



Junior Division Information for the 2024 Season

Junior Club Objectives

1. We will provide a positive and enjoyable environment where each player, regardless of ability, can develop their skills.
2. "It's not just a club, it's a lifestyle"; UWA Hockey Club aims to provide an environment for players to develop a love for hockey and UWA Hockey Club and establish strong lifelong friendships within the club.
3. We want all our players and their parents to be strong advocates for the club. The UWA Hockey Club has strong expectations for both players and parents in relation to acceptable behaviour.

Registration

We welcome new members across all grades so encourage your friends to come and join us at UWAHC. We have a no exclusion policy in relation to children with disabilities.

All registrations are via our website: <https://www.uwahockey.org.au/registration/>

Years 5-12

All hockey clubs in WA are required by Hockey WA to provide finalised numbers in each J5-12 age groups by early March 2024 to enable us to nominate teams for the 2024 season.

Registrations will open on the Monday 22nd January 2024.

Can we please ask our 2023 UWAHC J5 to J12 players to register before **Monday 12th February 2024?**

Parent/Guardian Support

The UWA Junior Hockey Club depends upon the volunteer support of its members and parents/guardians. It is important that we maintain involvement from parents for the ongoing success of our club.

Each team requires a coach, manager and umpire/umpire mentor. We need parent support and active involvement in filling team roles and other roles within the junior club. Please consider how you can get involved and nominate your intentions as early as possible.

We expect all parents to:

1. Actively support the club and the team that your child plays in and encourage strong team spirit.
2. Be a positive advocate for the club in our local community.



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Junior Fees 2024

2024 Fees for UWA Hockey Club junior players are broken into two components:

1. A Registration Fee – paid at registration.
2. A Team Player Fee – paid after teams are finalised (May 2024)

Please note that Fees have been maintained at the same level for several years and the small increase this year is passing on an increased Hockey Australia (HA) component.

2024 Registration Fee

Year Group	UWAHC Fees Per Player	HA Fees Per Player
J1/2	\$125	\$22.81
J3/4	\$125	\$22.81
J5/6	\$268	\$45.31
J7/8	\$295	\$45.31
J9/10	\$315	\$45.31
J11/12	\$315	\$45.31

Team Player Fee

Each player from J5/6 to J11/12 will pay a team fee in addition to the registration fee. This fee covers turf venue charges, coaches' allowance for senior players coaching a junior team or coaching goalkeepers, junior umpiring payments and end-of-season gifts.

The fee varies between teams depending on the number of turf games played and whether the team has a paid coach or not. Typically, older age groups and higher grades play more turf games, so fees are higher.

As an indication, Team fees per player for 2023 were:

J5/6	~\$50 per player
J7/8	\$125-\$150 per player
J9/10	\$150-\$210 per player
J11/12	\$180-\$210 per player

This will vary between grades and teams and for this reason will be collected after teams are formed. Team fees are invoiced through Revolutionise.

Please note:

1. We have a fee reduction policy for families with three or more children playing with the club.
2. Goalkeepers have the option to obtain a 50% reduction in club fees by providing their own kit.
3. All registrations will be online and in addition to the UWA Hockey Club fees above:
 - a. You will be required to pay a Hockey Australia levy which goes to Hockey Australia. This is \$45.31 for players in J5-12 and \$22.81 for players in J1-4.
 - b. Please note that transaction and administration fees will be charged at checkout which go directly to the registration platform and online payment providers (currently 2% + \$1.60 per transaction). All payments must be via credit card.



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J1-4 Competition (Years 1 to 4)

In 2022 UWAHC started a J1-4 competition on Saturday mornings. The competition is held at McGillivray sports grounds in the north east corner near Brockway Road, on Fields 2 & 3.

The competition runs over three time slots:

J1/2: 8am to 9am

J3/4 Group 1: 9am to 10 am

J3/4 Group 2: 10am to 11am

The J3/4 group is “lightly graded” to ensure that the teams are even and have the best games possible. In the first 2 weeks of the competition the games are scheduled randomly and kids can play in either time slot, in week 3 the grading is completed and the allocated time slots will be for the whole year. Given that we are anticipating growth in numbers, this may be subject to change.

