



Addiscombe Hockey Club

Colts Handbook

2016-2017

Location

Our training sessions and home matches will be at Royal Russell School, Coombe Lane, Croydon, CR9 5BX (please use postcode CR9 5RF in SatNavs).

The school is opposite the Coombe Lane tram stop towards the Gravel Hill end of Coombe Lane. Once inside the school park in the car park to the left of the barriers then walk down the main drive way past the swimming pool at which point you will see the sports pitches in front of you.

Training Sessions

Initially all training sessions will start at 10:00 and last until 11:30.

The first session will be on 04 September and, subject to confirmation, the last on 09 April. There will be no session on the following days:

- 23 October (Half term)
- 25 December (Christmas)
- 01 January (New Year)
- 12 February (Half term)
- 02 & 09 April – these dates will be confirmed in the spring

Lead Coaches

This year we have two coaches Lennart Jehle and Shane Samuels.

Lennart is from Germany and over here to get experience of coaching abroad and will be playing in the Men's First Team.

Shane is a former Guyanese international who is player coach for the Men's First Team.

Registration

A registration / membership form will be emailed to you and I require a hard copy must be signed by a parent or guardian. It must include at least one emergency contact number.

Fees

The membership fee, which covers all Sunday sessions and matches, is:

- £95
- £75 for Royal Russell pupils

There is a £10 sibling discount per child for non-Royal Russell pupils when there are two or more children in the family attending.

There are separate fees for any holiday time camps. This will be advertised with the camp.

We prefer these to be transferred electronically to:

- sort code 20-24-64
- account 40614092
- account name Addiscombe HC (Juniors)

If you are unable to pay this way a cheque payable to Addiscombe Hockey Club should be handed to Tony at training.

Colts members who are either training or playing in the senior section pay the colts membership fee. They do not pay the junior rate membership in the senior section but do need to pay a match fees for each senior match they play.

Kit

All players must provide their own stick, shin pads and gum shields. Shin pads must be worn throughout and gum shields whilst playing games. Though for those new to hockey, the club has a supply of sticks that can be borrowed during training sessions.

The club kit is:

- sky blue shirt
- black shorts/skorts/skirt
- sky blue socks

The club will provide a polo shirt for U12 members, for the U14 teams and older the standard adult shirt which players will have to purchase and direct from Tempest, the club's kit supplier, on <http://www.tempestshop.com/addiscombe.html>. Before you order we will need to get the club to allocate a shirt number.

Socks are light blue and players are expected to have a pair for matches. For the older children the club sock is also available from the Tempest website at £8 which comes with trimming and AHC down the back but the smallest available size is 3-6.

The Club will provide a full kit to all keepers.

Holiday Camps

Dependent on what Royal Russell is going to offer, we may run holiday camps during the year. If run these are likely to be in the autumn and spring half terms and in the summer holidays. These will have external coaches and will be advertised at the appropriate time. There will be separate fees for these events.

Contacts

As you will see later in this handbook, we are looking to expand the Committee. At the moment the contacts this year are:

Chairman of Junior Section	Tony Hilton	07900 823752	hiltcomp@aol.com
Deputy	Phil Alderman	07710 315006	phil.alderman@blueyonder.co.uk

If there is an issue which is not being handled quickly the following are the officers of the senior club may be contacted:

Secretary	Mike Lockton	07843 257478	michael.lockton@squirepb.com
Chairman	Neil Hadland		neil.hadland@hotmail.co.uk

We also have the group email addiscombe.juniors@gmail.com. This holds the main distribution list and is used for bulk distributions. It may be accessed by any of the Committee.

Website

The club website is addiscombehc.co.uk. Additional information will be published there during the season.

Teams and Matches

In junior club hockey teams are based on age as at 31 August and with teams at:

- Under 8 (school years 2 and 3)
- Under 10 (years 4 and 5)
- Under 12 (years 6 and 7)
- Under 14 (years 8 and 9)
- Under 16 (years 10 & 11)

The fixture lists for the teams are available either on the Club's website or through Fixtures Live.

Up to Under 12 all fixtures other than the County Tournament are festivals and are designed more as a learning experience than out and out competition. Where there are too many players for a single team selection will be on a rotation basis rather than just selecting the best team each time.

Please note that when the Festivals were added a fixture was set up between the host club and each of the visitors, but no fixtures created linking the visitors. There will be more than one game when we are travelling away.

Committee and Administration

Currently all the organisation and much of the administration is done by Tony. Over the next few years the plan is to gradually set up a committee and an administration team to reduce the reliance on Tony. Tony is likely to retain the chairmanship and the finance remit but would like others to take on:

- fixtures
- recruitment
- coach/assistant co-ordination including checking all training and certificates are current
- fundraising
- registration co-ordinator (or member of a small team), to register children as they arrive and ensure that they don't leave unsupervised [this is not a committee role and only requires you to be there on Sundays]

We also require a Welfare Officer – which may not be Tony or any of the coaches.

As these roles are voluntary they can be tailored to what the volunteer is able or willing to do. If you would like to volunteer for any role, please contact Tony.

Future Plans

For 2017-18 we want to:

- continue recruitment from U06 to U14
- expand the number of players at U8
- have viable squads at U10 and U12 for both boys and girls
- build towards U14 boys team for 2017-18 and girls for 2018-19

Club hockey competitions tend to be run at U10 (school years 4 and 5), U12 (SY 6/7), U14 (SY 8/9), U16 (SY 10/11) and U18 (SY 12/13). Each squad therefore covers players born in a two year period.

Our aim is to have U10, U12, U14 and U16 for both boys and girls within the next 4 years.

To achieve our goals, we need more players. Despite the internet the best form of recruitment is still word of mouth. So please encourage your kids to bring along any friends – the more the merrier and the more we can achieve.

There is a limited amount of junior hockey available at U18 – it is not in the current plans to provide any. Instead, we actively encourage the older colts to attend our adult training sessions as well as junior sessions so that they may progress into the adult sides at an early age. At most clubs, players start playing in the adult sides between 13 and 15 (dependent on their strength and skill) and lose interest in playing junior hockey. The majority of clubs that offer junior hockey at this age group do so for elite players only.