



UWA Hockey Club – Junior Division

Newsletter No. 6 – August 2020

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.

Junior Windup – planned for Wednesday 23 September

School holidays start – Friday 25 September.

Hi junior players and parents,

HOW ARE OUR TEAMS GOING YEAR TO DATE?

Our teams have now settled in this challenging and different year.

J11/12 girls – the two teams are yet to hit their straps but are improving each week so wins not far away!

J11/12 boys – the A team and A Merge teams are both developing well in strong grades.

J9/10 girls – the A team still looking for their first win. Well done to the A Res team and B team who are both on top of the premiership table.

J9/10 boys – the A team has had a challenging year to date but are playing great hockey and the floodgates will open soon! The A Res team is undefeated. The B team is gathering momentum after a slow start to the year.

J7/8 girls – all teams going well. The A merge team has top place in their sights, The A Res team is flying in second place and the B team had their first win last weekend.

J7/8 boys – the A team have done everything but win a game to date. The A Prom and A Res teams are both tracking well in 2nd and 4th place. The B team is having an outstanding year with 3 wins to date.

J5/6 girls – these are our young and developing teams. The A team is equal top and will be tested when the A grade is amalgamated. The A res and B teams are competing well and getting better each week.

J5/6 boys – the A team is unbeaten and will be challenged when the grade is amalgamated. The A prom team is 3rd in a strong grade and doing well. The B team is flying at the top of the table.

Thanks to the coordinators, coaches, managers and umpire mentors who are all doing a fantastic job each week.

Also thanks to all the parents for their support to the junior club and the teams.

JUNIOR FEES ADJUSTMENT AND TEAM FEES

There are still a few parents who have not paid their team fee into the junior bank account. If that is you, we would appreciate prompt payment please. The team fee pays for turf hire each week, junior umpiring payments and to our senior player coaches. Thanks.

For more information contact Gemma Price by email to uwa.jnr.treasurer@gmail.com



COACHING AND COACHES

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

Alex Wood – has coached the J9/10A grade for several years now. This is in addition to being a busy design engineer and First Division/2s player for the club. Many may not be aware that Alex has played over 100 First Division games and scored 20 goals. This year he has taken on a young J9/10A team who have had several challenging losses. Despite that they are playing with great skill and enthusiasm and lots of support and direction from Alex.

Max Evans – has coached the J9/10A Reserve grade for several years now. To date they have not lost a game and reviewing the 2019 year book, they finished second, losing only one game in the round games that year. That demonstrates Max's capabilities as a coach developing strong and successful teams. Max plays 4s and came to the club from Narrogin. Again, similarly to Alex he is a quiet achiever in developing a love for hockey amongst our juniors. Apparently he also coaches a senior womens team!

Tania Perpoli (TP) – joined the club in 2004 as a very young First Division player. TP was asked at the end of 2019 to take on the J7/8 girls to help us regain our place in the A grade for this age group. She is an inspiration to her team and helping build more UWA girls loving hockey and the hockey club.

Bryan Knox – Knox has been involved in the club for years coaching both junior and senior teams. He has even written a hockey book – "Running with the Ball" which is available for our coaches. This year he has committed to the juniors and provides a coach mentoring role to the J5/6 girls coaches and a young coach in the J7/8 boys. He is a hockey legend at the club.

GOALKEEPER PROGRAM

One of our challenges is to encourage both boys and girls to take on the goalkeeper role either as their preferred position or as a second game each weekend.

This year we have 9 dedicated boys goalkeepers and 6 dedicated girls goalkeepers.

Our goalie coaching program has been a great success.

We have Andrea Rinehart and Kenzie Epps the top womens team goalies working with goalies on Thursday nights.

Yannick Mulders the mens 2s goalie comes down every Tuesday night to work with the J5/6 boys.

On Wednesday nights Isaac Broderick and Jeremy Murray Yong who both started their hockey at the junior club are working with the J9/10 goalies. Grady Martin our J11/12A goalie also assists on Wednesday evenings with the J5/6 girls and the J9/10 teams.

Our Premier League goalie Christian Starkie who coaches the J11/12 boys is also assisting with overseeing the program and opportunities to improve our goalkeeping program.

On behalf of the club thanks to all these goalkeepers for the awesome efforts and contribution they are making towards the success of the junior club.



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

This program is proceeding with 47 participants this term on Tuesday mornings. We continue to work hard to develop the skills and hockey knowledge of our young players. Well done Shayni and her team of experienced senior players/coaches.

JUNIOR UMPIRING PROGRAM

Gemma Price, as well as being our junior treasurer is also the junior umpiring coordinator and doing a great job.

This year we have 37 trained umpires including 15 J9/10 players umpiring for their first year. We do need a few more girls in this first year cohort.

These young umpires are umpiring J5/6 to J11/12 with guidance from an umpiring mentor and workshops. Those umpiring J5/6 are not paid. Umpires doing older age groups are paid.

The club is proud of this initiative and it certainly produces more rounded and developed junior players.

YEAR BOOK

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

Mary Gwynne will be coordinating the collection of team photos and reports and will be in touch with managers soon as we are keen to get the team photos completed asap.

Should you have any great pics of games or players that we could include in the yearbook, please upload via our webpage. See <https://www.uwahockey.org.au/juniors/yearbooks/> and click on the link for instructions.

We are still looking for someone to compile the year book ready for printing. If you are able to assist with this please let me know.

UWA FUTURE STUDENTS - ATHLETE PROGRAM - INFORMATION NIGHT FOR YEARS 10/11/12

Apologies if you received this email and aren't in Year 10, 11 or 12 – it was only meant to go to those in that age group.

Please note that this event is only for Year 10, 11 and 12 students. Tuesday 25th August 6:30pm at the UWAHC clubrooms. Please RSVP <https://www.uwahockey.org.au/events/71599/>

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