



NEWSLETTER

With pre-season done we now finally look ahead to the start of the league season this weekend. With all 14 teams in action we're looking forward to some fantastic results.

Have you registered on England Hockey's GMS yet?

As outlined in our previous newsletter all members playing league hockey need to register on the EH GMS system. If you haven't registered on the GMS please do so via the link below.

<https://gms.englishockey.co.uk>

More information about this system is available via our website following the link below.

<https://www.lichfieldhockeyclub.co.uk/eh-game-management-system-gms/>

Getting into coaching

We are looking to expand our coaching pool and encourage more members to become qualified coaches. If you are interested in completing either an introductory course or a more advanced club coaching course please get in touch or speak to your captain or Club Captain. The club will cover the cost of any course and support you as required.

Primary coaching

We are delighted to announce that we have secured some sponsorship from Hutchings Civils to look to expand our primary school coaching programme. As such we are looking for someone, with availability during the day or late afternoon to become the lead coach for this. Our plan is to offer a few hours coaching for all primary schools in Lichfield over the year to encourage more juniors to take up the game.

If you are interested, please get in touch via info@lichfieldhockeyclub.co.uk





Back to Hockey

We have started our Back to Hockey sessions and have welcomed some new members to the club. These sessions continue on the 3rd and 10th October at 7pm. If you know anyone who may be interested please pass on the details or if you've been watching for a while and fancy giving it a go please come along.

Direct Debit set up

Can all members please ensure they have set up a direct debit in their account as this will be how money is drawn down for membership subscriptions in October. The option to pay with a BACS payment isn't available on the website and we'd encourage all members to please use the direct debit system. For any question please speak to Angela Mason or contact her via angelaemason16@gmail.com

Lichfield Oktoberfest

Lichfield Sports Club will be hosting the Lichfield Oktoberfest this year from the 27th to 29th October. Please be aware that on these dates there will be some disruption to post match gatherings however the games will be on and parts of the clubhouse available to use. More information nearer the time.

I hope to be able to update you with possible club member discounts for this event in the next newsletter.



Travel expenses

We appreciate that the cost of playing hockey can be significant, especially with travelling to away games. The club does offer members the opportunity to claim back some travel expenses for these away games. To qualify to be able to claim this any car taken must have at least 3 players in it. Mileage is based on the distance between the club and the fixture location.

To claim please keep a record of the games you've driven to, the players in your car and the mileage. Claiming this will be through your captain, we will sort paperwork needed to claim this over the next few weeks and make it available through captains and the website.

Insurance

As part of our England Hockey membership we receive the benefit of the combined liability insurance and for players, members, helpers, volunteers, and employees we also receive personal accident benefits.

Copies of the Insurance Policy Schedule and Wording can be found in the useful downloads section on the Bluefin Sport Hockey Zone

<https://www.bluefinsport.co.uk/england-hockey/clubs/>

Whereas the Club Membership provides an element of cover for helpers within clubs, England's Hockey Coach membership provides greater cover for coaches and lead coaches who lead the delivery of coaching sessions and programmes independently in any environment.

We strongly recommend that coaches take out England Hockey Coaches membership for access to better tools, resources and discounts for their development.

All members who have paid their subscription and only those members are covered. Coaches and umpires are also covered.

Members are encouraged to consider taking out increased cover personally if they deem it necessary.

Health and Safety

It is strongly recommended that you wear a mouth guard and shin pads whilst playing for the club. It is also recommended to wear a facemask whilst defending penalty corners. Where possible captains will have access to some masks.

Have a fantastic weekend of hockey and we hope to see as many of you as we can over the weekend.

**A reminder that the Men's 1s kick off their season with a home game this
Sunday v Harborne, 1.30pm start.**