



LEWES HOCKEY CLUB

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Our Welfare & Safeguarding Commitment

Dear Parent / Carer

Lewes Hockey Club welcomes you and your child(ren) to the club. We hope that your child(ren) will enjoy being a club member and will enjoy the Hockey coaching, training, and matches, as well as the social interactions available at the club.

The aim of this letter is to provide information that may be helpful to you as new (and old) members. If you do have other questions not answered below, please do ask me, the Club Welfare Officer, our Junior Chair, your young players coach or any committee member.

The club is run by a mix of volunteers and few paid members of staff like our Southdown Club Manager Sara Riley, Groundsman David Leach and our club receptionists, Kate and Fairy. We welcome offers of help from all members, and hope that as you feel part of the club you will feel able to get involved.

A full list of officers, committee members, coaches and officials for Junior Hockey are currently:

Club chair - Hamish Middleton	U16 & U14 Girls – Sasha Blake Pyatt & Tom Fewster
Club Welfare Officer - Julia Madigan	U16 & U14 Boys – Philip Brown & Todd Collinson
Junior Chair - Philip Brown	U12 Girls – Sharon Maddy-Patel
Womens Club Captain – Amy Boyse	U12 Boys – Philip Brown & TBC
Mens Club Captain – Jamie Neill	U10 Girls – David Churton
Club Secretary – Caitlin Wheatley	U10 Boys – Liam Russell U8 Mixed – Philip Brown & TBC

At Lewes HC we are proud to hold an England Hockey registered Clubmark meaning we adhere to the Policy for Safeguarding Children in Hockey (SafeGaurd) with all adults at our club who work with your child(ren) meeting the necessary criteria vetted by our sports governing body. This includes each volunteer holding an enhanced DBS and 'Barred List' check (formerly known as CRB checks), and a current certificate for ENGLAND HOCKEY BASIC ONLINE SAFEGUARDING or a UK COACHING SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTING CHILDREN WORKSHOP.

Whilst we hope and expect your child will be happy and content at the club considering our club commitment, inclusivity and coaching philosophy, we understand that sometimes questions, concerns or difficulties may arise. Please feel able to raise these as soon as possible, so we can rectify things at the earliest opportunity. If you have a question regarding coaching, please approach the coach or team manager in the first instance. However, please do not interrupt coaching sessions, especially during field practice, as this may distract the coach when he or she needs to be supervising our young players.

Our coaches & team managers will always be happy to speak to you before or after training or at another convenient time. If you do feel this is not possible or you have questions about kit requirements, training times, pick up arrangements etc please speak to our Junior Chair either via Pitchero messages or by email on lions@leweshc.com.

Finally, if you have any welfare concerns about your child or another child, or about the behaviour of any adult at the club, please speak to me, the Club Welfare officer – you can contact me on welfare@leweshc.com (though if your concern is about me, you may contact our own Club Chair, Hamish Middleton on chairman@leweshc.com or the England Hockey Ethics and Welfare Manager Alison Hogg on telephone Phone–01628 897500 or email safeguarding@englandhockey.co.uk).

For your reference and information ‘Safe Gaurd’, England Hockey’s Policy for safeguarding Children in Hockey, is available to view online at <https://www.englandhockey.co.uk/governance/duty-of-care-in-hockey/safeguard>. A copy is available at the club on our notice board and on our website.

Weekly training times where our young players are involved are as follows:

TUESDAY

18.00-19.30 Lioness U16 & U14 coaching
19.30-20.30 Womens Club training
20.00-21.30 Womens 1s & 2s training

THURSDAY

18.00-19.15 Lions U16 & U14 coaching
19.00-20.30 Mens Club training
20.00-21.30 Mens 1s & 2s training

**** U16s playing in adult club sessions are by invitation only ****

SUNDAY

10.00-11.15 Under 8s, up to and including school year 3
10.00-11.15 Under 10s, school year groups 4&5
11.15-12.20 Under 12s, school year groups 6&7

Please remember to register your young player at reception or bar (on Sundays) before attending each session

Match days:

- Our Lioness and Lions teams play in a Saturday development league each week, they also have an U14 and U16 team entered in the England Hockey Sunday leagues with matches every three Sundays or so.
- Our Under 12s & 10s play in group league style matches across Sussex with other local clubs. These will be once a month or so and normally be instead of attending morning coaching. There is also the annual In2Hockey championships and the Ron Easton tournament.
- Our Under 8s have 3 or 4 festivals to enjoy too, at home and away, on Sundays as our other Mini Hockey.

Selection for all these teams is managed on Pitchero on an inclusive basis factored with the expected experience and age of the opposition. Hopefully everyone gets a go to play so please make sure your young players availability is up to date on the App and you look out for and respond to selection advice.

Please note the club cannot accept responsibility for getting your child to away matches.

Finally, all members are reminded of the club’s code of conduct for members and guests, available on the Lewes Hockey Website and posted on the club notice board. We do hope that you and your child(ren) enjoy being a member of Lewes Hockey Club, and if you have any concerns, do please let me know.

Yours faithfully

Julia Madigan
Club Welfare Officer