



ACADEMY NEWS



Welcome to the 2010-2011 season to players new and old.

We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and that you are raring to go !

Registration days and Sunday Training

Because of the large number of juniors involved with the club, registration and an introduction to the season ahead for parents, will take place over 2 weeks.

Sunday 5th September (11.00am) – for all players year 7 and above registration, welcome session followed by first training

Sunday 12th September (11.00am) – for all players year 6 and below registration, welcome session followed by first training session.

Year 7 and above will have training as normal. Please try and arrive for training by 10.45am to sign in. You may, of course register siblings of different ages on the same day but there will be no training for under 11s until 12th September!

All players must be ticked off on the register, as normal, before entering the pitches to commence training on these two dates and all subsequent weeks. Training will finish at the normal time – 12.30pm.

On both dates there will be a short welcome and introduction to the coaches. Players will then go out onto the pitches for training with their coach.

From 11.15 am we will be giving an overview of the coming season for parents, a reminder of key aspects of how we operate and how parents and players can support making things run as smoothly as possible.

We'll be running this session based on a number of tables set up (similar to a school fair) to cover each aspect of the academy, these will include:

- Registration, membership and parental consent forms, medical information and contact details
- Subscriptions (collecting money and answering queries – payment can be taken by cheque or cash – details for 2010 / 11 are set out below)
- Kit and merchandising
- How the badgers and beavers teams operate
- General queries and questions including more information for parents new to Timperley Hockey Academy, Sunday morning signing in etc

Sunday 19th September onwards will be normal training for all age groups. Training runs from 11.00am – 12.30pm and to enable us to commence promptly players should arrive to sign in by 10.50am and be ready on the pitch by 11.00am.

We will also be available for the first few weeks to answer any queries, complete and complete registration details, order kit and pay subscriptions.

New members / taster sessions

If you know of anyone interested in trying hockey (of any age !) for the first time or rekindling playing please tell them about our set up at Timperley. The minimum age is 5, and a parent / adult must stay on site for the duration of the training session for players aged 5 – 7.

Unlike many junior activities and clubs we don't expect new players to pay a full membership up front without testing out whether the young player is enjoying the sessions. We normally operate a system of 2 free taster sessions to give young players and parents the chance to try us and hockey out. Players must complete a consent form to take part in the taster sessions, and if they wish to continue we sort out subscriptions when attending for the third session.

Our senior sections are also very welcoming to any prospective players! They run many teams to accommodate all standards so if interested please speak to one of the coaches or the academy committee.

Subscriptions

Please read the details below regarding membership and subscriptions

1. Overall fees

The 2010/11 overall cost of membership is £80 in total. This comprises £45 Timperley Sports Club membership fee and £35 contribution to Academy training fees. The club fee has increased by £5 this year however we have kept the overall fee the same as 2009/2010 to reflect the overall financial climate.

To support families with more than one child there is a reduction of £5 in Academy fee for each sibling. For example: total fees payable for two children is £155; for three children £45 per child and combined total Academy fee of £90 etc.

For Under 7s, that is children in school years 1 and 2, payment of £2 per week payable throughout the season, irrespective of the number of sessions attended or an up-front payment at registration of £35 per child (and a reduction of £5 per sibling etc, as above). Under 7s are not required to pay the Club membership fee of £45.

2. Membership of Timperley Sports Club

All Academy members are required to join Timperley Sports Club, irrespective of when during the season they join the Academy. (The only exception is for Under 7s, as set out above).

This element of the fee goes towards running the club, maintaining and improving the clubhouse and the playing facilities. We are a voluntary community sports club run by our members. Parents are encouraged to join the club as social members.

If Academy members are also members of the Cricket section and have already paid their Club membership to the Cricket section earlier this summer, then these members need only pay the Academy training fees.

All hockey players under the age of 18 as at 1 October 2010 are required to be registered with the Academy in order to comply with the provisions of the Clubmark/Child protection policies adopted by the Club and to pay the Club membership of £45 and the relevant training fees.

Hockey players who are over 18 at the 1 October 2010 pay Club membership of either £65 (student rate) or £125 (full senior rate) as appropriate.

3. Payment of fees

All fees are payable on the registration dates of 5th and 12th September. All outstanding payments must be paid by Sunday 10th October and selection for teams will include ensuring membership fees have been paid.

Any queries about subscriptions, fees and payments can be discussed with Dave Clift or committee members at the registration days or on Sunday mornings at registration.

New Coaching Co-ordinator and coaches

We are delighted to welcome James Clarke, an England Hockey Level 2 coach, as our new coaching co-ordinator who will be taking over from Matt Oakley. James joins us from Triton hockey club where he did a similar role and is looking forward to meeting parents and players at registration days and working across all age groups to further develop our coaching programme for young players.

We also welcome a number of other new coaches this season: Gill O'Hare, James McCall and Ed Stropek and later in September we will also be joined by an Australian player who will be playing for the men's section and coaching with the academy and ladies section. We will also be introducing more regular Goalkeeping training sessions on a Sunday this season.

Coaching groups / managers etc will be confirmed at the registration sessions.

