

## Mens Hockey Report 2021/22

OSHC have fielded 5 teams, each team with substitutes, each and every week with great consistency in the 2021/22 season.

M1 enjoyed a good second half of 2021/22 season having struggled to get results in the absence of key injured players. Mid table finish with some good results against the strongest opposition has been earned through hard training and strong team work. Prospects for 2022/23 season are good.

M2 work hard to keep their place in a strong League where there are always opportunities for our younger (17/18 year old) players to gain experience in performance hockey. The side relies on the commitment of a few senior players where a greater depth of M1 availability would be of great benefit to our other performance team.

M3 enjoyed a successful season to finish 3rd in their League and with restructuring over the Summer have been promoted for 2022/23 season. The team provides a good early platform in Mens hockey for younger players who intend to play at a higher level.

M4 have similarly been promoted following a season of good results, and with M5 having a surfeit of young players coming through from our Juniors section we can expect 2022/23 to be exciting and rewarding in terms of player development.

Thank You to our coaches, Jamie Clapham and Calum Cleland, and Director of Hockey, Murray Creed, who have been and continue to be encouraging and supportive of our enthusiastic and committed players.

In 2022/23 there will be a need to carefully balance team experience with younger players expectations. All of us can help the Captains in the weekly task of selection by setting availability early and sticking to it, if at all possible.

There are typically few selection issues for OSHC Veterans hockey which continues to be a popular and well subscribed midweek fixture. Thanks to Simon 'Sam' Stephens who has managed the Veterans fixtures for several seasons now and is ready to hand over to a willing volunteer (Don't all shout at once!?)

2022/23 OSHC continues to offer the opportunity for all to play and enjoy the camaraderie of hockey. Our discipline and our attitude towards umpires and oppositions, and towards one another, will continue to reflect our spirit to be competitive and collegiate - competitive and highly motivated which any sport demands, encouraging the same desire and effort from each and one another, and enjoying the friendships that follow after the game.