunteer to help with the operation of the academy. Most courses are run in an evening for a few hours or at a weekend. If you are interested please contact Shelagh Entwisle for more information:

Options include:

- Safeguarding and protecting children
- Coaching children in sport
- Equity in your coaching
- Level 1 umpiring
- First Aid
- Coaching and the law

A Hockey umpires course has been arranged at the club on 27th June for those aged 16 and over. The academy will fund the course fee for those volunteering to help with umpiring junior fixtures !

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Feedback your ideas

The committee and coaches hold a couple of review sessions in May / June to plan for the forthcoming season. Any ideas or feedback from parents and players would be most welcome so that we can build these into our plans. We are always looking to improve on the way we do things. Feedback would be most welcome on the following:

- Splitting the registration days by age groups at the beginning of the season
- The web site and what we could add to it
- The mini tournaments at Timperley held at 9.30am on a Sunday
- The inclusion of the carousel based training sessions
- Social events / ideas
- Parents v kids games
- Training format (Sunday and mid week)
- Newsletters

Match reports

Since our last newsletter the under 16 girls' team have played two important games in the England Hockey national plate competition. On Valentine's Day they entertained the current national under 16 indoor champions, Northampton Lions. The girls dominated the match from the start and, having gone 1-0 up after three minutes, they pressurised for almost the entire match but we not able to put the ball in the back of the net. So, a 1-0 victory it was, and on to the quarter finals where a trip to the seaside awaited vs. Lytham St Annes under 16 girls.



Under 16's Girls

On 7 March a nervous but excited group of girls travelled to sunny Lytham. As the game began, it soon became apparent that this was going to be a big ask. Lytham are the current cup holders and showed supreme speed and skill right from the outset. Despite battling hard and chasing every ball, Timperley were no match for such a well organised side and lost the game 9-0. The girls were magnanimous in defeat and showed a tremendous team spirit throughout all of the rounds. They have done so well to reach the last eight of a national competition and should be commended on their efforts. Thanks go to the two coaches, Becky Horan and Neil Stanford for all their efforts as well as the various bands of supporters who travelled to far flung corners of Britain to support the team.