Mid Week Training

For older players mid week training will take place at the club on the astro as follows:

Tuesday 7.00 - 8.00pm Under 16 (boys and girls)
- commencing 7th September

Wednesday 7.00pm - 8.00pm Under 14 (boys and girls)
- commencing 8th September

We are finalising the coaching rota and format to be used; the sessions will focus on core skills development, team play development and opportunities to practise for specific teams in preparation for competitions and fixtures.

James Clarke will be co-ordinating mid week training and working with a number of coaches. From late September Ed Stropek will be working with the U16 group and the Australian Player/ Coach with the U 14 group, both will be supported by other coaches from our core team.

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Saturday Fixtures (Badgers and Beavers)

We continue to have a full Saturday fixture list for the beavers (Under 14 - years 7, 8 and 9) and for the Badgers (under 16 - years 9, 10, 11) - both teams will be mixed as in previous years. These games are played on a full pitch and 11 a side. Coaches will be in contact with players and parents at the beginning of the season about these teams / fixtures. The first games will be on Saturday 11th September.

Steve Davies and Jez Caldwell will continue to manage the Badgers and Matt Curnow, the Beavers.

Sunday Fixtures

We will also continue to run mini tournaments at the club on Sunday mornings for our younger age groups, and we are entering the Under 11 and Under 13 Greater Manchester Junior Hockey League (Belle Vue) with boys and girls teams for both age groups. We have also entered the England Hockey Knock Out Competitions along with other fixtures for the older ages groups as required. Full details will be available at registration and on the website.

Age groups criteria continue to vary according to the competition format and we will be covering arrangements for the coming season in terms of coaching groups and teams at the registration days in the updated Players and Parents Handbook.

To run such a full programme we continue to need support of parents to help organise and support team managers / coaches and with transport - without this help and support it would not be possible to run as many teams or fixtures so if you would like to get involved and help please let us know at registration.

Kit

For reasons of personal safety it is important that all players have the correct kit and equipment. Whilst we are able to provide sticks for players new to the sport all players must wear shin pads, suitable footwear, and once playing or training on a regular basis it is recommended that gum shields are worn by all players. We will provide more information on kit at the registration days, along with the order form and there will be details about appropriate kit for older players playing on a more regular basis.

Customised gum shields

We are grateful to Claire Hornby from the Ladies section, and the dental practice she works at, for providing the convenience of having a customised gum shield fitted at the Club. Claire will be taking orders (payment in advance) and casts on Sunday 26th September in the clubhouse and gum shields will be available for collection on Sunday 3rd October. Prices are considerably cheaper than charged by many dentists (ranging from £35 - 50)

- Single colour £25
- Up to 3 stripes £27
- More than 3 stripes £29
- Names can be added for an additional £ 5 fee.

Website

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

Volunteers

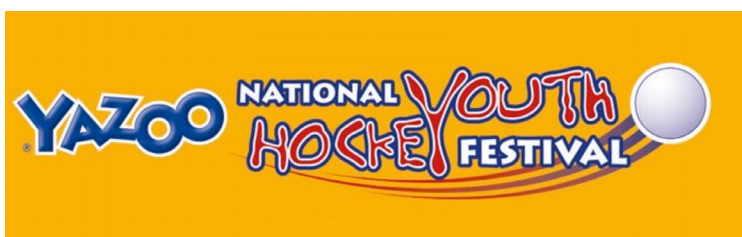
To speed up completing the Sunday morning register we are looking to improve how we do things and are seeking 2 - 4 volunteers to join Pippa Ravenscroft to enable us to split registration to get the players through more quickly. We also hope to be able to answer parents' queries in a more efficient manner. If we can set a rota up this will help and it really only involves being at the club from 10.45 until 11.15 on a Sunday and usually involves a well earned coffee afterwards!! Please let Pippa know at the registration days if you would be able to help.

We would like to start to introduce some more social events to the academy and would welcome any parents who would be interested in setting up a couple of small groups to generate ideas and run a couple of events a season. Initial thoughts are for some social events for the younger age groups (year 6 and below) and for the older age groups (year 7 and above) and potentially a whole section event towards the end of the season. If interested please let one of the committee know.

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Ten U9's Go Mad in Nottingham

A squad of 10 U9's had another enjoyable and constructive day at the Yazoo National Youth Hockey Festival in Nottingham on 15th May. The first 2 games were lost against very strong and organised opposition but the team learned a lot about the importance of staying in position and playing as a team. The next 2 matches were 0-0 draws though they played much better and had several chances to score. The last game was lost 1-0 to a break away goal and the phrase "we were robbed" just about summed it up. Off the pitch there were lots of fun things to do and the team had a thoroughly great day, including getting their shirts signed by members of the Great Britain hockey team. The team didn't go away empty handed though as they won the prize for the best banner for the third year running!



Well done to everyone who took part and many thanks to coach Sophie Robinson and all the parents and young helpers for organising a great day out.



Squad: Kathryn, Hannah Smith, Taryn, Elizabeth, Jaya, Olivia, Millie, Alex, Tara and Rachel.