



18th July 2008

Dear Young Hockey Player,

I would like to welcome you on behalf of West Bridgford-Monarchs Hockey Club to the 2008/2009 hockey season and what we hope will be another successful season of hockey. With this letter you will find all the information that you need to know ready for the start of the season!

Training

I am continuing to lead the junior coaching this season and will have a number of other coaches helping me. The first session is on 10th September and the cost of the hourly training sessions remains at £1. The usual regular activities organised by the club are outlined below, which we have divided into several 'development programmes' as follows:

- Under 14 Junior Hockey
Junior training Wednesday night 7.00 until 8.00 (dedicated session)
Junior matches on Sunday mornings approximately every 4 weeks
- Under 15/Optional participation in Senior Hockey
Junior training Wednesday night 7.00 until 8.00 (dedicated session)
Under 15 League on Wednesday nights approximately every 4 weeks
Join senior training from 8.00 – 9.00 (optional)
- Full participation in senior hockey
Join senior team training from 7.30-9.00
Full senior league programme on Saturdays

For participation in training and matches we require formal consent from a parent/guardian using the enclosed form. Please bring the completed consent form along with you to the first training session along with the relevant subscription fee. Additionally, whilst we always endeavour to keep you informed of changes to the schedule due to weather or other activities, it's always best to ring myself (home: 01949 875327 or mobile no: 07747 691 411) if you are in any doubt.

Clubmark Award

We are still working towards the Sport England Clubmark Award. This national award sets minimum criteria for the club and once achieved gives West Bridgford Monarchs HC the recognition of being a quality hockey club and ones that promotes a high standard of coaching alongside being a safe, effective junior-friendly club. Our final assessment is planned for November 2008. All our club policies are available to download from the website www.wbhockey.co.uk eg. codes of conduct and we would urge you to familiarise yourself with them.

We are also in the process of updating our contact details so if you no longer wish to be on our contact list or have changed contact details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Pitch Sponsorship

We are pleased to report that the West Bridgford School Governors have agreed to refurbish and extend the astro pitch with work projected to start May 2009 in time for next season. The School will pay for the new (possibly upgraded sand-dressed) carpet whilst the Club has agreed to fund the extension works to lengthen the pitch, which together with proposals to install dug-outs this summer will cost the Club circa £60,000. The Club has some existing funds (been conditionally awarded £24,000 from the National Hockey Foundation) and has also applied for a couple of other small grants, but this still leaves in the region of £20,000 to raise. If you are interested in supporting the fund raising activities please see the website for more information but you could really help for as little as £25.

Finally, I wish you every enjoyment and success for the 08/09 season with the club. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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