Coaches come from the parents of the children and we do encourage training during the week as this helps the kids to progress more rapidly. Training is generally on the grounds of the school where the kids come from.

Information about the competitions is available on our website <https://www.uwahockey.org.au/juniors/>

All registrations will open on the 5th February 2024 and are via our website:

<https://www.uwahockey.org.au/registration/>

Age Group Guidelines

1. Junior hockey grades in WA are based on school year groups, not age.
2. Generally, we do not encourage juniors to play above their year group on a permanent basis.
 - a. We believe that it is important for juniors to play with their peers to maximise their enjoyment of hockey and also make close friendships for the future.
 - b. Exceptional players that wish to play in a higher grade can trial in the higher age group and if selected will be eligible to play in that high grade exclusively. Permission to trial in the higher age group will be given after consultation with coaches and others familiar with the player
3. Substituting in a higher grade: From time to time, junior players may play in a higher grade as a second game for the weekend. The Club makes every attempt to share these opportunities amongst eligible players. This process is managed by the age group coordinators.
4. J9/10 and J11/12 players will have opportunities to play with senior teams during the season, (at the senior team’s request). Our top J9/10 and 11/12 players, will also be invited to attend pre-season training with our senior top squads and may be invited to play during the season. Again, this will be managed by the age group coordinators.
5. In all cases the priority should always be to the junior team.



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Player Assessment/Grading

The selection of all teams will be based on criteria including player coachability, hockey skills and attitude in:

1. Pre-season training.
2. Pre-season practice games/trials.
3. Previous season.

All players need to make sure that they communicate any wish or desire regarding team selections to the age group coordinator and coaches. There is **no guarantee** that we will be able to satisfy your wish or desire but please communicate it.

Teams will be selected prior to the first round of fixtures and will generally remain for the first three week's fixtures. At the conclusion of the three weeks, selections will be reviewed and changes may be made. After this point, minimal changes to teams are proposed.

All players and their parents need to be aware that players will not always be selected in the team of their choice. This provides opportunities for the player in many ways and we expect your support through this process.

Age Group Training Times

Training will commence in the week starting Tuesday February 27th 2024.

Age Group	Training Day	Time	Venue
J7/8 Girls	Thursday	4.30pm – 6.00pm	Superturf and Grass
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J5/6 Girls	Wednesday	4.30pm – 6.00pm	Grass
J5/6 Boys	Tuesday	4.30pm – 6.00pm	Grass
J9/10 Girls	Wednesday	5.30pm - 7.00pm	Superturf and Grass
J9/10 Boys	Wednesday	5.30pm - 7.00pm	Superturf and Grass
J11/12 Girls	Tuesday	5.00pm – 6.30pm	Superturf and Grass
J11/12 Boys	Tuesday	5.00pm – 6.30pm	Superturf and Grass

Changes may still be made to team training times depending on a number of factors including coach availability and availability of training fields.

Practice games will be held on the following weekends:

- March 16th/17th
- March 23rd/24th

Times for each age group to be advised by your age group co-ordinator



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Skills Development Program

Shayni Nelson will again be running our junior skill development. Shayni is a current first division player with the club and with two children in the junior ranks. She has played for WA underage teams, WA senior team for many years and Australia. She is the record holder for first division games played with the club.

Coaches for the Academy come from our First Division teams and include State and National players.

More information will be available in the new year, but we are planning an exciting program again in 2024. We want to give all our players the best opportunity to develop their skills.

We will run Skills Academy session in Term 1, 2 and 3. Registration (when available) is via <https://www.uwahockey.org.au/events>.

Coach Support Program

We have a support program for all junior coaches to provide them with the best support possible in undertaking this important role. As well as access to experienced coaches/mentors and training sessions, other coaching aids will also be available.

Our junior coaches will be a mix of parents and senior club players. We want the best available coaches for all our teams.

Goalkeeper Development Program

The club will again run a goalkeeper training program in 2024. Sessions will be run throughout the season, the day of the training is subject to turf availability and will be confirmed closer to the season, as will the schedule. The training is available to all keepers from J5-12 and each keeper will be contacted prior to the season with further details.

Junior Umpire Development Program

We have a junior umpire development program to develop our young umpires. They are a most important part of our club. It is recognised as one of the best programs in the state.

