



## UWA Hockey Club – Junior Division

### Newsletter No. 1 – February 2021

Welcome to everyone for the 2021 hockey season.

The Junior Committee has some exciting new plans in place to make sure players, coaches and parents enjoy a successful and fun season.

To date 285 players have registered for the competitive season plus 14 J1/2 players and 37 J3/4 players

#### REGISTRATION:

We are required to nominate teams to Hockey WA by 3 March 2021. If you have not registered yet, please do so before the deadline of **Friday 26 February 2021**. If your child will not be playing in 2021, we would appreciate being advised asap.

For all J1-4 players there is still plenty of time to register so that we can establish teams and start training later in term 1.

To register go to: <https://www.uwahockey.org.au/registration/>

#### TRAINING AND PRACTICE GAMES

Commences immediately after the March long weekend.

J1/2	Training commences once teams are formed and generally at a convenient location and time for the team members. Many of the teams will be school based teams and therefore train at the school. There are no grading or practice games.
J3/4	
J5/6	Boys on Wednesday 3 March 4.30pm to 6pm on the grass fields – athletics track.
	Girls on Wednesday 3 March 4.30pm to 6pm on the grass fields – at entrance to Sports Park.
J7/8	All on Thursday 4 March 4.30pm to 6pm on Superturf 1 & 2.
J9/10	All on Wednesday 3 March 5.30pm to 7pm on Superturf 1 & 2.
J11/12	All on Tuesday 2 March 5pm to 6.30pm on Superturf 1 & 2.

The practice games will be held over two weekends late in March – 20/21 March and 27/28 March.

***The times of these games will be confirmed by the coordinators as soon as our bookings with UWA Sports have been confirmed. They are likely to be Saturday and Sunday afternoons.***

Mouthguard fittings will be available on the 20/21 March weekend (bookings required).

See flier: <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/nthy8xlclzvkcg2z.pdf>

**LATEST ADVICE FROM UWA SPORTS – THE TWO TURFS WILL BE UNAVAILABLE DUE TO REPAIRS ON WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH AND THURSDAY 4 MARCH. FOR THESE TWO DAYS J7/8 AND J9/10 TEAMS WILL TRAIN ON GRASS. GRADE COORDINATORS WILL CONFIRM WHERE TO MEET.**



## PLAYER GRADING PROCESS FOR 2021

The purpose of grading is to form teams that are competitive in their grades and conducive to all players enjoying their hockey season. The grading process has three aspects (paper grading, training and practice/trial games) and full details are available on the club webpage (<https://www.uwahockey.org.au/juniors/junior-information/>). Please be aware of the following in relation to player grading;

1. If players have a request, the player should advise the age coordinator/coach at training. Note: The coordinators will liaise with parents as required. Please be aware that it is the players and not the parents who need to communicate their requests to the coordinators.
2. Players need to demonstrate their capabilities at training and practice games. That is up to each player. Teams have not been finalised during the practice games. Everyone has the opportunity to show their hockey skills and capabilities.
3. Existing friendship groups are not part of team selection criteria. The hockey club is an opportunity to develop new friendships, as well as reinforcing existing friendships. Please remember one of our objectives is (as described in the information for parents for 2021 provided on the webpage):

**“provide an environment for players to develop a love for hockey and UWAHC and to establish strong lifelong friendships within the club”**

## PARENT SUPPORT

The club relies on parents for the success of our junior division.

We have a junior committee of 20 people who have been working hard for several months preparing for a successful season.

We are planning for 26 junior teams plus 18 teams in J1/2 and J3/4. That means 44 coaches, 44 managers and 44 umpires/umpire mentors. We need your active assistance and support to make this work.

Please help us make this job of filling all these roles as easy as possible by offering your contribution and encouraging others who you know would do a great job to volunteer.

There is lots of support available and provided to coaches, managers and umpires.

If you do not have a formal role then we need you to;

1. Be a cheer leader and supporter for your child's team.
2. Be an advocate for the UWA Hockey Club.
3. Support the club functions and events.

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The flier has been distributed for our pre-season block of 4 skills training sessions in March. We are encouraging all juniors to enrol as this program gives you a great opportunity to improve your basic skills and get more enjoyment from your hockey season. Lots of J5/6, J7/8 & J9/10 players have registered and there are still positions for more players. We are including J11/12 players in this program.

This program does not form part of the player assessment process for 2021.

Go to the event link to book your place: <https://www.uwahockey.org.au/events/89466/>

## YMCC CARNIVAL:

This event is planned for Monday 26 April 2021 at Alderbury Reserve. We will be nominating teams as usual so please keep the date free.



## **BUNBURY CARNIVAL (5 June-7 June 2021)**

The junior club has been attending the June long weekend Bunbury Carnival since we commenced juniors in 1992.

Over many years for many junior players the Bunbury Carnival is the highlight of the hockey year. A chance to get away with your hockey mates for a long weekend of hockey and fun.

We want to encourage as many players as possible to come along for the weekend and to stay in the accommodation provided by the club. You will have lots of fun, play plenty of hockey and return home exhausted on Monday afternoon. It is for J5/6 to J9/10 grades, boys and girls.

For this to be a successful weekend we need parents support including a willingness by enough parents to stay at the accommodation and enable us to provide this weekend for the junior players. We have a well-documented management plan to ensure that the weekend is a success.

### **TEAM FEE:**

Once teams are announced we expect all players to pay a team fee. This is a once off payment, set by the club, that varies between teams and grades and covers costs that parents would normally be expected to pay weekly or at the end of the season. It provides for the following;

1. Turf hire charges that each turf requires when a team plays their fixture game on a turf.
2. Junior umpire charges – junior umpires are not paid to umpire J5/6 games. However once they progress to J7/8, J9/10 and J11/12 they are paid to umpire each game.
3. Senior players who coach or assist to coach a junior team do not pay senior fees. In addition they are paid an allowance of \$250 for the season.
4. End of year gift for the team coach and manager.

### **COACHING SUPPORT:**

This year we are introducing a standardized coaching program – “The UWA Way” and a program to help our junior players develop their hockey life skills – “The Mental Game”. There is information on the webpage under the Coach Development tab (<https://www.uwahockey.org.au/juniors/coach-development/>). These are two exciting new initiatives for the junior division.

### **CLOTHING SHOP:**

The clothing shop will be open on the weekend of 20/21 March at the same time as the mouthguards fittings staff are at the club. See mouthguard flier: <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/nthy8xlclzvkcg2z.pdf>

### **HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL:**

Hockey International are a sponsor and have been a supporter of the club for many years. They are located at the intersection Brady/Main Street and Scarborough Beach Road. See them for all your hockey equipment needs.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

We are active on social media and lots of useful information and commentary will be available:

Facebook - UWA Junior Hockey

Instagram - uwajuniorhockey

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