

Dear Parents and Colts Players

Reading Hockey Colts is one the largest in the country. We are part of the thriving hockey club with Men's 1st XI playing national league, Ladies 1st XI in Conference and adult teams in depth in regional and county feeder leagues.

Reading Hockey Club is also a "Hockey Hub" hosting many league Finals, training and matches for Berkshire County, EH Regional Performance Centre as well as EH workshops, training and some GB squad training sessions. We aim to promote the fantastic game of hockey at the club.

Our Colts has had success over many years. The 2018/19 season highlights include our Boys U18 crowned Mercian League winners and Girls U16 finishing third in the England Hockey National Competitions. In addition, we run successful hockey camps throughout the year and our Young Leaders are the envy of many other clubs. All this has been achieved by what is essentially a volunteer organisation of dedicated Colts Coaches and Administrators. But we could be better, and we want to aim higher.

Success is not just about the premier teams; we need to build throughout the club. After listening to your feedback, requesting more quality hockey, we are looking to the future with a **new Colts offering for 2019/20** for our Reading Hockey Club members. We aim to provide a return on membership to:

- Secure our future by providing **value for money** and ensuring a **sustainably funded future** for Reading Hockey
- Enhance our reputation through a **stronger coaching programme**, led and directed by well-recognised professional coaches
- **Deliver quality and value for money for all members** – performance, participation and progression

A new Colts Offering for 2019/20

The key-highlights include:

- **Additional mid-week training sessions:**
 - U8s: + 1hr/week
 - U10s/U12s/U14s/U16s: +1.25hr/week
 - U18s: additional targeted coaching sessions through the season
 - Goalkeepers' Academy
- **An extended season to include April and May 2020**
- The midweek skills-based sessions will access our Adult Performance Group players to leverage experience and Knowhow.
- Colts Coaches have access to our Coach Development Programme led by Wales and Reading Men's Performance Coach Danny Newcombe.
- New Coaching appointments will have oversight of coaches and all Colts players with a view to ensuring Colts have a sustainable progression in hockey.

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- The new Colts Offering is designed to enable those key appointments to be made and support our dedicated Colts Coaches and Administrators
- The coaching delivered throughout the season works around League/Cup Sunday matches and training and a programme designed to avoid clashes with County or Performance Centre programmes.

Colts Membership Subscriptions and match fees

The key highlights include:

- Sunday Match fees rolled into the Colts Subscription i.e. one fee payable to covering all weekend and midweek Colts training sessions & matches
- Discount applies to the 3rd playing family member
- Discount for Goalkeepers with own kit
- Instalment payments available
- Overall the **cost/ session** maintained at **approximately £4 for Colts activity**
- A discount off the combined Colt Sub and Adult Subs & Match Fees for those wishing to play in both Sections of the Club.

Training Times (starting September)

Age Group	Midweek sessions	Sunday Sessions	Notes
Boys & Girls U18s	Selected Mondays/Tuesday Eve	Alternate Sundays 1145-1300	
Boys & Girls U16s	Wednesdays 2015-2130	1145-1300	
Boys U16 Progression	Tuesdays 1845-2000		
Boys & Girls U14s	Wednesdays 1900-2015	1030-1145	w/up 1015
Boys U12	Wednesdays 1900-2015	1030-1145	w/up 1015
Girls U12	Tuesdays 1830-1945	0900-1030	
U10	Tuesdays 1745-1900	0900-1030	
U8	Fridays 1730-1830	0900-1015	
U6	NA	0900-1000	

If you would like to hear more about the New Colts Offering, please come to the Colts Meetings on either Thursday 27th June 7.30pm or Sunday 30th June at 9am in the Thames Suite at Reading HC. Sunday is also a chance to meet Danny Newcombe (Wales Men's Coach & Reading Men's Performance Coach) who is leading our Coach Development Programme.

We hope you will come with us on this exciting new vision for the Colts.

Regards

Judith Barton, Head of Colts

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Schedule 1

Subscriptions & Match Fees 2019/20 proposal

New Colts Offering U8 – U18

Subscription covers weekend & mid-week coaching & Colts matches. More than double the sessions available to Colts

Colts Offering U6 - U18					NEW	NEW	Sunday
	2018/19	2018/19	2018/19	2019/20	Extended	Additional	Match or
	Sub	MFs	Total	One fee	End May	Mid week	Training
U6	£125	£0	£125	£150	Y	N	Y
U8	£155	£0	£155	£250	Y	Y	Y
U10	£155	£0 - £20	£175	£300	Y	Y	Y
U12-U16	£155	£20 -£60	£215	£300*	Y	Y	Y
U18	£155	£20-£50	£205	£200	Y	(Y)**	Y
*	Goal keepers (own kit)			£200			
**	Lower rise due to fewer additional sessions vs other age groups						

Adult Hockey Only

Adult training is Tuesday and/or Thursdays. Men's General training on Wednesdays. Adult matches are usually Saturdays and match fees still apply to include hot teas.

Adult Hockey only	2018/19	2019/20	Match
	Sub	Sub	Fees*
Adult	£230	£250	£10
Students in FT tertiary education (19-25)	£125	£150	£10
Returning Reading Colts*		£150	£10
Goalkeepers (own kit)		£150	£10
* (post Uni for 2 years)			

Colts & Adult Combination fee

	2018/19	2018/19	2018/19	2019/20	2019/20	2019/20			
	Sub	Colts Sunday MF	Adult MF	Sub	Colts Sunday MF	Adult MF			
13 - 18	£200	£5	£10	£375	£0	£10			
Only £175 for the additional 1.5 hours adult coaching session(s) every week, approx £3.75/session									

All subscriptions and match fee proposals will be presented at the Reading Hockey Club AGM on Tuesday 30 July 2019