

UWA Junior Club General Information 2017

JUNIOR CLUB OBJECTIVES

- Provide a positive and enjoyable environment where each player, regardless of ability, can develop their skills and their love of the game of hockey.
- 'It's not just a club, it's a lifestyle'. UWA hockey club aims to provide opportunities for players to engage at a whole club level and establish strong friendships within the club.
- We want all our players to be strong advocates for their club. The junior club advocates sportsmanlike behavior by both players and parents.

REGISTRATION

Completion of online registration (and/or payment of registration fees) does not guarantee membership of the Club or placement in a hockey team. The Junior Coordinators may, at their discretion, accept or reject any individual registration.

In determining whether to accept any registration, the Junior Coordinators will take into account such matters as they consider relevant, including membership in prior years, family relationships to existing members, prior club contribution and support, desired numbers of teams in each age group, desired numbers of players in each team, the availability of fields and other resources (including coaches and parent support). The club give preference to juniors that have been registered in the previous year.

UWA does not fill available places on merit but on a first come, first served basis. Players are waitlisted according to the time that they applied for initial registration.

Registrations for the 2017 season will open on the 10th February and can be accessed via the junior club home page. A reminder will be sent to all of our 2016 members with instructions for its completion. Our priority registration period is from 10/2/2017 - 20/2/2017. After this period, we will open up registrations to our waitlisted enquiries.

Please note: The national system used to register hockey players across Australia (IMG) charge 4.4% in addition to your fees. This is incorporated into this final total when you register online. This is not negotiable and is their administrative fee to manage registrations and each club's database requirements. Our fees have not increased this year and remain the same as last year. Our fee structure is outlined below:

J1/2	\$130
J3/4	\$130
J5/6	\$220
J7/8	\$240
J9/10	\$240
J11/12	\$240

Goalkeepers: The option is available to you on registration to obtain a reduction of fees if you provide your own kit. There is a 50% reduction for purchasing your own kit. All other GK's will be fitted out by our Equipment Coordinator, Callie Ockerby and she will be in touch with you after registration to arrange a suitable time.

The link to begin the registration can be found here:
Junior Homepage: <http://uwahockey.org.au/juniors/home/>

TEAM FEES

Each season, once you have been placed in a team, your managers will collect team fees. These cover the following costs:

- Turf fees for each game your team plays on turf.
- Coaches travel allowance. This has been set this season at \$250.00. This is intended to cover their costs to travel to and from training and your fixture games for the duration of the season. Approx. 14 -16 weeks of fixtures and around 20 weeks of training. Any of our players who play for our senior club, do not pay their senior registration fees. This is to encourage our senior players to give back to our senior club.
- Umpiring fees for each week.
- Coaches and managers gift for the end of the season.
- Each manager is given a formula to calculate these costs. This is dependent on the amount of turf games that your team is allocated.
- Any surplus funds are returned to the players at the end of the season.
- We expect that these will be collected by Week 1 of the season and generally amount to about \$140.00. Again this is dependent on the above factors.

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR FOR PLAYERS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

All junior players and their parents/guardians agree to be bound by and to observe the Club Codes of Conduct applicable to them. For your reference, copies of the relevant Codes of Conduct are published on the Club website on the Junior Home page. On registration, players and parents are also required to read and agree to these terms before the online registration is accepted. There will be a strong emphasis in 2017, on parents, players and other spectators assuming these roles and responsibilities. An excellent standard of behavior is expected from every member of the UWA Junior Club and their supporters.

