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## **Chester Hockey Club Junior Welcome Pack 2009**

Welcome to Chester Hockey club one of the North West's premier hockey clubs. Please take your time to read and digest this pack which hopefully contains all the information needed to become an active member of our successful Junior Section.

The Aim of this pack is to provide you with all the information to make the season as enjoyable as possible for players, helpers, coaches and spectators. We hope you will gain an idea of how we function, what you can expect of us, what we expect of our members, how to order kit and importantly how parent/carers can become more involved in the Junior Section. We are always keen to listen to new ideas and if you feel there is information we should include for future seasons please tell us.

We are very proud to be at the final stage of applying for Clubs First Accreditation and during this season we expect to be visited as part of this process and I hope that the assessors will speak to you about the contents of this pack as well as how we run our club.

All Members need to read and digest the contents of this Welcome Pack, complete the blank Junior Membership Application Form at the rear, preferably prior to, or on your first visit. We then look forward to meeting you and making you welcome at Chester Hockey Club. If you have any questions please contact us.

### **Subscriptions:**

The junior subscriptions of £25 includes the price of a playing T shirt for the U11's and a practice ball for the over 11's. This covers registration with the junior section on Sundays. If the player plays for any of the Saturday sides they are expected to pay (or top up to) a full junior membership fee of £35 per season. This covers additional registration costs associated with Saturday leagues.

Training Fees: £2.00 per session, payable at the session



## Junior section Guidelines 2009

Chester Hockey Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with either Chris Platts or the club secretary Dafydd Jones.

As a member of Chester Hockey Club you are expected to abide by the following junior club guidelines:

- All members must play within the rules of hockey and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect opponents and team mates. If players are unable to do this then the coaches will warn them and the player could be withdrawn from the match or competition.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members should wear suitable kit and coaches have the right to withdraw players who do not have the appropriate personal equipment-
  - Shin pads suitable for hockey
  - Mouth guard
  - Suitable footwear for playing on Astroturf - for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.
- We strongly suggest that a drink and a snack are brought to all sessions and that you always have suitable clothing for wet/ cold weather.

Hockey items can be purchased locally at:-

- Chester Sports
- Barrington Sports, Unit 3, Wolfe Close, Parkgate Industrial Estate, Knutsford WA16 8XJ [www.barringtonsports.com](http://www.barringtonsports.com)
- Club kit can be ordered thorough the year and attached is an order form.



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## **Our principals whilst looking after your child**

**Chester Hockey Club** has adopted a Child Protection Policy and Equity policy to ensure that the welfare and safety of children in the care or custody of Chester Hockey Club is always the primary consideration. Full versions of these are available at [www.chesterhc.org](http://www.chesterhc.org)

### **Our policies are predicted on the following three principles:**

- 1 A child's welfare is the paramount consideration.
- 2 A child, regardless of age, ability, gender, racial origin, religious belief and sexual orientation has a right to be protected from abuse.
- 3 The rights, dignity and worth of a child should always be respected.

### **Chester Hockey club believes:**

- That the safety and welfare of children should always be of paramount importance, whatever the circumstances.
- That everyone with a role in working with children has a moral and arguably a legal responsibility to safeguard and promote a child's welfare particularly when it comes to protecting children from abuse.
- That special care is needed in dealing with children whose age, inexperience or physical state makes them particularly vulnerable to abuse.
- It is committed to providing an environment where children can learn about, participate in and enjoy hockey free from harassment or abuse.

### **Information on players-2009**

Information on young players is collected via registration forms. It is then collated on a database by Chris Platts which is shared with the club secretary Dafydd Jones. The leader of each coaching session has a register which contains all relevant medical information and is accessible to all representatives of CHC at the session or match. Coaches and representatives of Chester Hockey Club who have access to this information treat this information sensitively.

### **Accidents**

Coaches plan all sessions to be as safe as possible, however due to the nature of the game and the playing surface accidents can and do occur. We have an established first aid assessment procedure and accident reporting system. We will always inform you of any first aid incident involving your child and the actions that we took.



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**Junior Co-Coordinator**    **Chris Platts**            **07824396684**

**Senior Coach**                    **Dafydd Jones**            **07799113953**

**Badgers Manager**            **Jimmy Ormandy**    **01244 378273**

**Junior Training Details - Sunday**

**U11's 10.00- 11.15**

**U15's 11.15- 12.30**

During the Sunday session children attend training that is appropriate for their age group, where their skills and abilities are assessed and if it is appropriate they may be asked to train with a more experienced group. It often takes the coaches a couple of sessions to assess new players and we take a great deal of care ensuring that Children are in the most appropriate group to maximise their enjoyment and build their confidence.

