



Oaklands , East Drive, Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL4 0JA

**St Albans Hockey Club Youth Section : 2014 - 2015 Season**

**Date: August 2014**

Welcome to the new season at St Albans Hockey Club. Our fantastic facilities are now in full use and with huge improvements to the coaching provision it promises to be a great year

This pre-season letter summarizes the organisation for the coming season. As always there are a few changes so please read this letter carefully. For new initiatives relating to membership and providing extra support for various sections of the club which include the Youth Section, please read the SAHC Members and Partners Booklet which is on the Club's Website [www.stalbanshc.co.uk](http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk)

If you have any friends that may be interested in hockey, please let them know.

### **Club Policies and Procedures:**

Players and parents are asked to ensure that they are aware of contents of these documents (copies will be on the notice board at the Oaklands Club Room or can be accessed on the Club's website [www.stalbanshc.co.uk](http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk) -> click on Juniors -> click on Policies and Procedures (at bottom of page) or a shortcut to the web page [www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page\\_19304/Policies--Procedures.aspx](http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_19304/Policies--Procedures.aspx)

### **Pitch Cancellation Procedure:**

Coaches will inform players/parents/guardians by phone or email when coaching/matches are cancelled so please check your e-mails. It really would help the coaches if parents liaise to set up a ring-round procedure to pass on messages.

### **Membership application forms:**

The Youth Members Form will be placed on the Club's website [www.stalbanshc.co.uk](http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk)

Forms with signatures need to be given to Youth Administrator (Sue Martin) by the 2<sup>nd</sup> coaching session.(by post to 6 Hazelmere Road, St Albans, Herts, AL4 9RW, by e-mail to [ma.martin@virginmedia.com](mailto:ma.martin@virginmedia.com) or by hand)

### **Colt's Section Subscriptions:**

The subscriptions range according to age group (Year 1-4 £90, Year 5-7 £100 and Year 8-12 £130). A single payment can be made by bank transfer/cheque. If playing for a senior team regularly on Saturdays, then only the Youth Full Member subscription needs to be paid (£155 or £150 if paid before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014). This can be paid by instalments with a standing order or one payment bank transfer/cheque/card. For standing order, a playing standing order form needs completing for an initial payment of £55 on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 and 5 monthly instalments of £20 finishing on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2015.

Please make sure the name of the player is provided with all payments.

Payment by standing order - standing order to be sent to Youth Administrator (Sue Martin)

Payment by cheque - cheque to be made payable to "St Albans Hockey Club" with child's/children's names and Junior Subs on the back with cheque given/sent to Youth Administrator (Sue Martin).

Payment by bank transfer - St Albans HC Bank Account details are A/c No 00414328 and Sort Code 20-91-79. Please use your initial and last name as the payee reference. Your care in providing the details will help us identify your payment. When initiated please give details to Sue Martin.

**Payment deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> November or within 4 weeks of attending the first training session.**

### **Parents/Guardians commitment to attend sessions (Years 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Children will be carefully looked after by qualified coaches, who are all DBS checked, **however it is a condition of admission to the coaching sessions that parents/guardians of Under 7s and 9s must be "on site" in the unlikely event of an emergency. Under no circumstances will coaches leave children unattended to care for a child who is injured, sick or distressed for any reason. If the parent/guardian cannot attend the session they should appoint a substitute adult who is identified to the head coach prior to commencement of the session.**

**Safety/Insurance and Kit/Equipment** - It is recommended that you wear shin pads, and invest in a gum shield as many players wear them now (ask your dentist next time you go). It makes sense to wear footwear suitable for running/gripping on artificial grass and please ensure players bring a bottle of water with them to deal with dehydration. Do not forget that it is a wise precaution to take out Sports Insurance (please note that the Herts County Council no longer operates a Personal Accident Insurance Scheme).

Should you need any kit for the coming season you can contact The Hockey Centre (John and Philippa Hurst) at 200 Beech Road, St Albans - Phone 01727 865264. If you have specific kit needs, it would help to telephone in advance, giving a week's notice with regard to what you are looking for. They will be at Oaklands on September 5th, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE NAME ALL HOCKEY CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.**

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH's Awards and similar - Please ensure that you agree with your coach that he/she is prepared to assess your performance as per the conditions**

**Volunteers** – As already mentioned the Club/Junior section always welcomes volunteers (coaches, helpers, etc.). If any parents would like to lend a hand in a training or administrative role, please let Sue Martin know. All our efforts are voluntary.

**E-mail addresses** - where email addresses have been provided, information on coaching days, matches, cancellations due to weather etc. will be circulated to the addressees. Please advise Sue Martin (ma.martin@virginmedia.com) if you change your email address and any other contact details.

A growing number of parents have asked to be provided with contact details (addresses and phone numbers) of other parents of youngsters in same age group (to arrange transport etc). If you are happy for the information to be provided please let Sue Martin know.

Yours sincerely

Sue Martin (Youth Section Administrator)

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## Week 1 Coaching at Oaklands (including registration)

Date	Time	Age Group
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	18.00 – 19.30	Year 8 – 12 (Boys and Girls)
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 – 10.00	Year 1 - 3
	10.00 – 11.30	Year 4 - 7
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	No Colts Hockey	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	18.00 – 19.30	Year 8 – 12 (Girls)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	18.00 – 19.30	Year 8 – 12 (Boys)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Normal Coaching Schedule starts	

## Hockey Coaching Sessions at Oaklands

	School Year on Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> 2014	Day	Time	Session Dates (Start to End)	
				Autumn Term	Spring Term
Junior	Under 7s (Year 1 and 2)	Sunday	9.00 – 9.45	14 <sup>th</sup> September to 14 <sup>th</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> January to 19 <sup>th</sup> April
	Under 9s (Year 3)	Sunday	9.30 – 11.00	14 <sup>th</sup> September to 14 <sup>th</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> January to 19 <sup>th</sup> April
	Under 10s (Year 4 and 5)			14 <sup>th</sup> September to 14 <sup>th</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> January to 19 <sup>th</sup> April
	Under 12s (Year 6 and 7)			14 <sup>th</sup> September to 14 <sup>th</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> January to 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Boys	Under 14/ 16 (Year 8 - 12)	Sunday	11.30 – 1.30	14 <sup>th</sup> September to 14 <sup>th</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> January to 19 <sup>th</sup> April
		Thursday	18.00 – 19.30	18 <sup>th</sup> September to 18 <sup>th</sup> December	8 <sup>th</sup> January to 16 <sup>th</sup> April
Girls	Under 14/ 16 (Year 8 – 12)	Sunday	11.30 – 1.30	14 <sup>th</sup> September to 14 <sup>th</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> January to 19 <sup>th</sup> April
		Tuesday	18.00 – 19.30	16 <sup>th</sup> September to 16 <sup>th</sup> December	6 <sup>th</sup> January to 14 <sup>th</sup> April