



Oxford Hawks Hockey Club Juniors 2014/15

Welcome to the 24th season of junior hockey at Oxford Hawks Hockey Club. As we look forward to the new season, England Men and Women have just won silver and bronze medals respectively at the Commonwealth Games! Hockey flourished after the 2012 Olympics and hopefully these successful performances by our National teams will boost this fantastic team sport even further.

**Training for the new season starts on Sunday
September 7th 2014 – more information on timings
below.**

**This is Club Day for the whole club with the adult
sides taking over at 1.30pm.**

**Look out for more information in Squawks including
details of special guests, sales of Titan mouth guards
and club kit from Elmer Cotton.**

DATES

Sunday training:

7th Sept 2014 – 14th Dec 2014

4th Jan 2015 – Sunday 30th March 2015

The Hawks Festival for u8s, 10s and 12s is on Sunday October 19th

Further dates can be found on the junior pages of the Hawks website. <http://www.oxfordhawks.co.uk/colts/fixtures-and-results>

Specific changes for 2014/15 season

From this September, our minimum age will be five or older on 31st August 2014 (School Year One) EXCEPT in the case of children of Oxford Hawks members who are happy to get involved in helping with coaching sessions on Sunday mornings in which case, the minimum age will be four or older on 31st August 2014 (Foundation Class age).

New Welfare Officer

We are in the process of appointing a new Welfare Officer for the Club – look out for more information in Squawks. In the interim, if you have any concern regarding the welfare of a young person at Hawks, please contact Sue Clark 07986015821, Sue_Clark@ntlworld.com.

Membership

New membership forms will be sent to all existing members. The junior membership fee for 2014/15 is £85.

Family membership – any family with two full adult paying members only pay one junior fee regardless of the number of children playing at the club. Eg a family of two adult and three junior members would pay two adult and only one junior membership fee for membership for the whole family.



New members can attend two training sessions to 'test the water' before joining and paying a membership fee. If you wish to do this, please indicate at the top of your membership form and we will delay paying in any fees for two weeks.

Training – age groups

It is club policy for **all children to train and play with their own age** group unless specifically advised otherwise following discussion between the relevant age group coaches, Head Junior Coach and Development Officer.

The age qualification date for all Leagues and England Hockey competitions is 1st September.

U18	17 or under on 31 st Aug 2014	School years 12 and 13
U16	15 or under on 31 st Aug 2014	School years 10 and 11
U14	13 or under on 31 st Aug 2014	School years 8 and 9
U12	11 or under on 31 st Aug 2014	School years 6 and 7
U10	9 or under on 31 st Aug 2014	School years 4 and 5
U8	7 or under on 31 st Aug 2014	School years 1, 2 and 3

For all JDCs, JACs and JRPCs (Single System activity) the age qualification date is 1st Jan.

Age group training times and coaches

Goalkeeper coaching across age groups will be led by Jim Felix, Linda Billington and Jonny Atkins.

Young leaders and players from the adult section will also assist with coaching.

Under 8s	Sue Clark, Will Smith, Mark Crowley	9am to 10am	Near pitch
Under 10s	Ed Baldock and Nathan Monk	9am to 10.30am	Top pitch
Under 12 Boys	Simon Smith Simon Dawson	10am to 11.30am	Top pitch and Near pitch alternate weeks
Under 12 Girls	Lisa Scragg and Paul Scragg	10am to 11.30am	Top pitch and Near pitch alternate weeks
Under 14 Boys	Russell Warner	12 to 1.30pm	Top pitch
Under 14 Girls	Lisa Scragg, Paul Scragg	12 to 1.30pm	Near pitch
Under 16 Boys	Tim Spittles and Richard Venables	11.30am to 1pm	Top pitch
Under 16 Girls	Nathan Monk, Kara Kerr and Alan Watt	11.30am to 1pm	Near pitch
Under 18 Boys	Drew Blackburn and Paul Dunleavy	Attend adult training unless otherwise advised	
Under 18 Girls	Sue Clark, Laura Scragg and Sally Clark	Attend adult training unless otherwise advised	

Please look out for further information about our weekday training sessions on Monday and Tuesday evenings on the website and in Squawks.

Fixtures

We have entered boys' teams in the Mercian League at under 14, under 16 and under 18 age groups. We have also entered the Oxfordshire Boys u14 and u16 leagues. Girls' teams have been entered in the Oxfordshire u14 League and u16 and u18 Home Counties League. We have also entered the u14, u16 and u18 England Hockey Cups for Boys and Girls.

U8s, 10s and 12s play in a range of tournaments and festivals.

Development Teams

To support the transition of junior players into the adult teams, we have two development teams (sides combining juniors with experienced senior players in the Ladies sections of the club.) If you are aged 11, 12, 13 or 14 and are interested in playing in one of these sides, please get in touch with Sue Clark (girls) Sue_Clark@ntlworld.com

It is an England Hockey rule that no player under 13 should play in a full adult side

Ball Patrol

There are opportunities for boys and girls to be part of the ball patrol at Oxford Hawks Ladies 1st XI home games. If you are over 13 years of age and would like to be part of the ball patrol or would like to know a little more about what is involved, please contact Lisa Scragg at scraggyanddizzy@btinternet.com



Documents and Policies

Our Code of Conduct and Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey policy together with other policies and statements can be found on our website www.oxfordhawks.co.uk .

Over the summer, we submitted our documentation for reaccreditation to England Hockey Clubs 1st scheme which once verified should confirm that we are a safe, effective, child friendly environment and an organisation that follows good practice guidelines.

Mouth Guards / Shin Pads

It is important that all young players come to training properly equipped. The wearing of shin pads is mandatory with the use of gum shield strongly recommended. Please also make sure that your children are appropriately dressed for the weather and that on cold and wet mornings they have sufficient warm and waterproof clothing to allow them to enjoy the session.

Leadership Award

We hope to run another Leadership Course for juniors age 13 and above during the season. Please look out for further information in Squawks.

Website, Facebook, Twitter and Club emails

The club website is www.oxfordhawks.co.uk. This contains lots of information about the Colts section as well as the adult section of the club.

In cases of poor weather, please use the Oxford Hawks Facebook page www.facebook.com/oxfordhawks or Twitter account for any information about cancellations. This information is also posted on the website but Facebook and Twitter are usually the quickest source of information.

A weekly newsletter, Squawks is sent during the season with details of what is going on in the club. You are given the opportunity to opt out of receiving this on the membership form. If you wish to change your request, please contact Henri Gordon on Henri.Gordon@nielsen.com

Insurance

The Club has public liability insurance. It **does not** have any personal injury insurance. It is up to individuals to take out their own personal injury insurance if they wish to do so.

Kit

A full range of kit can be brought through the online shop at Elmer Cotton Sports http://www.elmercottonoxford.co.uk/Online_Store/index.php Please do not feel obliged to buy all items straightaway. Club socks and a hoody are a good place to start! Shirts are provided for games.

Clubhouse

Free Wi-Fi is available in the clubhouse and hot drinks and bacon butties are sold on Sunday mornings from the kitchen. Hot drinks will also be available from the kiosk next to the top pitch.

Contacts:

Chairman Oxford Hawks Colts and Development Officer

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Head Junior Coach

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Welfare Officer tbc shortly

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Ball Patrol Coordinator

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