



Juniors' New season Newsletter

Dear All,

After the recent wet weather the start of the hockey season will not seem so far away. We hope that you all had a good summer and are looking forward to the start of the new season. During the summer months the Committee have been busy planning of the new season – so please read the information below carefully.

During the past few seasons Tulse Hill and Dulwich Junior section has grown rapidly and provided hockey for hundreds of young players of all abilities. As we believe strongly that ALL young people should have the opportunity to be able to participate in the sport, we have adapted and expanded our training sessions in order to make the most of the facilities and coaches we have available, expanding Sunday morning sessions to three venues – Dulwich College now joining JAGS and Alleyn's as the training venues and moving U16 training to mid-week. In addition, England Hockey have gone back to 1<sup>st</sup> September d.o.b. for all Club competitions so players should be at the correct training session for their age group – unless an individual is specifically asked by one of the senior coaches to attend a training session for older players.

**Training sessions for the 2011-12 season** (starting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> for U16s & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September for everyone else) are as follows :

Under 8's (school years 1 - 3)	Sundays 9 – 10a.m. at Alleyn's
Under 10's (school years 4 & 5)	Sundays 10 – 11a.m. at Alleyn's
Under 12's (school years 6 & 7)	GIRLS .....Sundays 11 – 12.15p.m. at Alleyn's BOYS..... Sundays 9 – 10.15a.m. at Dulwich College
Under 14's (school years 8 & 9)	Girls..... Sundays 9 – 10.15a.m. at JAGS Boys..... Sundays 10.15 – 11.30a.m. at Dulwich College
Under 16's (school years 10 & 11)	Boys ..... <b>THURSDAYS</b> 6-7p.m. at Dulwich College Girls ..... <b>FRIDAYS</b> 6 – 7.30p.m. at JAGS starting 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept

– these U16 training sessions replace Sunday training and, we hope, may encourage some of you to go along to main Club training as well as Junior training. Matches (and possibly, if we have sufficient pitch slots, the occasional training session) will still take place on Sundays.

Players from the U16 age group and above are very welcome to go along to main club training – see below.

Players from school years 12 and 13 as well as being involved (if you wish) in the Sunday morning coaching, we hope you will now want to progress to playing for one of the senior club teams. Training is on Thursday evenings – women at Dulwich College 7 – 9p.m. and men at Honor Oak Park 7.30 – 9p.m. You are also invited to come along to the start of season "Club Day" on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 11 – 4p.m. at Dulwich College. Come along with your friends if you are interested in playing adult hockey on Saturdays – if not sure as to whether this is for you, please feel free to give one of the coaches a call.

During the summer quite a few members were involved in hockey away from Tulse Hill & Dulwich - several represented Southwark playing in the London Youth Games – either the main games or the mini games for those in years 6 and below. Many thanks to Ferrett and Snep who enabled this to happen and well done to all who participated – girls came 2<sup>nd</sup>, boys came 5<sup>th</sup> and the minis made the semi-finals. Several others were able to enjoy the experience of umpiring at this competition – and meet up with some former "Juniors" members – through umpiring or just "helping out". Others have been involved in JDC, JAC or JRPC training and we wish them every success if they are still involved.

As I am sure you are aware, we are very conscious of safety for our young players and in order all to be able to be fitted with a custom fitted mouth guard, we have arranged for O-Pro to visit for fittings during training on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Fittings will be held at Alleyn's, in the pavilion. All you need to do is book a fitting online ([www.opro.com](http://www.opro.com)) or see the poster on the hockey club website [www.thehockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.thehockeyclub.co.uk)) – or if you forget, then fittings can be arranged on the day – if this is the case, then parents should come along with a method of payment. Many players will have the option of fittings at their school or dentist and may not wish to take up this opportunity, but we really do want to encourage ALL our players to wear mouth guards whilst training as well as in matches.

As you can imagine with such an expansion there will be much to organise and many of you have expressed a willingness to help out in various ways – and we will very much be looking forward to involving lots of you in the running of this club (be it on a regular or an occasional basis). We hope that many of the parents (and older players), guardians and supporters may wish to get involved in the running of the club. The jobs need not be very onerous and can be done on a rota basis. Please feel free to speak to one of us if you feel that you can get involved. We need help in the following areas : kitchen / registering / kit / newsletter circulation / match managing / first aid in addition to any who feel that they could help with coaching or umpiring.

Players, it doesn't matter if you think you have forgotten everything since last season, you will soon pick it up again. It will help tremendously if, at your first session this season you could arrive 15 mins before your scheduled start time for your age group to get paperwork processed and to enable us to start sessions on time as far as possible. Timings, at present and subject to numbers, will be as advertised above with a review part way through the season. We have tournaments and matches to look forward to across the season and hope that many parents will once again take the opportunity to meet each other over a cup of coffee upstairs in the pavilion whilst their youngsters play and train.

**These are the session dates :**

11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Oct  
6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Jan  
5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb  
4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March

**notable dates :**

*mouthguard fitting & MacMillan Coffee morning – 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
no session on 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – half-term  
Christmas party afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
no session on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – half-term  
25<sup>th</sup> March - awards afternoon*

Please find accompanying this letter a copy of this year's registration form. We have worked very hard to keep our membership fees as low as possible year - again recognising when a family has more than one youngster playing. Therefore this season membership fees are as follows :

£100 per player.

but with a reduction for more than one member :

2 from one family = £190,      3 from one family = £280,      4 or more from one family = £370

We do offer bursary places to those for whom this payment would be a problem, so if this is the case please speak to Marilyn.

We look forward to welcoming you all back again this season – particularly if you are one of those who has changed school this year !!

***Peter,***

***Ferrett,***

***Steve,***

***Snep,***

***Erica***

***Marilyn***

..... ***and ALL our young coaches.....***