



UWA Hockey Club – Junior Division

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All teams play every weekend till 11/13 September.

J5/6 grade finish at this time and the remainder of junior grades play one weekend finals – 18/20 September. (1 v 2, 3 v 4, 5 v 6 & 7 v 8)

Junior Windup J5-12 – Wednesday 23 September.

Hi junior players and parents,

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CLUB

All our teams are going well with a positive spirit throughout. Several of the A teams are struggling to win games but the A Res and B teams are more than making up for this with some great results.

There have been a number of emails recently regarding the great coaching efforts from some of our young senior coaches. Thanks to the parents who have emailed. It is appreciated.

Our J1/2 and J3/4 groups are winding up their season shortly. They have an opportunity to play a short game at half time in the women's first division game on Sunday 13 September. Face painting and a free sausage sizzle for those who attend.

Some of our younger boys and girls had the opportunity to get close to our first division men and women on Saturday 22 August watching from adjacent to the bench and getting to chat with our Australian/AIS representatives.

Our first division women's coach Fi Ryan has been active with a couple of our junior teams providing advice on staying mentally fit and alert during the game.

Thanks to Lisa Ward for arranging a UWA Sports Future Students presentation to our year 10, 11 & 12 players. This was well received and is definitely a benefit of being a UWA junior club member.

The club is alive with supporters and including our junior players and their parents whenever the first division teams play. Check the webpage for details. The next home games are Sunday 6 and Sunday 13 September.

JUNIOR WINDUP – J5-12 PLAYERS

Our junior windup is Wednesday 23 September commencing at 5.00pm. Please keep the date free for presentations and to recognize a great year of junior hockey and the efforts of many volunteers that make this club so successful. Also to all our parents for their support throughout the year. There will be a free sausage sizzle for everyone.

INDOOR HOCKEY

We are keen to provide our juniors with opportunities to play Indoor Hockey. It's a great way to develop hockey skills in the off season. What we need is a Coordinator?? If you are interested please let me know asap.



COACHING AND COACHES

The J5/6 coaches met a couple of weeks ago to exchange ideas and learn from each other on how to coach the mosquito squads.

Trid conducted a mid season review with the J7/8 to J11/12 coaches which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone in attendance. There were some great ideas exchanged by the coaches.

The club is very lucky to have a dedicated group of junior coaches. I would like to recognize a couple of them.

Christian Starkie – our first division goalie. Christian joined the club in early 2013 from England as the J7/8A goalie. He is now part of the Australian Junior Squad, a WAIS player and has been a regular member of the first division team for several years. Christian jointly coaches the J11/12A team.

Bridget Smith – has had a great start to her coaching career with strong support from the parents for the work that she is doing with the J7/8A Res girls. Bridget plays 2's and first division and is a young emerging star for the club. Her team is currently in 3rd place with 4 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses.

James Hackett – has come through the junior ranks not many years ago. He is now a regular member of the 2's team. This year James has taken on coaching the J9/10B girls. They are loving his enthusiasm and hockey knowledge and this is showing in their results – 5 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses to date. It's great to have you involved James.

Daniel Timms – another of our "old" junior players who has progressed to be captain of the first division team and a Board member of the club. Daniel has coached the J9/10A team and J11/12A team over the last 4 years. This year he is providing great assistance to the J7/8 boys grade and the coaches with his enthusiasm and ideas. He is also our link with the first division squad and senior players helping with coaching when they are available.

YEAR BOOK

We will be producing a junior year book again this year. (Earlier year books are on the webpage)

Mary Gwynne will be coordinating the collection of team photos and reports. Should you have any great pics of games or players please upload them as we can include them in the year book as well. To upload, use the link on the yearbook web page <https://www.uwahockey.org.au/juniors/yearbooks/>.

We have engaged a graphic designer to compile the year book for uploading to the webpage.

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL HOCKEY COMPETITION

Nominations have now opened for our Friday night term 4 junior social hockey competition.

Use this event link for further information and to nominate your teams

<https://www.uwahockey.org.au/events/73846/>

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Craig Boyce
Junior President

