



Dear Parent/Guardian,

While SBHC policy is for junior players to play in their age group, some of our older junior players will benefit from and enjoy the challenge of playing with our various Men's and Ladies' teams. For a Junior to play in an adult team parents need to be aware of and accept their responsibilities. Potentially junior players will be exposed to different aspects of the sport when participating in adult training sessions and matches, please refer to England Hockey Best Practice Guideline for Young People playing Adult Hockey. As such we would like parents to complete consent forms for Juniors playing adult hockey or if they may seek transport for their children.

There are some specific aspects regarding transportation and changing rooms that SBHC would like to draw your attention to:

#### **Transportation**

- It is the responsibility of parents to transport their child/children to and from the club or activity.
- It is not the coach's or a volunteer's responsibility to transport the young people to and from the club or activity.
- Sometimes it is necessary to ask for help with a lift to training or matches. Children should not make their own arrangements to travel with Adult players; parents are responsible for making the decision and must be aware of the arrangements. Team coaches and captains will support in the arrangement upon the parents' consent.

#### **Changing Rooms**

- It may be necessary for adults and junior players to share a changing facility. It is necessary for parents to give consent for juniors share a changing room with adults in the club.

If for **any reason**, your Player feels uncomfortable about any situation (Junior or Adult), please encourage them to speak to the Junior Manager, Playing Captain, Team Captain, Coach, or any Officer of the Club with whom you/they are comfortable speaking. We are here to help make your Player's experience the best it can be.

Our Club Welfare Officer will also be able to answer questions or help if you have a concern:  
[welfare@southberkshirehockeyclub.org.uk](mailto:welfare@southberkshirehockeyclub.org.uk)

Regards,

Bruce McCulloch. Welfare Officer, South Berkshire Hockey Club

Please note:

- England Hockey requires that junior players should be at least 13years of age before they play adult hockey
- The South Berkshire Hockey Club Members Code of Conduct and Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey is available on the club's website.  
<http://www.southberkshirehockeyclub.org.uk/documents/178939>



**Junior Player Transport and Changing Rooms Consent Form– U12 and above**

In order for your child to play adult hockey please sign the consent form below:

Child Name	Age	Parent / Guardian Name	Date	Consent Signature (electronic accepted)

**TRANSPORTATION:** I take responsibility for transport arrangements for my son/daughter/child for which I am guardian\* travelling to venues for matches and training. If I arrange for transport to be provided by the club I understand this may include travelling in other players/members/volunteers private cars who may not have undertaken safeguarding nor DBS checks in their role as club member.

Yes       No

**CHANGING ROOMS:** I consent to my son/daughter/child for which I am guardian\* sharing changing rooms with adult players when taking part in adult matches and training.

Yes       No

Please complete and return electronically asap to [welfare@southberkshirehockeyclub.org.uk](mailto:welfare@southberkshirehockeyclub.org.uk)