

# Junior Section Newsletter



## Cracking start to the season for all and the weather's been kind too!

### Junior Section teams' news

#### U10 boys

The boys have picked up from where they left off last season playing some wonderful attacking hockey. They have progressed into the top league and became the North Yorkshire champions in the recent In2Hockey Mini Hockey Club Championships! Twelve players have represented the side with notable performances from many. All the players involved in the section have developed well so far this season.

#### U10 girls

The girls continue to impress and were also crowned North Yorkshire champions in the recent In2Hockey Mini Hockey Club Championships! As all the girls in the section are likely to be involved in YYHL tournaments this season I look forward to seeing a great squad of players developing for the future.

#### U12 boys

The boys have continued to perform well and were also crowned North Yorkshire champions in the recent In2Hockey Mini Hockey Club Championships! This means that the Club were champions in three of the four Championship places possible this season!! Training sessions are well attended allowing development of a strong section with good depth and selection headaches for the coaches and team managers!

#### U12 girls

The girls have started the season well and are playing some great hockey. Training sessions have been well attended and many players have been involved in the YYHL tournaments. Results have been varied so far and with continued progression in scoring when opportunities arise, the girls should enjoy a successful second half of the season.

#### U14 boys

With higher numbers than last season in the section, new and more experienced players have developed well so far. YYHL tournament results have been promising and the team are working well together. The lads should be looking forward to a rewarding second half of the season.

#### U14 girls

(Year 9s) There has been an excellent turn out at training and the girls are now beginning to focus on learning new match skills as well as individual skills. With strong competition for squad places the girls have performed well in some very challenging matches and have put up the best defence against the strongest teams participating in the YYHL.

(Year 8s) There are eighteen keen, talented players vying for places in the monthly YYHL tournaments. Despite the step up to 11 a side and the comparative youth of the squad the girls started strongly and have gained several valuable points already. This season is about development rather than winning and with training sessions well attended and continuing hard work, some good results can be expected in the second half of the season.

#### U16 boys

The lads have made steady progress during the first half of the season and new players have settled into the team. They have generally defended well and will look to capitalize more on chances created in the D during the second half of the season. The new format YYH Leagues will allow the lads to compete in order to progress up divisions and offer them some exciting challenges.

#### U16 girls

With some very strong opposition in the YYHL tournaments this season the girls have more than proven themselves so far. Results have been positive and the section are currently in a play off position in the YYH League. With great numbers at training we need to focus on positional play, upping the tempo and working at match speed all the way through. There is a real team spirit and training is fun and lively!

### Things to note

Please check the Harrogate Hockey Club website regularly. If you look in the 'News' or 'Latest News' section of the site there will be updates regarding training session cancellations due to weather, venue changes and other news too.

Due to the incredible success of the Junior Section at the Club and the high volumes of renewing and new members, the following sections are currently no longer able to accept new membership applications: U12 Boys and Girls; U14 and U16 Girls. We are still accepting membership applications for U10 boys and girls, U14 and U16 Boys.

Thank you for your support and understanding and keep checking the website for further updates. Please ask friends or interested players to email me with their name, age and contact details so that they can be added to the waiting list. I will contact them as soon as places become available.

Please make sure that you register upstairs in the Clubhouse before joining your training session for Health and Safety reasons.

### Harrogate Hockey Club mugs

The official 'home' and 'away' Harrogate Hockey Club mugs are on sale - £5.00 each. You can buy them from the bar or by contacting Ali Wales or James Berman. They'll make lovely presents for your budding England stars!!



### Upcoming

Christmas break! Enjoy, you all deserve it!

The next round of Junior YYHL tournaments.

The next round of the In2Hockey Mini Hockey Club Championships for the U10 & 12 boys and U10 girls

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