



Junior Information 2017/2018



Welcome to Lymm Hockey Club's Junior Section

Lymm Junior Section is run by a large team of coaches and volunteers and we currently have over 170 junior members. Training is held from September to March, on the astro turf at Lymm High School.

All our coaches hold current coaching qualifications, and receive regular accredited training in First Aid and Safeguarding.

All coaches and volunteers are DBS checked and receive any other specific training required for their roles.

Sunday Training Times

9.30am - 10.30am

U8s (mixed) - School years 1-3

Girls Under 10s - School years 4 & 5

Boys Under 10s - School years 4 & 5

10.45am - 11.45am

Girls Under 12s - School years 6 & 7

Boys - School years 6-10

Girls Under 13s - School year 8

12pm - 1pm

Girls Under 14s - School year 9

Girls Under 18s - School years 1 -13

Goal keeper training is held monthly

Mid week training

Beavers (years 7&8) and Badgers (years 9&10) team practice training on Monday or Tuesday evenings 5pm - 6pm.

Pre-match training for girls in tournaments and league games will take place one evening (possibly Friday 5pm - 6pm) to give the girls match training prior to their games, as most of their games will take place on Sundays during their training sessions times.



Code of Conduct

All players are to adhere to our Code of Conduct. We also adopt the Code of Ethics and Behaviour set out in England Hockey's Respect document, both of which can be found on our website or from the junior co-ordinator.

Fees

Due to the increased costs in running our training sessions from September 2017 we will be charging £4 per training session or if preferred you can now take out an annual membership for junior players.

Junior Membership £60 per year
Youth Membership £90 per year - for those players who also play in the senior section.

Please note that annual membership fees do **not include** match fees and only cover training costs.

Match fees will also be increased to £4 for each game/tournament.

If you would like to apply for an annual membership please contact Karen Park-McCann for further details.

Equipment

All players are required to wear shin pads and a gum shield in all training sessions and games. We do have a supply of hockey sticks that players can borrow if they don't have their own stick.

Goal keeping - we have several goal keeper kits which can be used by anyone who would like to train or play in goal.

Playing shirts – we do have a set of shirts for those who are playing a game and do not have their own. Ordering of the shirts can be done via the junior co-ordinator.

Lymm Hockey Socks – can be bought from the Junior Co-ordinator for £6 per pair.

Lymm Hockey Club Leisure wear – can be bought from the O'Neills website by clicking on "Go to your club" and enter Lymm Hockey Club.

Fixtures

We are always trying to arrange games for the children whether it is friendly one off games or regular tournaments and below are a list of those we currently have lined up for next season:



Currently there are no games for the beginners section as we find that the children are too young for game play,

however, we do encourage the beginners to play in the tournaments held internally during the course of the year.

Mixed U10s section attend a monthly tournament at Timperley

Beavers and Badgers are part of a local consortium and have regular friendly/competitive fixtures.

We also enter England Hockey's annual In2Hockey tournaments for both the Girls and Boys U10s and U12s Tournaments.

New to September 2017 – March 2018 We will be entering a monthly tournament in Greater Manchester Junior Hockey League (GMJHL) for the Girls U15s and U13s. We will also enter two England Hockey competitions, U14s Girls Development League and U16s Girls League. These additions are aimed to ensure that all age groups have regular friendly/competitive games which is crucial to all player's progress.

More details of these new fixtures will be sent out to the relevant squads when we have the information.



Policy on moving junior players into different age groups and the Senior teams.

We understand that all players learn at different rates and in some circumstances it might be more appropriate for players to move up to the next age group, this would normally be based on their skill

level/ability.

We will assess players development through the second half of the season and the coaches will make recommendations if they feel the player would benefit by training at a higher level.

If the coach thinks your child's skill level and ability is such that they would like to move them into either a higher age group or senior squad, either the coach, Junior co-ordinator or Welfare officer will contact you before speaking with your child.



Whilst we encourage players to move to the senior squad and England Hockey allow children from 13 years old to play in senior hockey, we feel that in most cases 13 is too young and we will only start considering moving junior players into the senior section when they are in school years 9 or 10, except in exceptional cases.

All players who are in a senior team, are still required to attend junior training and games until they are in year 11. This not only assists their skills but also assists the progress and skills of the players who have not yet moved into the senior section.

England Hockey Junior Pathway

Our junior players have continued success within the England Hockey Junior Pathway and we have more players than ever now attending the development centres. Below is a brief breakdown of the EH pathway:

Junior Development Centres (JDC) from age 12-16. Usually players are nominated by their club or school.

Junior Academy Centre (JAC) age 12-16 and players are selected by the JDC Coaches

Regional Performance Centres (RPC formerly known as the JRPC) from age 14-17 is the next stage and players are nominated for this stage by their JAC coach.

Futures Cup from age 14-17 and players are nominated by RPC coaches.

National Age Group Squads (NAGS) U18s and U21s. Players are invited to attend based on recommendations from Performance Centres and observations at the Futures Cup.

If your child takes part in any of these development centres please make sure that the junior co-ordinator is aware so that we can ensure that we help to support and continue to build on what they have learnt at the centres.

More detailed information on the development pathway can be found on the England Hockey website. www.englishockey.co.uk

Coaches and Volunteers

Lymm Hockey Club is run by a committee of volunteers. The junior section alone currently has 6 coaches, 10 junior coaches and a growing team of volunteers to enable training and games to take place. Of course, the more training, games and tournaments we do as a club, the more help that is required.

The following chart shows all the people who currently help us run our junior section and their role within the club.

However, we are urgently looking for more volunteers. This maybe to help out with the children during the training sessions, become a parent manager of a team, help with the paperwork, or assist with fundraising. All help is greatly appreciated, no matter if it's helping once a year, an hour a week, or on a more regular basis. If you would like to volunteer please speak to the junior co-ordinator.

We also encourage our youth (years 9 and above) players to help out with coaching the younger players and umpiring junior games. If your child would like to help out please again speak to the junior co-ordinator.



Junior Section Coaches and Volunteer Chart

