



## THIRSK HOCKEY CLUB



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### **START of SEASON LETTER**

Dear Thirsk Hockey Club Player

Welcome to new and old members as we approach the beginning of a new hockey season at Thirsk. Another promising season lies ahead of us. I hope you all enjoyed your summer.

I would like to begin with thanks to everyone who helped the club out last season by volunteering and offering some of your precious time to help the club. Thank you.

Plans for this season will include recruiting new junior players of all ages 6+ years from the local area, with coaches going into the local primary schools at the start of September. We will of course have our usual end of season tournament and games for all ages during the season.

The junior section is now around 140 strong with many of the juniors playing for senior teams. They are the future of the club and are already making a significant difference to the performance of the senior sides. We hope to continue the progress of last season and to have more of them playing for the senior sides.

#### **Training**

Autumn training starts week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> September until week ending 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

Spring training starts week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> January until week ending 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

Junior training may continue after Easter until 01<sup>st</sup> June 2012 (TBC).

#### **PLEASE AT ALL TIMES**

- ARRIVE AT THE PITCH IN TIME, READY TO START
- DO NOT INTERRUPT PITCH USERS AHEAD OF YOUR TIME
- DO NOT ENTER THE ASTRO AREA UNTIL YOUR START TIME
- DO NOT PLAY WITH HOCKEY BALLS WITHIN THE SPECTATOR AREA

All training sessions cost £2.50 payable on the night or block payments by school term are also available as follows:

#### **Pay per term:**

Term 1: £15.00 (1 free - 7 weeks)

Term 2: £15.00 (1 free - 7 weeks)

Term 3: £12.50 (1 free - 6 weeks)

Term 4: £12.50 (1 free - 6 weeks)

Term 5: £15.00 (1 free – 7 weeks)

#### **Term Training Dates:**

Term 1: Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011 to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2011

Term 2: Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2011 to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011

Term 3: Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012 to Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012

Term 4: Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2012 to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Mar 2012

Term 5: Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Apr 2012 to Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Jun 2012 (TBC)

(Subscription/training session fees cover – hire of pitch, club & coach insurance, coach fees, affiliation to the various leagues, entry into competitions, kit and equipment)

Players are reminded of the need to wear appropriate clothing and safety equipment; mouth guard and especially shin-guards

*When you come to training, why not bring a friend? Similarly, if you know of any returning players please be sure to invite them along*

**Things to Note:**

Please register 10 minutes before start of each training session

Players should all wear hockey astro-turf shoes, football astro-turf shoes are **not** to be used

Shin pads with ankle protection and gumshields are **COMPULSORY!**

Warm clothing is essential and always bring waterproof clothing!!

*(Remember to have your kit named)*

Please collect your child from the astro-turf pitch after training whenever possible (All junior players must be collected from the astro-turf pitch at the end of their training session. Only in exceptional cases can a junior player be left with the coaching staff for a later collection.)

**Membership**

All junior players attending coaching sessions pay an annual subscription of the following according to their age as of 01<sup>st</sup> September on or before the end of October each year:

U10's £10

U12's £15

U14's £20

U16's £25

Senior players subscriptions are payable by end of October latest.

Please complete a membership form for each child each year so we can keep our records up to date and bring along to the first training session or send by post along with fee payable. Senior players must complete a membership form held by each senior team captain.

**Club Kit**

This is available to purchase using our online order form (see club web site for suppliers web address.). Available are club hoodies, polo shirts, shorts, socks and outerwear.

**Club Day**

The season will begin with an Annual Club Day, to be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at the astro pitch, starting at 10am for juniors and 1pm for Adult players; though we encourage everyone to join in throughout the whole day.

The day will include a 12 & under festival with invited clubs and games for all.

**And Finally.....**

Finally, may I wish you all the best for the coming season. Enjoy it in every way and please try and spread the work about THC. Bring new members or would-be members down to the Club Day on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September or to the mid week training sessions. Keep checking our website – [www.thirskhockeyclub.org.uk](http://www.thirskhockeyclub.org.uk) for news and information throughout the season

**I hope you all have a good season and let's make it as enjoyable and successful as we can.**



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