



Timperley Hockey Academy Newsletter



ACADEMY NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER EDITION

Seasons Greetings

Welcome to our festive newsletter ! A lot has been going on at the Academy over the last few months and we hope as many players and families will join us over the festive period to round off the first half of the season.

FESTIVE PARENTS v KIDS GAMES - Saturday 13th December !

Parent's v Kids games are one of the highlights of the season! Join us on Saturday 13th December for a festive version!

Festive fancy dress welcome and we'll be forming mixed age group teams to take on the coaches and parents - all welcome! Please wear shinpads and trainers.

Then join the family festivities in the clubhouse including Santa's Grotto and activities for younger members. Please contact Jo Nicholson if you can help. Hot Turkey rolls will be on sale along with festive drinks and our new range of Lavazza Coffee !



Festive Parents v Kids games

2.30pm – 4.00pm

Christmas Draw 7.00pm with £500 cash 1st Prize

Senior Hockey Xmas Social from 7.30pm including Bucking Bronco and Disco. Captains will update Academy players involved with senior teams of arrangements.



Christmas Hamper Prize Donations

Please help us to create some wonderful Academy prizes for this year's Christmas Draw by

donating items for our themed hampers.



If you have any unwanted hamper baskets you wish to donate these would be welcome too.

The Hamper themes are:

- ❖ 'I love me' hamper (pamper items)
- ❖ 'I love Christmas' hamper (mulled wine, mince pies or anything festive)
- ❖ Or bottles for the drinks hampers

Please drop off donations at the Academy Registration desk on Sunday 7th December or bring down for collection before training on Monday 8th December

The Draw is one of our main Club fund-raisers so please do sell as many Draw Tickets as you can and return sold books to the Bar by 5pm on Saturday 13th December.

Seasonal weather!

Cancellation procedure

We have sent an email update on what happens if the pitches are unfit or adverse weather conditions that make it unsafe to train or play.

If we need to cancel training we will aim to get an update out electronically as quickly as possible in the following ways:

- **By email** if time / access permit
- The website:
<http://www.timperleyhockeyclub.com/>
- The club Twitter account
[@timperleyhockey](https://twitter.com/timperleyhockey)
- and on the club Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TimperleyHC/>

Please check before you travel, or if in doubt telephone the club on: **0161 980 4397**. The bar staff will know if the pitches are not fit to use.

If matches or tournaments are cancelled - team manager's will send out a Teamer Cancellation or text to inform you.

Senior teams will notify players in a similar way or via captains. But please do check if in doubt before travelling.

Please note that the decision to cancel training or matches rests with the Club will be made on safety grounds.

Catering

You may have noticed some changes in the Clubhouse over recent weeks.

Based on member feedback a new Coffee Machine has been installed and we are serving Lavazza Coffee from the Bar. It is coincidental that Lavazza have recently started advertising on TV!

After nearly 20 years service Mike Glennard has recently retired from doing the Clubs catering and following a tender exercise Francs Bistro have taken over.

Francs have introduced a limited breakfast and daytime menu at weekends and are providing match day teas and catering for functions. Please do try the new menu as it may not be maintained if the demand isn't there. So why not bring the papers down, have a freshly cooked omlette, a large latte and free wifi whilst Sunday training is taking place outside!

We are trialing new menus for team teas, and to work within budget all senior and academy teams now have the same hot meal. We will be reviewing how it's going after Christmas and would encourage academy players to try the new meals!



Lost Property

We continue to accumulate large amounts of lost property from kit to sticks. Please take a few minutes just to name with a marker pen any items including sticks.

If you have lost anything please look in the bar area or ask one of the team to check the storeroom.

Team Selection

With 17 different teams and over 180 players our team of volunteer parent managers and coaches are trying very hard to offer all players games at the right level to support their development.

If you receive a Teamer invite please respond within 48 hours (yes or no). If parents don't respond it means we can't invite additional players as we leave the team place open until you respond. This means we don't know who is turning up and can't invite other players, so please respond asap or if not sure leave a comment / message on Teamer.

We will review the process in the New Year and may introduce a system to withdraw invites if we don't hear within a set time.

Child Welfare Officers

The Academy has two Child Welfare Officers who are the first point of contact should any player, parent or coach have any concerns affecting a player. We follow guidelines set out by England Hockey www.englandhockey.com

Please make sure any concerns are raised with our CWO's

- Sarah Marsh
- Steph Ashworth

This could be about any issue, behaviour, health matters or general queries. It's also important that parents make the CWO aware of any health or related issues that may require the coaches to be aware and take any special action etc.

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