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Junior Hockey Update – April 2021

The long awaited return to junior sport was announced by the government effective Tuesday 27th April and all our preparations are ready for a return to hockey from this date.

Our junior hockey programme will now be extended through to the end of June 2021.

The majority of our weekly coaching sessions will run at the same days / times as previously commencing on the weekend of Friday 30 April to Sunday 2nd May. (Boys u14s will start back Tuesday 27th April)

All of the updates have been made to Pitchero so you will find details of all upcoming coaching sessions on your free Pitchero Club App

There are some changes to note:

- No Friday evening Inters / u16s outfield sessions (although GK sessions will take place)
- Junior Boys on Saturdays now split over two hours due to increased numbers
 - 5pm to 6pm - Junior Infants to 4th class boys
 - 6pm-7.15pm - 5th & 6th class boys
- Hockey skills clinics in June (Senior school only) – now open for early booking
- Hockey camps & skills clinics in July / August – all details now available
- July / August hockey camp times aligned to enable boys/girls to attend both the Railway Cricket Academy & Hockey
- Email Riona at ruhccamps@gmail.com to get an early member & friends booking form
- Girls Cricket Trial Programme will begin on Friday evenings (2nd class to 6th class)
- Extra cricket sessions on Saturdays (3.30pm to 4.45pm) open to all Railway Hockey members just before Saturday evening hockey coaching
- Any girls interested in trying out cricket please email ruggirlscricket@gmail.com

[More information on June & Summer Hockey Camps & Skills Clinics – click here](#)

[More information of Girls cricket programme & trial programme – click here](#)

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Railway Junior Hockey Programme Training Times (Apr 21 to Jun 21)

| Day | | Age group | | Times | Pitch space |
|---------|-------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| tbc | Girls | u18s | | | |
| Tuesday | Boys | u14s & U18s | 1st years + | 6.30pm to 8pm | Far half |

- An u18 girls session **for players involved with senior hockey** will be organised on a similar basis to before – day and time TBC when coach availability confirmed
- Boys u14s will revert to their normal training time on Tuesdays 6.30pm and an u18 boys slot will be added in

| Friday Hockey | | | | | |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Friday | Girls | u8s & u9s | 1st to 3rd class | 4.30pm to 5.30pm | Full Pitch |
| Friday | Girls | u10s & u11s | 4th & 5th class | 5.30pm to 6.30pm | Full Pitch |
| Friday | Girls & Boys | GKs | Upto 6th class | 6.30pm to 7.45pm | Far end |
| Friday | Girls & Boys | GKs | 1st to 4th year | 6.30pm to 7.45pm | Far end |

- Friday girls junior hockey programme hockey will continue as normal
- There will be no girls Inters / u16 hockey on Friday evenings
- Riona will lead the GK coaching for 2nd years up, and the younger GKs will have a coaching session in a separate coaching group.

| Saturday Hockey (incl joint cricket sessions open to hockey & cricket boys) | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Saturday | Boys Cricket | u8s & u10s | 1st to 4th class | 3.30pm to 4.30pm | Far end |
| Saturday | Boys Cricket | u12s & u14s | 5th/6th class & 1st/2nd Yr | 3.30pm to 5.30pm | Cricket Pitch |
| Saturday | Boys Hockey | u6s, u8s & u10s | Jun Inf to 4th class | 5pm to 6pm | Full Pitch |
| Saturday | Boys Hockey | u12s | 5th & 6th class | 6pm to 7.15pm | Full Pitch |

- The Saturday boys hockey will now be split over two hours due to the increase in numbers over the past year
- Junior Infants to 4th class hockey will be from 5pm to 6pm, followed by 5th & 6th class boys hockey from 6pm to 7.15pm
- In addition we will be jointly running a cricket session from 3pm to 4.30pm for 1st to 4th class boys, this will be open to all railway hockey and railway cricket boys and will be on the hockey pitch. At the same time the 5th & 6th class boys will have a cricket session on the cricket pitch, again this is open to both boys from Railway cricket and Railway hockey members (3.30pm to 5.30pm).

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2021 to 2022 Season & New members

- In June time we will open for existing members to renew their membership for the 2021 to 2022 season as existing members always get preference on places available.
- We have also made minor changes to our 2021 to 2022 pitch allocation and now have places available in several girls age groups and the boys age groups which had previously been closed due to pitch space.
- If any of your children's friends are interested in joining or any other queries please contact Riona or Steve at the email addresses below as our waiting lists are being reviewed and updated.

Riona Norton (Head of Junior Girls Hockey) – ruhccolts@gmail.com

Steve Hiles (Head of Junior Boys Hockey) – ruhcboys@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing everyone back on the Railway pitch soon!

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