



UWA Hockey Club – Junior Division

Newsletter No. 2 – March 2020

Great to see everyone getting to training and preparing for the season. And over 80 players at our early morning skills development program!! Wow!!

We have an exciting year of hockey planned for 2020.

We want all our players to love hockey and love UWA Hockey Club.

Join us now. Facebook - UWA Junior Hockey Instagram - uwajuniorhockey

Please remember that each training sessions is part of the grading process for 2020 team selections.

We have nominated our teams J7/8 to J11/12 grades for the season to HWA and expect to be advised next week on the outcome of the HWA grading process. The J5/6 grading is different with a grading day on 2 May 2020 for all clubs/teams.

In most grades except J11/12 boys we are looking for a few more players to top up our number to 13 players per team. **So if you know of someone who may be interested or a previous player who may want to come back to hockey please encourage them to register. Your assistance with this is much appreciated.**

To register for J5/6 to J11/12 go to: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/uwahc/registration/>

The registrations for the J1/2 and J3/4 grades will not close until late March so please get organized with school mates and register yourself and get your mates organized to register as well.

To register for J1/2 and J3/4 go to <https://www.sporty.com.au/uwajuniorhockey>

TRAINING AND PRACTICE GAMES

Training continues up to the school holidays.

J1/2 and J3/4 teams will commence training once teams are formed by the coordinators.

Our practice games are as below for all grades.

Grade	Field	Day	Start date	End date	Time
J5/6 boys	Grass	Saturday	21/03/2020	28/03/2020	8.30am to 10.30am
J5/6 girls	Grass	Saturday	21/03/2020	04/04/2020	8.30am to 10.30am
J7/8 boys	Turf 1	Saturday	21/03/2020	28/03/2020	12 to 2pm
J7/8 girls	Turf 1	Saturday	21/03/2020	28/03/2020	2pm to 3.30pm
J9/10 boys	Turf 1	Saturday	21/03/2020	28/03/2020	3.30pm to 5pm
J11/12 girls	Turf 1	Saturday	21/03/2020	28/03/2020	5pm to 6.30pm
J9/10 girls	Turf 1	Sunday	22/03/2020		1.30pm to 3pm
J9/10 girls	Turf 1	Sunday	29/03/2020		4.30pm to 6pm
J11/12 boys	Turf 1	Sunday	22/03/2020		3pm to 4.30pm
J11/12 boys	Turf 1	Sunday	29/03/2020		6.00pm to 7.30pm

Mouthguard fittings will be available on the 21/22 March weekend (**bookings required**).

See flier: <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/tnozy9nv0ksbybuw.pdf>.

PLAYER GRADING PROCESS FOR 2020

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 games) and full details are available on the club webpage. 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. 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 2020 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

We need your help! The club relies on parents for the success on our junior division.

One of our aims is to have two coaches for each junior team particularly in the younger age groups. This is only possible if parents are willing to step forward and take on a coaching role. There is lots of support available with Trid Woodhouse taking on the Coaching Coordinator role. Please let the age group coordinator know if you are willing to assist and we will find a place for you and the support to be successful in the role.

We particularly need parents in the J5/6 boys and J7/8 boys and girls age group.

If you do not have a formal role then we still 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.

COACHING SUPPORT

We are fortunate to have Trid Woodhouse take on the role of Coaching Coordinator for 2020. Trid has a program which he is rolling out to all coaches including Coaching Confidence workshops, training drills, mentors and lots of other support to help our coaches be the best they can be. So parents if you are interested we would love to have you involved as our plan is for two coaches per team wherever possible. Just let your coordinator know.

GOALKEEPER SUPPORT

Another program Trid Woodhouse is rolling out for us. Goalkeeping is an exciting position to play and every team needs a goalie. The club is fortunate to have Christian Starkie as our first division goalie. Christian has come through the junior ranks and is part of the Australian youth squad. In addition there are other older junior and young senior goalies who will assist to encourage and coach our young goalies. Our aim is to have a dedicated goalie in every junior team.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The skill development program is underway with over 80 players at the turf every Tuesday morning for specialized skills training. It's been a roaring success to date. Well done to organizer Shayni Nelson and all the coaches!!

BUNBURY CARNIVAL (30 May-1 June 2020) (SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION)

Keep the weekend free. It is for J5/6 to J9/10 grades. Registration will be available 1 May 2020.

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.

For this to be a successful weekend we need parents support including a willingness by parents to stay at the accommodation and enable us to provide this weekend for the junior players.

TEAM FEE:

Just a reminder that once teams are announced in late April we expect all players parents 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 on a turf. It varies between turfs and is generally about \$70/game.
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 \$300 for the season.
4. End of year gift for the team coach and manager.

CLOTHING SHOP AND MOUTHGUARD FITTINGS

The clothing shop will be open on the weekend of 21/22 March at the same time as the mouthguards fittings staff are at the club. See mouthguard flier: <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/tnozy9nv0ksbybuw.pdf>.

REVOLUTIONISE DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Many of our AGCs are using the Revolutionise platform to manage their groups. Their emails will hit your inbox from sender "University of WA Hockey Club <no-reply@revolutionise.com.au>". If not, check your spam/junk mail and mark the club as a safe sender.

Please **do not use the unsubscribe option** in the footer of the emails. This will unsubscribe all emails for that player. If you have more than one email address for a player and you would like to remove one, email maryuwahcdatabase@iinet.net.au.

Also thanks to Mary Gwynne for a fantastic job in managing the registration of junior players and our new database Revolutionise.

CORONAVIRUS CLUB CONSIDERATIONS

The club is monitoring its position and in discussions with Hockey WA on an ongoing basis regarding this issue. The latest advice from HA/HWA is posted on the HWA webpage. Please see the attached information from President Michael Boyce.

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/uwahc/files/dzjvsfjanbt60wml.pdf>

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