

NEWSLETTER

As the days tick down until the start of the league season preparations continue behind the scenes. Fixtures are all in and pitch allocations are being finalised, general training has started again and the performance squads start their preseason games this week. In this week's Newsletter we'll cover some more about the preparations for the season, introduce the performance squad coaches and share our latest development plan.

<u>Preparations for the season</u>

As highlighted in the last newsletter the training times have been finalised with some changes. We also decided to start general training last week which saw great turn outs from both the Men's and Women's sessions. These sessions continue this week on Tuesday at 7pm for the Men and Wednesday at 7pm for the Women. Schedules for the masterclass sessions will be released in the next few week.



Preseason games are starting this week with both the Men's and Women's 1st teams having a game this Thursday evening (25th) at home. The Women will be taking on the University of Birmingham at 6.45pm whilst the Men face Leek at 8.15pm. Next weekend (27th) the Men's 2 start with a friendly at home to Beeston starting at 1pm.

League fixtures are available via the England Hockey GMS website. These will also be uploaded to the club website later this week.

Annual Subscriptions

In the last newsletter we reminded members about the clubs use of Clubbuzz and GoCardless to collect subs and match fees. Can we please ask all members to log into the website (Your username is on the email you received with this newsletter) and do the following.

Go to the MY PLAYER tab

- Choose the MY FINANCIAL ACTIVITY and check the Subs category you are on. Should any changes be needed or if you have a questions please email Ange Mason.
- Choose the MY PROFILE tab and then click on your name.
 - Check that you have set up your direct debit as indicated by the green tick.
 - Please check all details are correct, also at the bottom we have added an area to add your professions. We are asking for members to share their professions so we can see what our members do as there are times when the club may need support or advice in a specific area that we have a specialism of in the club. For Under 18s or those in full time education please enter "Student"

If you have any questions about Clubbuzz or subscriptions please contact Ange Mason, angelaemason 16@amail.com











Below are the subscriptions categories for 22/23.

Category Options for Winter 2022 2023		Match F
Adult Options		£
Option 1 Adult Membership (All in fee) one payment	£375.00	0
Option 2 Adult Membership (All in fee) paid in 2 parts October and January	£187.50 + £187.50	0
Option 3 Adult Membership annual subscription + weekly fees	£180.00	10
Option 4 Adult Membership annual subscription paid in 2 parts October and January + weekly fees	£90 + £90	10
Option 5 Retired or unemployed player (All in fee) one payment	£220.00	0
Option 6 Retired or unemployed player, (All in fee) paid in 2 parts October and January	£110 + £110	0
Option 7 Retired or unemployed players annual subscription + weekly fees	£80.00	8
Option 8 Occasional player up to 5 Matches	£0.00	10
Option 9 Student Membership - person in full-time education (All in Annual Fee)	£220.00	0
Option 10 Student Membership - person in full-time education (All in Annual Fee) paid in 2 parts October and January	£110 + £110	0
Option 11 Student Membership - person in full-time education (Paid Annually + weekly fees)	\$80.00	8
Junior Options		
Junior 1 Lichfield Hockey Club Juniors not playing in Senior sides (All in Annual Fee)	£100.00	0
Junior 2 Lichfield Hockey Club Juniors not playing in Senior sides (All in Annual Fee) paid in 2 parts October and January	£50 + £50	0
Junior 3 Lichfield Hockey Club Juniors not playing in Senior sides (Annual Fee + weekly & training fee)	£45.00	5
Junior 4 Under 13 playing in Badgers teams only up to 20 matches on Saturdays	£190.00	0
Junior 5 Under 13 playing in Badgers teams only up to 20 matches on Saturdays (All in fee) paid in 2 parts October and January	£95 + £95	0
Junior 6 Under 13 playing in Badgers teams only up to 20 matches on Saturdays (Annual subs + Weekly fee)	£50.00	8
Junior 7 Occasional Player up to 5 matches	£0.00	8
Goal Keeper Options		
GK 1 Goalkeeper having bought there own kit all in subscription (All in Annual Fee)	£130.00	0
GK 2 Goalkeeper having bought there own kit (All in Annual Fee) paid in 2 parts October and January	£65 + £65	0
GK 3 Goalkeeper having bought there own kit (Annual Fee + weekly subs)	£0.00	10
Other Options		
Option12 Monday evening Veterans who only play vets (All in annual fee)	£100.00	0
Option 13 Monday evening Veterans who only play vets (Annual subs + weekly fee)	£50.00	8
Option 14 Vice President	£25.00	0

