



UWA Hockey Club – Junior Division

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Welcome to everyone for the 2020 hockey season.

We have been working hard to make sure that the year is a fun and enjoyable season of hockey for all our players.

We are currently finalising our lists of registered players for the year so that we can nominate teams to Hockey WA by 3 March 2020. If you have not registered yet, please do so before the deadline of **Friday 28 February 2020**. If your child will not be playing in 2020, we would appreciate being advised asap.

To register go to: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/uwahc/registration/>

We are also planning our J1/2 and J3/4 competitions. Registrations for these grades will not close until late March after we complete the schools program in Mt Hawthorn PS, Floreat PS & Subiaco PS.

TRAINING AND PRACTICE/TRIAL 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 Tuesday 3 March 4.30pm to 6pm on the grass fields.
	Girls on Wednesday 4 March 4.30pm to 6pm on the grass fields
J7/8	All on Thursday 5 March 4.30pm to 6pm on Superturf 1 & 2. <i>(Note that the J7/8 girls grade will not commence training till Thursday 12 March)</i>
J9/10	All on Wednesday 4 March 5.30pm to 7pm on Superturf 1 & 2.
J11/12	All on Tuesday 3 March 5pm to 6.30pm on Superturf 1 & 2.

The practice/trial games will be held over two weekends late in March – 21/22 March and 28/29 March.

The times of these games will be confirmed by the coordinators as soon as our bookings with UWA Sports have been confirmed.

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/trial 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 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 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

The club relies on parents for the success on 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 20 teams in J1/2 and J3/4. That means 46 coaches, 46 managers and 46 umpires/umpire mentors. We need your active assistance 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.

Our immediate need is to find coaches for each team. If you think you can assist, please speak to the age group coordinator or Craig Boyce asap. There is lots of support and training provided to our coaches.

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.

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.

This program does not form part of the player assessment process for 2020.

Go to the event link to book your place: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/uwahc/events/61934/>

BUNBURY CARNIVAL (30 May-1 June 2020)

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.

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 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.

DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY

The club has employed Trid Woodhouse as our Director of Hockey so you will see him around the junior club working with and supporting us. He is also taking on the role of goalkeeper coordinator.

YMCC CARNIVAL

This event is on Sunday 26 April 2020 at Alderbury Reserve. We will be nominating teams as usual so please keep the date free.

CLOTHING SHOP

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

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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