We strongly encourage all girls and boys in the J9/10 year group to participate in the club's Junior Umpire Development Program and to continue umpiring whilst in the J11/12 grade and beyond.

Initially junior umpires will umpire the J5/6 grade. In their second and third years they umpire J7/8 grade (Saturday am) and J9/10 grade (Sunday am) and are paid to umpire. More experienced umpires can umpire our J11/12 teams.



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Bunbury Carnival

We know from previous experience that the Bunbury Carnival is the highlight of the hockey year for many players.

We encourage all J5/6 to J9/10 players to attend Bunbury and to stay with their teammates in the accommodation we provide. Bunbury is an opportunity to get away with your hockey mates, have fun and play hockey. We want to continue that tradition.

The Bunbury Carnival is held annually on the June long weekend.

Junior Committee

Full contact details for junior committee members are available on <https://www.uwahockey.org.au/juniors/>.

Hockey Gear and Mouthguard appointments

The club sells the playing strip and the clothing shop will open mid March 2024. For any queries, please contact Kerry Gallagher (kerryagallag@gmail.com).

Note that the uniform shop accepts uniforms in good second-hand condition as a trade-in on your new playing strip.

Hockey International are a longstanding supporter of the Club. They are based at 267 Scarborough Beach Road in Mount Hawthorn. Please see them for sticks, boots, shin pads etc

Galadent will be at the UWA Hockey Club rooms for mouthguard appointments on **Sunday March 10th 2024 from 10:30am – 2:30pm**. Online bookings are compulsory. Information is in the document: <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/cups/uwahc/files/i1jo9yknamgggsqd.pdf> as well as on our Juniors webpage.

Yearbook/Social Media

The UWA Junior Hockey Club compiles a yearbook at the end of each season containing team and player photos from events during the year. This is published as a PDF on our website at <https://www.uwahockey.org.au/juniors/yearbooks>.

The club runs Junior Instagram and Facebook sites providing up-to-date club information and news. This site is not visible to the general public. The social media co-ordinator approves and manages site content to ensure privacy of our players. Photos are uploaded but player names are not used except in particular circumstances and then permission is sought from the parent.

All photographs are taken by designated parents/members of our hockey club including team managers, age group co-ordinators, junior committee members or their delegates.



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UWA Hockey Club Code of Conduct - 2024

The UWA Hockey Club demands a high level of behaviour and sportsmanship from our club junior administrators, players and their parents/guardians at all times.

We expect our junior club administrators, players and their parents/guardians to uphold the commitments below at all times:

Junior Players Commitment:

- I will play hockey to enjoy the game, to have fun, and work hard to improve my skills, listening to my coach both during training and at games and accepting their instructions.
- I will commit to try my hardest, in games and at practice and strive to be a positive influence on my team, both on and off the field.
- I will not argue with the umpire or the opposition, treating them with respect, and will behave in a sporting manner at all times. My language and actions, on and off the field, will reflect respect and sportsmanship. I won't react to comments from spectators.
- I will take responsibility for my actions at all times.
- I will attend all games that I can, always be on time, wear the Club uniform with pride and support the Club, my own team and other teams.

Commitment from the Club to Junior Players and Parents/Guardians:

- The Club will be well organised and communicate regularly and openly with players and their parents.
- The Club will provide a supportive and positive environment for all players.
- The Club will provide the best possible coaches for each and every team.
- The Club will place your child in a team best suited to their ability as assessed by the Club.
- The Club will make every effort in consultation with Hockey WA to ensure your child's team is placed in the appropriate grade.
- The Club will ensure your child gets fair and reasonable time on the field over the season.
- The Club will manage and resolve any issues quickly, fairly and openly in accordance with our dispute resolution procedure.

Commitments from Parents/Guardians to the Club:

- Parents will support and respect all Club junior administrators and the coaches, taking on roles where they are able, to assist the smooth running of the Club.
- Parents will be strong supporters of their children's team and not just their child.
- Parents will respect opposition players and administrators and umpires at all times.
- Parents will be advocates for the club in the community.
- Parents will manage any inappropriate behaviour from their children and respond to requests from the team manager if this occurs in the parents' absence.
- Parents will discuss, in private, any issues or concerns with the person responsible for resolving the issue before they escalate the issue.

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