



## TULSE HILL AND DULWICH HOCKEY CLUB

### Junior Section Welcome letter 2017-18

Dear

Thank you for expressing an interest in your son / daughter playing hockey with Tulse Hill & Dulwich H.C. Junior Section. We like to enable all who wish to play to be able to have the opportunity to do so and would like to extend a warm welcome to any young person and their parent / guardian interested in playing hockey and finding out about the Club - this letter will provide you with some information about our activities. The Junior Section of Tulse Hill & Dulwich Hockey Club ensures provision of opportunities for young boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 16, whatever their previous experience, to receive coaching and to take part in various competitions during the course of the season which runs during term-time from September to Easter. All coaching is undertaken by coaches who have been screened for their suitability for working with young people and it is all overseen by a level 3 coach.

We welcome parents to all training sessions and competitions and value your support. The club is largely run by volunteers and so we are keen to involve parents in the club and if you would like more information about this do not hesitate to contact me. We will also expect parents of all players based at the Alleyn's site to help in the kitchen on at least one Sunday during the season. Below is some more information about training times, dates, kit and club registration.

Communications are sent out electronically from a central source – Team Manager if relevant to one age group or by myself if to the whole of the Junior Section. Information is also available on the main Club website: [thehockeyclub.co.uk](http://thehockeyclub.co.uk) where you can also find information about the Senior section of the club.

#### **Training times and venues:**

Training Group	School years	Training Time	Location
U6 boys and girls U8 boys and girls	Reception, Y1 Y2 & Y3	Sundays 09.00 - 10.00	Alleyn's
GU10	girls: years 4 & 5	Sundays 10.00 - 11.00	Alleyn's
BU10	boys: years 4 & 5	Sundays 09.00 - 10.00	Dulwich College
GU12*	girls: years 6 & 7	Sundays 11.00 - 12.15* & 12.15 - 13.30	Alleyn's
BU12	boys: years 6 & 7	Sundays 10.00 - 11.15	Dulwich College
GU14*	girls: years 8 & 9	Sundays 09.00 - 10.15* & 10.15 - 11.30	JAGS
BU14	boys: years 8 & 9	Thursdays 17.30 - 19.00	Dulwich College
GU16s	girls: years 10 & 11	Sundays 13.30 - 15:00	Alleyn's
BU16s	boys: years 10 & 11	Thursdays 17.30 to 19.00	Dulwich College
Goalkeepers	All ages	Sundays 09.00 to 11.00	Alleyn's

\* GU12 & GU14 will train as one group for approx. the first three sessions; they will then be divided into two groups to train at slightly different time slots - due to the numbers expected in these two age groups.



### **Training dates for 2017-18 season:**

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Sept (Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> for BU14 & BU16) – Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec (except for Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Oct)  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jan (Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Jan for BU14 & BU16) – Sun 25<sup>th</sup> March (except for Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Feb)

Under 16 boys and girls are also invited to attend the senior club training on Thursday evenings if they wish to play adult hockey on Saturdays. Please ask for more information if interested.

Arrangements should be made for your son / daughter to travel to and from training sessions and matches. We appreciate if players can arrive promptly and are collected promptly at the end of each session if they are not making their own way home. If you are going to be late picking up your son / daughter please let us know.

All players should be suitably clothed for all coaching sessions and matches – shorts / skirt / tracksuit trousers + suitable shirt / sweatshirt / fleece. Club kit is available to purchase – U12s and below the kit is available to purchase from InterSport in Herne Hill. U14s and U16s the club kit is available to order from Silverfx the club suppliers:

<https://silverfx.co.uk/category/sports-clubs/tulse-hill-and-dulwich-hockey-club/>

Numbers should NOT be added to Juniors' shirts – unless you are also playing for the Senior Club teams in which case you need to be allocated a number by Lucy Muldoon.

Shin guards are essential and all players are advised to wear a mouth guard. Trainers, if not specially designed for astroturf should have a good grip and laces should be tied up sufficiently tightly so as to support the foot and help get a good grip on the pitch. Football boots or any other studded boots may not be worn. Anyone with long hair should wear it in such a way as to keep it off their face (e.g. bandana / ponytail). Don't bring valuables – but if you have to, make sure you give it in and collect it at the end.

A limited number of sticks are available to borrow, but you should bring your own stick if you have one. We are happy to advise as to what weight and length of stick is suitable. Any child is welcome to give the game a try (i.e. first session is free and without commitment), but every child who attends regularly will be required to pay a subscription for the season. Details of subscription rates are included on the membership form – included as a separate attachment. The club also runs a bursary scheme for those who need assistance in covering the cost of the subscription – please speak directly to Marilyn with regard to this.

“Home” matches may take place anytime from 9am but will often be late morning. We have to rely on parents to assist with transport to “away” matches and we would be most grateful if parents would let us know when they are willing to occasionally assist with transport. We are also keen to recruit parents who would like to help with other aspects of the Club e.g. team manager, social events, umpiring, doing tea & coffee or registration duty etc.

If you require further information, please do feel free to contact me.

We do hope that your son or daughter will enjoy their hockey with us and look forward to your involvement too (more on that later in the season).

Thanks,  
Marilyn Walker