



NEWSLETTER

I hope this finds everyone well and enjoying the end of the Commonwealth Games, its been great to see so many pictures of members enjoying the Hockey at Birmingham University. Special mention to all our members who have been volunteering, whether it be at the hockey, working with a team or driving people around thank you for your contribution to the games.

This week's newsletter highlights some of the work going on in preparation for the new season and lets you know some changes, especially around training times.

Fixtures

The fixtures have been released and will be getting uploaded to the England Hockey Website soon, this will swiftly followed with them being on our club website once we have sorted the pitch allocations out Keep an eye on social media and we'll let you know when this has been done. For information the league fixtures start on Saturday 24th September 2022.

Preseason friendlies have been booked for teams, mostly starting in September, and captains will start let teams know this information in the coming weeks.

Captains

On the topic of Captains, we welcome a few new ones for the upcoming season but also have a few spots to fill. We are currently still looking people to take over the Men's 4th and 5th teams as well as manage the Badgers team. If you feel you would be willing to contribute to these teams, please let us know.

Our captains for 2022/2023 are list below

Ladies 1s	Rebecca Eastland	Mens 1s	Adam Geldard-Williams
Ladies 2s	Ellie Paxton	Mens 2	Tom Gardener
Ladies 3s	Helen Miller	Mens 3	Ben George
Ladies 4s	Claire Daniels	Mens 4s	TBC
Ladies 5s	Ange Mellor	Mens 5s	TBC
Ladies 6s	Angela Mason	Mens 6s	Carl Mears
Ladies 7s	Lorna Thompson	Badgers	TBC

Working alongside our captains we have introduced the role of Club Captains. These roles will oversee the playing sides for the ladies and men, liaising with the committee and helping captains as required. I am delighted to announce that **Alida Hill** and **Mitch Smith** have taken up these roles and are looking forward to working closely with the captains to ensure a successful season.



Training

Please find below the new schedule for training this year.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5pm - 6pm					
6pm - 7pm		Under 14 & 16 Boys	Under 14 & 16 Girls		
7pm - 8pm		Mens General Training M3/4/5/6	Womens General Training L3/4/5/6/7	Masterclass programme Back to hockey	
8pm - 9pm	Masters Hockey	Men's Performance Squad M1/2	Womens Performance Squad L1/2	Matches as required	
9pm - 10pm				Additional performance squad training as required	

Monday

8pm-10pm – Masters Hockey

Tuesday

6pm – 7pm – Under 14 and Under 16 Boys

7pm – 8pm – Mens General Training

7.30pm – 9.30pm – Mens Performance Squad

Wednesday

6pm – 7pm – Under 14 and Under 16 Girls

7pm – 8pm – Womens General Training

8pm – 9.30pm – Womens Performance Squad

Thursday

7pm – 8pm – Masterclass programme & Back to Hockey

8pm – 10pm – Matches as required / Additional Performance Squad training as required.

Sunday

9am -10am – Under 8s and Under 10s

10am – 11am – Under 12s

We have made these changes to allow for the easier progression of players between sessions, from age groups to performance squads.

We will also be introducing **Masterclass sessions** on Thursday throughout the season where we will be looking at a specific skill or part of the game and bringing in a specific coach/expert. These sessions will be open to Mens and Ladies and all age groups. Please keep an eye on future newsletters and social media for more information.

Training will start on the following dates:

Performance Squads	Wk. 8 th August 2022
General training and age groups	Wk. 29 th August 2022
Sunday sessions	Sunday 4 th September 2022



Website

Work continues to update the clubs website, we would encourage you to have a look through the various sections at what information is there and keep an eye out for further developments. Developments will include a members area where we will be able to post more specific content and well and links to videos of games as they are recorded. You will need to be logged in to access this.

Please remember the website is a vital portal for the club as it is through this that we collect our subs and match fees. Please log in over the next week to check your access and renew details as required. Once logged in please see your 'MY PLAYER' section to review your profile. Please see information below about subs.

Annual Subscription and Winter Fees 2022/2023

Thank you for your support during the transition from using cash and BACs payments last season to our electronic collection method using our website platform "Clubbuzz" and collection service "GoCardless".

This proved to be a highly successful system and we are delighted to be continuing this through the 2022 /2023 season and beyond.

I'm sure you will be delighted to hear that the club has not increased the fees for the coming season and has in fact been able to make a reduction in some categories. Training and post-match refreshment are also included in your annual fee.

We have found it necessary to reduce the number of times an occasional player can play, from 10 matches to 5 matches.

Our aim now is to get all members set up correctly during August and September.

How does it work?

Once registered, we predict and allocate the category we think is best for you. In many cases this has been carried over from last season.

We ask you set up the direct debit option as soon as possible. This will allow the club to draw any fees from your account in the future.

Annual fees are charged to your account in October and January

Weekly match fees, where applicable, are added to your account by Captains each week you play.

On the 15th of each month Clubbuzz will send out an email to any member with an outstanding balance, saying how much is owed at that point, there are then 5 days for you to check this is correct.

If incorrect you would inform us.

If correct Clubbuzz and GoCardless process the amount. This is then drawn on the 20th and transferred from your bank account to the LHC account towards the end of that month.



You can view the category we have set for you by logging into your account, going to the 'My Player' tab and selecting 'My Financial Activity'. All transactions are also shown here.

If your circumstances have changed, or the category set is not correct, please let us know which category you now require.

Lichfield Hockey Club is committed to ensuring that anybody can participate in hockey, irrespective of their financial circumstances. For this purpose, we have set aside funds to be able to respond to the specific circumstances of individual families. If you are unable to pay the stated membership fees, do not cancel your membership, please contact your captain or anyone on the committee and talk to us.

Useful Links

www.lichfieldhockeyclub.co.uk

<https://gocardless.com>

Vice Chairs

Within the new committee we have 3 Vice Chairs who will be looking at a variety of specific projects. More information on the wider development will be coming soon however below are the projects our Vice Chairs will be focusing on.

Vice Chairs	Focus / Project
Tony Wilmott	Development of playing opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masters• Back to Hockey Flyerz (Disability Hockey)
Dave Eastland	Development of Club Captains role Development of coaching provision <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Club coaching Primary coaching
Dave Willenbruch	Talent Centre application Road/path to existing pitch Second pitch

NEXT EDITION

In our next edition we will update you further on the preparations for the season, meet our performance coaches for the 22/23 season, share our new sponsorship document and look at how our new club development plan is evolving.

Enjoy the sunshine