

Banbury Hockey Club - Junior Newsletter 2021/22

Welcome to the 2020-2021 season

Firstly, we hope we find you all safe and well in these most unusual times. The season marks the beginning of a fresh start for all Banbury Hockey teams, as we step away from the home country and Oxon leagues and now are all part of the new south-central league. South central is a region and one of 8 new areas responsible for delivering hockey on behalf of England hockey. Within this, the junior league is called the BBO - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.



We are also very excited to introduce James Clement, he will be fulfilling the role of Junior Chair this year and is looking forward to developing the Junior section of the club.

The 2021/22 Banbury Hockey Club season will start on **Monday 13th September 2021.**

Signing up your child:

There are 2 mandatory actions that all parents/guardians must take in order for your children to participate in training and potentially local matches:

1. Parents/Guardians must have completed for each individual child an England Hockey Participation Agreement - click [HERE](#) to complete.
2. Every child must be registered on the club's membership platform SPOND - you can download the SPOND app on your phone or click [HERE](#) to register online (SPOND also satisfies the club's COVID track and trace requirements).

Membership

The membership fees for this year are:

£90 for one child

£150 for two children

£180 for three children

£180 + £25 per child for any over three children

SPOND set up steps:

Once you click the link, you will need to select 'I'm signing up a child', then under the 'Member Type' dropdown menu, select 'Junior' (15 or less), then under 'Select Group', select Junior Boys or Junior Girls. Once you have done this, simply proceed to the next page and enter your child's details. Once the set-up is approved, you will get an email to complete the setup and you will be able to see all the group events and details via the SPOND app on your phone.

Coaching

The club has a wealth of up-and-coming coaches to develop your child as a hockey player and throughout the season, we hope there will be plenty of opportunity for your hockey star to play in junior matches and festivals, dependant on COVID guidelines.

Training

At North Oxfordshire Academy

Monday -Girls U12 & U14 (Years 6,7,8+9) 6.00 registration. Start 6.15 – 7.30pm
Tuesday - Boys U12 & U14 (Years 6,7,8+9) 6.00 registration. Start 6.15 -7.30pm
Girls & Boys U16 (Years 10+11) 6.00 registration Start 6.15 - 7.15pm

At Bloxham School

Sunday Girls & Boys U8's & U10's 9.45 registration Start 10-11am.

Some junior players may also be invited to attend their respective senior training sessions. Please see BHC website for details of Senior Training times. There are 4 training blocks with a break for half-terms in Oct & Feb, and a longer break at Christmas. The training dates are as follows:

2021/22 Junior Training Blocks

Block 1 – Week commencing Monday 13 Sept - Week closing Sunday October 24th

Block 2 - Week commencing Monday 1st Nov - Week closing Sunday Dec 19th

Block 3 - Week commencing Monday 10th Jan - Week closing Sunday Feb 19th

Block 4 - Week commencing Monday 28th Feb - Week closing Sunday April 2nd

We train in all weathers and the only time that we cancel training is if the pitch is frozen. Therefore, please dress your child / children appropriately for the weather conditions. Any cancelled training will be updated on our social media & website so please make sure you check them.

Keep up to date

We have an exciting and fun-packed season ahead so don't miss out; keep in touch with all the action on [SPOND](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and via the website.

Kit

Players must wear shin pads and a properly fitted mouth guard. Shoes with soles suitable for AstroTurf for training and matches are advisable as the surface can be slippery at times. Our club kit is red socks, navy blue shorts/skirts and red shirts. BHC shirts, shorts, skirts and socks are available from Hawkes Sports - Parsons Street, Banbury and online via or www.hawkessports.com.

Get involved

We are always eager to for more volunteers to help with the club. Volunteers are welcome from all walks of life and all skills sets and we have many ways that you can assist with any level of knowledge of the game. Please get in touch if you'd like to become more involved.

We would like to end by saying thank you to all our coaches, managers, assistants and the parents for their continued support of the juniors and we look forward to a successful and enjoyable season.

Regards,
Banbury HC Junior Committee.