



Droitwich Spa Hockey Club

Junior News - Sept 11



Dear Junior Club Member (and [Parents/Guardians](#)),

Well the new season is nearly here. Hopefully you have managed to catch some of the European Championships on the "red button" and are keen to practice some new skills! Anyway as usual the following pages contain all the key information you need for the coming season, including some exciting opportunities to meet and see some International Hockey players.....



Open Day

This season the club is running an event on **Saturday 3rd September**. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will be joined by England and Great Britain Goalkeeper **James Fair** fresh from the European Championships (hopefully with a medal!). Junior events take place from 12noon - 2pm, to include a range of skills circuits, a hockey obstacle course and some 5-a-side games. The whole event continues with a 6-a-side tournament for the Club (we have entered a Badgers team!). There will be hot dogs on sale and the opportunity to have your photo taken with, & signed by James. Please come along and support us for as little or as long as you like. Also please tell any of you friends who might like to try the game - equipment can be provided.

[Parents](#) - if you've either played Hockey before or just fancy a quick go bring your trainers down there will be an opportunity for you to show your son/daughter how it's done!! If you enjoy it then please let us know we're really keen to get some new members in the adult section - event if you can only play the occasional game.

Training

Training provides the main focus for the Junior section and will take place again this season on **Wednesday evenings from 6.30 - 7.30pm** on the **Salwarpe Valley Astro turf pitch** (behind the Droitwich Leisure Centre [WR9 0AA](#)). Training dates for this season are;

Wednesday 7th September - Wednesday 7th December 2011

Wednesday 18th January - Wednesday 4th April 2012

Please ensure you arrive in plenty of time (club is open from 6.15pm) and you **MUST** remember to register by ticking your name on the list in the club house.

[Parents](#) - please ensure you collect your child up from the clubhouse at the end of the training session. The clubhouse is open with tea/coffee/TV facilities for anyone who wishes to stay.

Competitions

In addition to training the club aims to provide competitive hockey opportunities for all. For **U11 & U13's** this will be again via the **Worcestershire Clubs Friendly League**, with round robin tournaments once a month through the season. It planned to organise a few games for **U9's** this season with Worcester HC and we will again be running a Saturday **Badgers** side again for **U16's**. Comprising adults and juniors (both Girls & Boys), this form of hockey provides a great stepping stone between junior and senior hockey.....more later.





Subscriptions and Match Fees

Unfortunately following a difficult financial season for the Club in 2010-11 it has been necessary to increase subscriptions and match fees for all membership categories for this coming season. The annual membership is now **£30** for all U16 members. Match fees are **£4.00** for Juniors playing in full Seniors or Badgers games or **£2.50** for Mini-Hockey (U9, U11 & U13) matches.

Parents - hopefully you will still agree that this is good value for money at a little just over £1 per week!. As always please help us by getting your child's fee and forms as soon as possible.

Badgers

As noted we will be running a Badgers team again this season, competing in the re-organised Southern Conference with an increased number of teams, so some new places to visit!

The team completed another successful seasons last year, winning 4 and drawing 7 of the 19 matches played. Top scorer was Bradley King with 10 goals, closely followed by Oliver Dunn with 9 goals. Once again there were many new and faces in the team, so the presence of experienced players was important to maintain the standard. One of those was "Player of the Season" **Tom Brockett** who for the 2nd season in a row played in every game. Tom and a number of other players will be moving on to senior hockey this season so we will be looking to the next group of players to fill their "astros". All will be explained at Training, otherwise speak to **Simon Blackmore** who will be co-ordinating he team again this year.



Parents - Whilst we can provide some transportation to away games we do need the assistance of parents. We try to ensure the same people don't do all the ferrying and we can cover the cost of petrol. Please help by offering for one or two away games. Thanks.



Olympic Tickets!

Didn't get an Olympic ticket? Well "fear not" you have another chance! DSHC have received an allocation of 30 tickets for one of the qualifying days (date to be confirmed). We will be holding a draw for allocation of tickets from those who have their memberships paid in by 30th September. It is planned to organise a coach for the day. Not all the details have been finalised yet including final expected cost (£15 per ticket + travel) but we will ensure everyone knows at the start of the season.

Contacts

As always we are always keen to hear from anyone about any issue concerning the Junior section of the club. A few contact numbers for you below:

<u>Role</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Contact Number</u>
Junior Development Manager	Simon Blackmore	07847 323226
Junior Welfare Officer	Janet Taylor	01905 841360
Coaches - U11	Janet Taylor	As above
U13	Kevin Pugh / Matt Mason	07793 634688 / 07813 331013
U16	Simon Blackmore / Barry Williams	As above / 07999 402492
Badgers Co-ordinator	Simon Blackmore	07847 323226

Wishing you all an enjoyable and successful season,

DSHC Junior Coaching Team

For information about Club Events visit: www.dshc.org.uk