By registering with the UWA Junior Club in 2017, you are agreeing to uphold these aspects of conduct. Please make sure that you read these carefully. Please find these in following link:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56929dfc69a91a37898a75bf/t/56b09e9601dbae2c1e645266/1454415512182/Codes+of+Conduct+2015.pdf>

PARENT/GUARDIAN SUPPORT

The Junior Club depends upon the volunteer support of its members and parents/guardians of junior members. Accordingly, at least once every 2 or 3 years, one parent/guardian from each family is expected to take on a formal role in the Club (eg. coach, coordinator, manager, umpire mentor). Each team in the junior club requires a coach, umpire mentor and manager. It is extremely important that we maintain this input from parents in order to maintain the success of a club of this size. We provide a supportive framework for each of these roles in the form of handbooks, induction meetings and access to experienced mentors.

AGE GROUP GUIDELINES

1. Junior hockey grades in WA are based on school year groups (rather than age).
2. Generally, we do not encourage juniors to play above their proper year group on a permanent basis. We believe that it is important for juniors to play with their peers to maximise their enjoyment of hockey and also make close friendships for the future. We believe that there is great value in stronger players learning good team leadership skills amongst their peers.
3. From time to time junior players may play in a higher grade as a second game for the weekend. The club makes every attempt to share this amongst eligible players and each Age Group Coordinator will work to find the best fit as a result of requests from the age group above.
4. Some J11/12 players will want and have opportunities to play with the top senior squads. We believe talented juniors playing with the top squads should continue to play juniors as much as possible for the reasons detailed above. The junior and senior club work together to ensure that this happens and a players junior match will always take precedence.
5. J11/12 players may also have opportunities to play in the lower senior grades. We support this enthusiasm providing that their first priority is to their junior team and they manage their training load effectively to avoid injury. Opportunities to play in senior grades are managed by J11/12 Age Group Coordinators and it is UWA club philosophy to share these opportunities between players. This ensures that most players will gain some exposure to the senior club during their later junior club years.

PLAYER ASSESSMENTS FOR 2017

Our approach to player assessments differ between each age group.

The selection of J7/8 to J11/12 junior teams will be based on the following:

1. Player skill assessments. These dates are outlined below. They are conducted by our experienced senior players over a number of sessions.
2. Performance in pre season scratch matches and training sessions. We will be using the first two or three training sessions to form player squads.
3. Training application, coachability and feedback from previous coaches if required.

Please be aware that non-attendance at selection trials, assessment sessions or training may impact on a player's assessment and team selection. However, we do understand that some players may have clashes with the final important stages of their summer sport. Please make sure that you communicate with your age group coordinator if this the case.

The teams will be selected prior to the first game and will generally remain in place for the first four fixtures. However, it is necessary for a few players to be moved up or downwards during these first few weeks. They may also be asked to play more than one game in a weekend. At the conclusion of the first four fixtures the selections will be reviewed and changes may be made. After this point, changes to teams will only be made in extenuating circumstances.

We ask that parents discuss this with their children and that this is clearly understood. It is an important part of the process in finalising teams for the season.

The selection of J5/6 junior teams will be loosely based on the above process except that friendship and school groupings will also be taken into consideration. Year 5 players will be playing on a larger

field for the first time and generally we will play these players together with an experienced coach. Experience shows, that it is important for players to again play with their age group, establish friendships whilst still developing their larger game skills.

As a general rule, if two UWA teams are nominated in the same grade the club will look at the range of abilities in the age group and a decision about the best way to construct the two teams. As a club, we prefer not to have two teams in the same pool.

Upon completion of assessment trials, players are allocated into training groups where coaches can continue to monitor player development. These groups are always fluid and movement between squads is common. Please don't hesitate to see your age group coordinator if you have any questions about the process or the placement of your child at any point in time. This is an issue that should be discussed with players at a club and a home level.

