



2010 Season Junior Club Newsletter

The 2009 saw the club field 24 teams in CHA Junior competitions. A number of teams either won overall grades or various sections of the grade they were playing in with a number of others being well placed .

The Harewood Red Premier Girls & Boys teams Team finished 2nd & 4th in respectively in their respective Premier Grade Major Championships and were placed 2nd & 3rd respectively in the Pica Print Super Six pre season tournament .The Harewood White Premier 3 Girls also finished runner up in their Season Championship

The 2009 Season also saw 29 Harewood junior players selected for various Canterbury Junior representative teams & with several Harewood Coaches and Parents being involved in the running of these teams .

The Club Committee have been working behind the scenes to start preparation for the fast approaching 2010 season . Initial indications are that the Club will field a similar number of Junior teams to the 2009 season although the grade mix may alter a bit .

This year the Junior club will be administered by a small group of people who have volunteered to assist.

Responsibility for the various grades will be split up as follows

11 a side grades : Patrick Coupe

8 A side Boys : Deborah Kerry – Lee Orpwood

8 A side Girls : Rhonda Mairdonald

However It seems to be the same old people fronting up so its about time a few other parents who have children playing at the club rolled their sleeves up and got involved in the Junior Club Administration otherwise it wont be well organised for the children who play at the club and that would be entirely unsatisfactory .

Look forward to hearing from you !

There were 260 + players involved in Harewood junior teams in 2009 with a further 150 registrations for the Minis programme seeing the junior section of the club have over 400 participants which is a significant portion of the Canterbury Junior Hockey community .

It is also pleasing to see 2 Harewood Junior players parents join the Canterbury Hockey Junior Management Committee for 2010 .The Club is grateful to Simon Taylor & Andrea Heath who have volunteered for this very important committee and Craig McIntosh who has coached the Harewood Blue Premier Girls in recent years will continue in the role as chairman of the JMC

Registrations for the Juniors will be on the 7th & 14th of March from 10.00 am till 12.00 midday at the Club rooms at Nunweek Park .The Club will require subs to be paid at the time of registration. Only those players who have paid their subs will be registered for teams . The Club will however accommodate arrangements to pay subs over time where required .

Please contact either myself or Murray Thomas the Club Treasurer (email murray.thomas@xtra.co.nz) regarding this There will be Eftpos facilities available at the club rooms on registration days ,Credit Cards are not accepted

Subs for the Junior teams for the 2010 Season are still to be set however indications are

Premier 1-2 \$145.00

Premier 3 Girls Grass grade \$135.00 (May change depending on the number of Turf Games to be played)

Super 8 \$115

Intermediate 8 \$115

Junior 8 \$115

Minis \$40

I have attached a notice with some general information regarding grades, uniforms etc .

In the interim If you have any queries regarding the upcoming season please don't hesitate to contact me on 355 1490 or 027 294 3233 or by email coupefamily@xtra.co.nz

Patrick Coupe
Harewood Hockey Club

Harewood Hockey Club Junior Club General Information for the 2010 Season

When

At this stage we are advised that competition matches commence Saturday 17th April for Premier Grades and 24th April all other grades.

The start date for Harewood Minis will be April 24th .

Practices

The majority of Junior Teams will practice in the early evening at the Burnside High Turf on Greers Road.

The team's coach will notify practice times.

Uniforms

All Junior players are expected to wear the Harewood Club uniform when playing .

8 a side teams

The uniform can be purchased from Just Hockey in St Asaph St and comprises red shorts for Boys or red skirt for Girls , red socks and Blue Harewood Club polo shirt .

Premier Grade teams

Playing shirts are provided for players in these teams however they are required to provide their own shorts ,skirts and socks which can be purchased from Just Hockey. The shorts and skirts are red white and blue

Grade Outline

Junior 8's Generally for children yr 3-5 at School. This grade is suitable for first year players who have had at least one year in the minis programme. Games are 2 x 18 minute halves with 2-minute half time break. Games will be played at Medbury School for the boys & Christchurch Girls High & Sydenham for the girls .
The JMC have indicated that some girl's games may be scheduled at Medbury as well.

Intermediate 8's Generally for children yr 5-7 at School. This grade is suitable for first season players but it is desirable that players in this grade have at least one seasons play in a lower grade. Games are 2 x 18 minute halves with 2-minute half time. Games will be played at Burnside High Turf for the boys and Christchurch Boys High for the girls.

Super 8 Grade Generally for children yr 6-8 at school. This grade is suitable for more experienced junior players who are demonstrating a good appreciation of the game of Hockey. The grade is generally not suitable for first year players. Games are 2 x 20 minute halves with 2-minute half time break. Games will be played at St Margaret's for the girls and Nunweek Park for the boys .

Premier 3 Grade(Girls) Generally for children yr 7-8 at school .This grade is intended to cater for players who do not qualify by playing ability for Premier 1&2 Grades which is the premier junior grade and have had a couple of seasons in the 8 a side grades .It also provides an opportunity for yr 8 players to gain experience playing an 11 a side game on a full sized field before moving on to High School where they will likely play in the u 15 competition or for younger players who wish to develop experience playing the 11 a side game with a view to being considered for selection for the Premier 1&2 Grade in the following season . Games are 2 x 25 minute halves with 2 minute half time break . Games will be played on the grass & turf fields at either Nunweek or Porritt Parks .

Premier 1 & 2 Grade This is the top junior grade in which the standard of hockey is expected to be the highest possible for Primary/Intermediate School children at Club level . Ideally players in this grade should be playing at a skill level which would render them suitable for consideration for representative teams. These teams are selected via an extensive trial process at the beginning of the season from players who have played in Intermediate 8 , Super 8 , Premier 1-2 or 3 Grade for the Club in the preceding Year .Games are 2 x 25 minute halves with a 2 minute half time break .Matches are played on the turf at Porritt Park.

*** Please note the venues noted above for the various grades may change depending on the timing of completion of the new turf that is being put down at St Bedes**

Minis As well as entering teams in all of the above grades the Club runs a coaching programme during the season for young children who wish to develop the skills required to play hockey. This is held at Nunweek Park on Saturday Mornings between 9-10 am and is suitable for Children from 4-9 yrs old .It is the Clubs view that children should have a minimum of 1 if not years in this programme before graduating to the Junior 8 grade.

Please note the above are general guidelines and the Club will endeavour to accommodate players requirements depending on age , experience and skill levels .

General

Once registration days are completed teams will be organised and you will be notified of which team you child will be playing in and who the coach is. Please note that we will endeavour to accommodate requests for players to be grouped together ,specific practice nights etc however there is no guarantee that we can accommodate all requests.

The Club requires all registered players to be financial members of the Club prior to the commencement of the season. Payments can be made either on registration day or by post to Harewood Hockey Club, Po Box 20076, Bishopdale.

As with many organisations the Club operates with the support of volunteers to organise and coach teams. If you are able to assist with Coaching or Managing a team or joining the Committee please either make a note on your child's registration form or contact Patrick Coupe on 355 1490 or Email : coupefamily@xtra.co.nz