



Welcome Letter – Season 2023/24

(Please read carefully)

Swindon Hockey Club are pleased to welcome new and existing members to the 2023/24 season. Full details on the club and sessions can be found on our website <https://www.swindonhockeyclub.com/> or email swindonhc@live.co.uk.

Registration

All existing and new members of Swindon Hockey Club are required to be registered on our club admin system Pitchero via the club website, and complete the club's online registration form. Registration information should be completed and payment made prior to selection for the league season. Details on how to register can be found on the 2023/24 Membership page on our website.

Swindon Hockey Club requires this information to administer the club, to keep you updated about training/ social activities and to send administrative messages. The information is held on a secured database, accessed only by authorised club personnel. In accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 this information will not be supplied to any third parties and will be deleted on ceasing membership with the club.

Membership Categories & Fees

There are memberships available at the club that cover seniors, juniors, students, training-only, social and more categories. Discounts are applicable for volunteer committee members (up to 50% off membership), coaches and umpires when appointed by the club. There is also a discounted rate for new members.

Senior membership categories and fees for 2023/24 season:

Category	Early Bird Discount - Payment Before 30/09/23	Payment On or After 01/10/23	Team Player Match Fees
Senior	£165	£195	£11
Training (max 5 league games per season)	£110	£140	senior/concession as below
Senior goalkeeper (own kit)	£100	£125	£11
Full time student (Yr12-university) / unemployed	£90	£110	£7 (£5 Yr11 & under)
Student keeper (own kit)	£70	£90	£7 (£5 Yr11 & under)
Summer membership (May-August, social/summer league)	£25	£25	senior/concession as above
Non playing membership (incl. umpires & coaches)	£10	£10	n/a

Back to Hockey membership categories and fees for 2023/24 season:

Category	Fees
6 week sessions paid upfront	£25
Per Session	£5

The preferred method of payment for membership is **online**. Our bank details can be found in the membership information section of our website – members must be logged into Pitchero to view.

Alternatively, SHC can accept cheques if online payment is not possible. Please make cheques payable to **Swindon Hockey Club** and either forward to your captain or directly to Kerry Baker, 34 Slade Street, Swindon, SN2 2FH.

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Junior membership categories and fees for 2023/24 season:

Category	Payment
Junior Goalkeeper with own kit	£55
Junior Player	£90
2 nd Child	£75
3 rd Child	£60
4 th Child	£45
Pupil of the Deanery School	£45

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All membership categories

Membership of Swindon Hockey Club is automatic upon payment of subs, this gives you voting rights and ensures you are covered by the club's insurance.

Membership fees need to be paid in full by 1st November 2023, if not, members will not be permitted to play until outstanding fees are settled. Should you wish to discuss any financial concerns in confidence, please do not hesitate to contact Alli Roberts, Club Treasurer at treasurer@swindonhockeyclub.com.

For any questions and if you are paying by cheque, please contact Kerry Baker, Membership Secretary (dkbaker1@sky.com).

Medical Information

In case of emergency and as part of the club's responsibility to its membership, ALL club members are required to complete this medical information on the registration form as accurately as possible. Details will be held securely with access restricted to authorised club officers only.

Please note it is the players responsibility to inform their coach / manager / captain prior to a game / training session of any condition / injury or illness that may affect their treatment in the incidence of an injury.

For members under 18, this information needs to be completed by a parent or guardian.

All members (parents for those under 18) must confirm they consider themselves to be physically fit and capable of full participation and agree to notify the club of any changes to the medical information provided. Furthermore, in the event an injury is sustained, permission is given for the team managers/coaches appointed by Swindon Hockey Club to obtain emergency medical treatment on your behalf. Emergency contact information must also be provided.

Inclusion, Ethnicity and Disability

Sport can and does play a major role in promoting the inclusion of all groups in society. However, inequalities have existed within sport particularly in relation to gender, race and disability. Sport England and England Hockey are committed to promoting and developing sports equity, which is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them.

By monitoring the profile of people in sports clubs, national governing bodies of sport and Sport England can identify any issues relating to under representation of different groups and can develop strategies to ensure that all people have the opportunity in the future to develop and progress in sport.

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England Hockey requests this data from clubs as part of the annual affiliation process and completing this data accurately enables the club to give an accurate picture to England Hockey on our membership.

This is an optional section on the SHC registration form.

Parental Consent

This section on the registration form is IMPORTANT and applicable to parents whose child will be playing with ADULT TEAMS but who are still under 18 years of age.

It is a requirement of club policy that parental consent is provided for participation, transportation and photography. The Swindon Hockey Club Member's **Code of Conduct** and **Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey Policy** provide more detail and are available on the club website.

Transport

'Transportation' refers to under 18's travelling to venues for matches and training by transport provided by the club which may include travelling in other players private cars.

Photography

In some environments, particularly adult competition it is impossible to control **photography** by external parties, also there may be times that photographs and/or footage will be taken during matches and training sessions by approved agents and/or officers of Swindon Hockey Club. Such images shall only be used for publicity/training purposes in accordance with the Swindon Hockey Club **Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey Policy** and **Photography Policy**.

In the registration form you will be asked for consent for your son/daughter to feature in such photos/images and to grant approved agents the right to use the images resulting from the photo/film shoots. This includes any reproductions or adaptations of the images for all general purposes i.e. local newspapers, local magazines, other promotional articles (inc. flyers) and the club's website. Please respond to this question in the registration form.

Insurance

England Hockey strongly recommends all players wear shin, ankle and mouth protection whilst playing hockey. Our club policy dictates that junior players must wear shin guards, the use of gum shields is strongly recommended.

Hockey is played on a synthetic pitch with hard balls and involves players tackling each other to get the ball. Whilst the qualified coaches, members of Swindon Hockey Club and other helpers will do all that they can to ensure safe play for all members, accidents can and do happen from time to time. Swindon Hockey Club holds Public Liability and Personal Accident insurance. However members may prefer to make their own additional insurance arrangements.

Neither Swindon Hockey Club nor its officials, can be held liable for the loss of or damage to personal property whilst taking part in these activities.

Spectators

The Club welcomes family and friends to support our teams, in a respectful and well-mannered way. Full details of our spectator guidelines can be found on our website.

Please also note:

- Small children should not be allowed to wander freely around the perimeter of the pitch whilst games are in progress and should be kept outside any high fencing surrounding the pitch. Children should remain under the control of the parent/carer at all times.
- Babies in push chairs should not be left unattended on the side of the pitch and should be kept outside any high fencing surrounding the pitch.

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- Spectators should not sit at ground level, to avoid possible injury from stray balls which may be travelling at speed and power.
- Spectators wishing to take photographs should obtain permission from both captains before doing so. This is especially important where there is the possibility of U18s playing within senior teams.

England Hockey Registration

All senior players must register on the EH game management system: [England Hockey GMS](#)

If not registered, you cannot play as the team sheets are created from this information. Please ensure you use a personal email address for the registration process.

Membership Form

When you have read this welcome letter, please complete the registration form fields on your Pitchero account profile. Then complete your payment online or pay by cheque if online is not possible.

If you are unable to register for Pitchero please contact swindonhc@live.co.uk so we can assist you.

All at Swindon Hockey Club look forward to welcoming you for the new season.

Kindest regards

SHC Committee

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