ASSESSMENT DATES AND TIMES 2017

AGE GROUP	DATE	TIME / LOCATION
J5/6		
Girls	Saturday 18 th March	Year 5 8.20-9.15am Year 6: 9.- 10.30am
	Saturday 25 th March	Year 5 and 6 together 8.30-10am
Training	Wed 29 th March and Wed 5 th April 4.30-5.30pm Grass Fields 2/3	
Boys		
Girls	Saturday 18 th March	Year 5 10.15 - 11.15. Year 6: 11.00 -12.pm
	Saturday 25 th March	Year 5 and 6 together 9.45 - 11.45pm
Training	Tuesday 28 th March and Tuesday 4 th April 4.30 - 5.30pm Grass Fields 2/3	
J7/8		
Girls	Saturday 18 th March	All girls 12 - 2pm Turf 1
	Saturday 25 th March	All girls 12 - 2pm Turf 1
Training	Thursday 30 th March and Thursday 6 th April 4.30-6pm on Turf 1	
Boys		
Girls	Saturday 18 th March	All Boys 2 - 4pm Turf 1
	Saturday 25 th March	All Boys 2 - 4pm Turf 1
Training	Thursday 30 th March and Thursday 6 th April 4.30-6pm on Turf 2	
J9/10		
Girls	Sunday 19 th March	All Girls 12 - 2pm Turf 1
	Sunday 26 th March	All Girls 12 - 2pm Turf 1
Training	Wed 29 th March and Wed 5 th April 5-7pm (Coordinators to advise time frame for each squad) Turf 1	
Boys		
Girls	Sunday 19 th March	All Boys 2- 4pm Turf 1
	Sunday 26 th March	All Boys 2- 4pm Turf 1
Training	Wed 29 th March and Wed 5 th April 5-7pm (Coordinators to advise time frame for each squad) Turf 2	
J11/12		
This age group begins training and scratch matches on Tuesday 28 th March and Tuesday 4 th April. Girls Turf 2 and Boys on Turf 1. Both girls and boys will train 5-6.30pm.		

AGE GROUP TRAINING TIMES

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Surface</i>
<i>J11/12 Girls</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5-6.30pm</i>	<i>Turf 2</i>
<i>J11/12 Boys</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5-6.30pm</i>	<i>Turf 1</i>
<i>J9/10 Girls</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>4.30-7pm</i>	<i>Turf 2 + Grass Field 1(4.30-6pm)</i>
<i>J9/10 Boys</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>4.30-7pm</i>	<i>Turf 1 + Grass Field 1 (4.30-6pm)</i>
<i>J7/8 Girls</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>4.30-6pm</i>	<i>Turf 2 + Grass Field 1 (4.30-6pm)</i>
<i>J7/8 Boys</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>4.30-6pm</i>	<i>Turf 1 + Grass Field 1 (4.30-6pm)</i>
<i>J5/6 Girls</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>4.30-5.45pm</i>	<i>Grass Field 2 and 3</i>
<i>J5/6 Boys</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>4.30 - 6pm</i>	<i>Grass Field 1 and 4</i>

Please note that training will not take place during the April school holidays and will resume again the week beginning 24th April. The first round of fixtures for age groups 7/8 - 11/12 is on the weekend of the 28th, 29th and 30th April. For our J5/6 Players, Saturday 29th April is your Grading Carnival day, it is important that all players attend the times that will be allocated to you once fixtures arrive for this carnival.

JUNIOR UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Boys and girls in the J9/10 Year group are expected to participate throughout the season in the Club's Junior Umpire Development program. At UWA, we have one of the most developed and supportive umpiring programs in the state. We aim to align umpires to specific teams and mentors, to enable feedback and improvement from week to week. This age group are generally allocated to a Saturday morning fixture. However, there are Sunday morning fixtures available for stronger umpires.

Keen second and third year junior umpires are encouraged to notify the Umpire Coordinator to assist umpiring the J9/10 and J11/12 age groups as required. We strongly encourage all of our players to become involved in the training program and continue to develop as umpires after this program.

Should you have any further questions please see contacts below:

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Junior Boys Coordinator	Alison Perrin	aliuwahockey@gmail.com
Junior Girls Coordinator	Lisa Reynolds	lisauwa@inet.net.au

We look forward to the start of the 2017 season - get those sticks ready!