Training sessions, apart from teaching hockey, are used to assess your child's skill level and all-round ability, usually in preparation for a place in a team, therefore we are looking for commitment, willingness to learn, concentration and any other positive attributes your child may have and the team requires. We are very proud of our training sessions and a great deal of preparation goes into them and the coaches always appreciate good behaviour and a nice thank you at the end!

- **On Arrival:** Children will be asked to sign in, as proof of attendance, and pay training fees entry to the playing surface is only permissible following this and a coach being present on the playing surface.
- **At the end of Training:** Children are expected to help collect equipment and leave the pitch as soon as possible after training and Parents/Guardians who do not remain at the club are asked to be prompt.
- **Bad Weather :** In case of poor weather please contact the club on 01244 318167 or any of the coaches. We do play in most conditions however we will cancel the session if the pitch is frozen or we feel that the conditions could potentially expose the players to undue risk.



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### **Match Details**

We aim to ensure that all children get the opportunity represent Chester Hockey Club. We hope that it will be a positive experience that they will look back on with pride. We expect all representatives of the Club to act at all times in accordance with the Junior Club Rules.

The Manager/Coach will inform you of the necessary details of any match usually initially verbally at training sessions and thereafter via email sometimes, via telephone and you will have to respond as to your child's availability and any transport arrangements.

### **Games/Tournaments**

**Under 11's** - Chester part of a network of Clubs that take part in Under 11's mini-hockey (half pitch) tournaments on the first Sunday of most months in the season hosted by each club, these tournaments are regarded as an important stepping stone to the full game. We often enter multiple sides and any help the coaches can have in managing these teams is appreciated and a lot of fun.

There is also a Cheshire County Hockey Association U11 Boys and Girls Tournament later in the season.

**Under 13's** (and selected Under 11's) - At the Under 13's level Boys (Beavers) most games are played as a 11a-side full pitch game on a Saturday. The girls have an U13 development side which plays on a Sunday morning.

There is also a Cheshire County Hockey Association U13 Boys and Girls Tournament later in the season.

**Under 15's** (and selected Under 13's) - The under 15's Boys (Badgers) all games are played as a 11 a-side full pitch game on a Saturday. The U15 Girls play on a Sunday Morning and in a Cup

### **Parent/ Carer as Volunteer**

As a club we rely heavily on volunteers giving freely of their time, skills and experience many areas not just hockey or sport in general. At Chester Hockey club we are grateful for all those who assist us in any way from helping collect fees to helping with transport and fees. If you can help us in any way however small please talk to us.

**As a responsible Club we will request proof of competency in working with children, including CRB checks**



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### **Kit Order Form**

We are able to offer a range of training jackets in children's sizes. They are identical to the adult jackets with the Chester hockey club logo on the front and Chester Hockey club printed on the back.

They are designed with slightly longer arms with a full body to accommodate a jumper underneath and are over the head in style (manufactured by Pro- Sport).

For more information see the club website

**Youth Player Registration Form  
2009/10**

Please return completed form & fee to: Dafydd Jones (address overleaf)

Membership registration fee: £25 (Sundays)

Badgers/ Beavers Membership £35 (Sat's and Sundays)

The information completed on registration forms is *Strictly Private and Confidential* and remains the property Chester Hockey Club, and is used solely for the purposes of membership record, reference and contact by authorized and appropriate Managerial or Coaching Staff of Chester Hockey Club.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male / Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Hockey Playing History: (School/County etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical information - to be completed by parent/guardian**

Please detail below any important medical information that our coaches/Youth coordinator should be aware of (e.g epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, nut allergies etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you allergic to any drugs? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you taking any regular medication? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any specific needs we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact details – to be completed by parent/guardian**

Please insert the information below to indicate the person(s) who should be contacted in case of an incident/accident:

Contact name & relationship (e.g. parent/guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: All players are required to wear shin pads when training and playing, it is also recommended that they wear both hockey gloves and properly fitted gum shields. Players who are not wearing appropriate clothing and safety equipment will not be able to participate due to Coaches insurance coverage.

By returning this completed form, I agree to my son/my daughter/child in my care taking part in the activities of Chester HC.

I understand that I will be kept informed of these activities - for example timing and transport details.

I understand that in the event of any injury or illness all reasonable steps will be taken to contact me, and to deal with that injury/illness appropriately.

Name of parent/guardian: .....

Signature of parent/guardian: .....

Date: .....

Address for return of completed form:

Mr Dafydd Jones  
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