Clubbuzz App

Clubbuzz has just released an app where you can access much of the playing information from the website. Via the app you can update your details, view your finance information and see game information.

To download please go to the App store and search for ClubBuzz.









Meet the Coaches













Women's Performance Coach Ben Walton

Ben has been coaching the team since 2019 and we are delighted that he is continuing with the Women's 1st XI following his excellent work over the years with the team. Ben has vast experience as a coach but most notably as a player where he has had many successful years in National League. A dynamic, decisive player in his prime Ben is inspiring the Women onto bigger and better things. With his knees not allowing him to play much now he has to entertain himself with supporting Sheffield Wednesday, a bit of cricket, some average golf and the occasional beer.

Men's Performance Coach Kevin Heath

Kevin joins the club this year to take over as the Men's Performance Coach and brings with him a wealth of experience from his years coaching. Kevin has worked at a variety of universities and schools as well as numerous clubs across the Midlands. Kevin brings with him experience from both men's and women's National League. He also plays a significant part in youth development across the Midlands where he works with the Midlands Performance Centre and various teams to drive the development of the game. We're looking forward to seeing how Kevin takes the team forward.



<u>Development Plan</u>

Following the creation of the new committee we have been working to pull together our plans for the next 12 to 18 months and beyond. This plan will evolve over the year and will be updated annually. We are excited by some of the opportunities we are exploring with things such as becoming a Talent Centre, developing coaching in our primary schools and introducing Flyerz Hockey (disability Hockey Programme). We are also still looking at how we can improve our facilities with the new car parking sorted a priority this year is getting a path to the pitch sorted.

As with any voluntarily run sport club we need your help as members, could you give an hour a week to help with the running of the club, help with coaching a junior team or could you help run one of our development ideas? If you feel able to contribute in anyway please get in touch via chair@lichfieldhockeyclub.co.uk

A link to the plan on the website is below.

https://www.lichfieldhockeyclub.co.uk/development-plan/

Sponsorship and Partnerships











Do you know any organisations that would sponsor our club, one of our playing programmes or a 1st Team Player to promote their brand with our members, visitors, followers and supporting the local community?

We are looking to raise the profile of the club with supportive organisations to try to enable us to develop our playing programmes and facilities. As such we have put together a sponsors and partnership brochure to highlight some of the opportunities we have.

Please see details of this on our website via the link below.

https://www.lichfieldhockeyclub.co.uk/sponsorship/

We Need Your Help

Could you help with any of the following:

Badgers Manager/Captain

Our Badgers team is a vital stepping stone for youngsters progressing from Junior training to league hockey. We are looking for someone or a few people jointly, to oversee and organise the team and help our youngsters to enjoy competitive games of hockey and progress. Home games are played at 10am on a Saturday with away games at various times. Help will be given as required and no coaching experience is required.

Fixtures Secretary

We are looking for someone to oversee the organisation of the club's friendly games. This has been sorted for this year however we would like to get someone involved with this now so connections can be made with other clubs in preparation for next year. There is minimal time required during the season as league fixtures are sorted centrally with most time required before the season to set up friendlies.

Social Media Support

We are trying to increase the regularity of our use of social media to be able to reach more people, as such we are looking for people to be involved with the creation and sharing of general posts, results and news about the club. Minimal time is required with this role and training can be given into the use of our social media platforms.

If you feel able to help with any of these positions then please speak to a member of the committee or email us on info@lichfieldhockeyclub.co.uk

NEXT EDITION

In our next edition we'll build to the start of the full friendly programme and explore some of the specific projects we're looking into this year.







