

WINCHESTER HOCKEY CLUB NEWS



Coaching update for 2020 – 2021 season

As the Club prepares for the coming season, both Club and Junior Committees are working hard to make sure we have everything in place for another great season.

Following our recent open advertising and review regarding our lead coach programme for the coming season, I am delighted to share with you the following appointments.

Men's Prem Squad coaching appointments

Ben Hibberd – Men's 1st XI South Prem Coach appointment



We are delighted to welcome back Ben Hibberd again as our 1st XI Men's Coach. Ben was 1st XI Coach previously for two key years, driving the team up through two league promotions into the South Premier League, and we welcome him back this season, as the team aims to establish a firm base within this high performance league this year.

Ben has been a key member of the 1st XI for many years, has played indoor at national cup level, and has also been directly involved with coaching some of our junior teams.

In his role as 1st XI Coach he will be a key contributor to the core trio of lead club coaches - building the successful player

pathway coaching club programme, and we wish him & the team every success this coming season.

We are also delighted to announce that Howard Chaplin-White will work closely with Ben as Prem squad coach, working with the 2nd XI and providing key support to the 1st XI as match day Manager. We wish them both every success this season

Howard Chaplin-White – Winchester prem Squad Coach and 1st XI match day manager

We pleased to confirm Howard as this seasons 1st XI match day manager and assistant coach, and his continuing role as Prem coach developing the 2nd XI squad in line with the 1st XI. This is a core link to our player pathway programme, ensuring all prem squad players are geared up for the highest levels of team performance.

Howard will also be continuing with his role as lead coach for the U16 and academy squads within Winchester, where he will be aiming to continue his coaching development beyond his current level 2 qualifications. We recognise and welcome his commitment to the development and the delivery of great coaching within the club.



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Ladies Club Appointments

Helen Jelley – Ladies 1st XI Coach at Winchester



We are very pleased to announce that Helen Jelley will be joining Winchester HC as Ladies 1st XI Coach. Helen is a qualified EH Level 3 coach, and has most recently been coaching at Beeston, with the British Army, with the EH Futures Cup teams and extensively throughout levels of the EH single system in the midlands; we really welcome Helen to beautiful Winchester and our ambitious ladies teams.

Helen has played in the Wales U21 team and numerous international representational indoor competition levels, and more recently within the EH Premier league.

Great news is Helen will also be involved with the coaching development of our U16 girls team, and will work closely with Richard P to make sure we lay down the best coaching programme for our emerging generation. Welcome Helen!

Cam Elloway – Winchester Ladies 2nd XI Coach

Following on from the success of last season with promotion to the Premier division, we are pleased to confirm Cam Elloway will continue once again to work with and coach this vibrant team, as they look to establish themselves in this higher league this coming season.

Cam has developed an excellent rapport with this group, and he will be working closely with Helen to ensure both top teams can train consistently to best support the player pathway and the necessary interchange between 1st XI and 2nd XI needed to continue the success of these teams.



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Winchester Junior Club

Director of Coaching - Junior Club 2020-21

We are delighted and excited to welcome **Richard Penrose** to the role of Junior Director of Coaching this season. Richard, a playing member at Winchester since 1997, has been involved in coaching since 2007, coaching at all levels in the junior section, with the EH regional junior squads, and more recently as assistant Coach to national league side Fareham.

Richard will primarily be focussed on delivering coach development support to all the volunteer coaches across the junior section this season. He will also be working closely with our two senior squad lead coaches to establish best practice for the player pathway development programme, and at all times making sure we develop our coaching skills and coaches in sync with EH programmes across the club.



Richard is a qualified level 2 coach and halfway to achieving EH Advanced Coaching level.

We are particularly encouraged that so many of our Coaches have come through the Winchester junior and coach development programme, and remain hugely grateful to the many volunteer parents and players who continue to support the development of the club in their roles as Team Managers, Coaches and Umpires.

- If you would like to be part of this team and put something back into the sport we all love, please contact any on the Committee. The Club remains supportive to those who wish to develop their coaching qualifications through the EH coaching programme – contact us for details.

We look forward to making further announcements in the near future as we finalise arrangements across the rest of the junior section, and take this opportunity to wish all our coaching and team management team lots of fun and every success this coming season.

Chairman
Winchester HC

P.S. Don't forget the AGM on the 10th July - you need to pre-register to attend here - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3QS6MQ8>