Mini Leagues 2026-27
U7 – U12

All players are invited to take part in Mini League tournaments. They are optional events and training runs for those not taking part in a tournament. Please see below for further information.

Mini League Fixtures

	Sunday 4th October	**Sunday 8th November**	**Sunday 6th December**
U6 – U8 Group II	No fixture	No fixture	Away Vs Wayfarers
U6 – U8 Group I	Home Vs Wapping & East London	Away Vs Ealing	Away Vs Eastcote
U9 Girls (Year 4)	Away Vs Ealing	Home Vs Barnes, Ealing & Richmond	Away Vs Richmond
U10 Girls (Year 5)	Away Vs Southgate	Away Vs Eastcote	Away Vs Southgate
U11 Girls (Year 6)	Away Vs Harrow	Home Vs Richmond	Home Vs Southgate & Eastcote
U12 Girls White (Year 7)	Away Vs Harrow	Home Vs Richmond	Home Vs Southgate & Eastcote
U12 Girls Blue (Year 7)	Away Vs Southgate	Away Vs Southgate	Away Vs West Herts
U9/U10 Boys (Year 4 & 5)	Home Vs Ealing, Harrow & Southgate	Away Vs Ealing	Home Vs East London, Southgate & Harrow
U11/U12 Boys (Year 6 & 7)	Away Vs Wapping	Away Vs Richmond	Away Vs East London

Sunday 13th December
Annual Teddington Christmas Tournament – one team from each of the following age groups: U10 Girls, U9/U10 Boys, U12 Girls, U11/U12 Boys.

	Sunday 24th January	**Sunday 7th February**	**Sunday 28th February**
U6 – U8 Group II	Away Vs Wimbledon	Away Vs Spencer	Away Vs Ealing
U6 – U8 Group I	Home Vs East London & Wapping	Away Vs Wapping	Home Vs Wayfarers, Tulse Hill & Dulwich, Indian Gymkhana
U9 Girls (Year 4)	Away Vs Barnes	Home Vs Barnes, Ealing & Richmond	Away Vs Richmond
U10 Girls (Year 5)	Away Vs Chiswick	Away Vs East London	Away Vs Southgate
U11 Girls (Year 6)	Home Vs Southgate	Away Vs Southgate	Home Vs Southgate
U12 Girls White (Year 7)	Home Vs Southgate	Away Vs Southgate	Home Vs Southgate
U12 Girls Blue (Year 7)	Away Vs Chiswick	Home Vs Harrow	Away Vs Barnes
U9/U10 Boys (Year 4 & 5)	Away Vs Southgate	Away Vs Southgate	Away Vs Old Merchant Taylors
U11/U12 Boys (Year 6 & 7)	Away Vs Southgate	Away Vs Ealing	Away Vs Southgate

Once each fixture venue and time is confirmed, it will be added to Teamo.
Please click on the relevant fixture to view details.

Process

1. Mark availability for your child for the fixture on Teamo (at least 10 days in advance).
2. If your child is showing as available, you will receive a selection notification approx. 7 days in advance.

3. You will receive a team sheet email via Teamo to confirm details of the fixture (5-6 days before the fixture).
4. You will receive a final team sheet email via Teamo (1-2 days before the fixture).

Teamo

My child can play the fixture
Mark as AVAILABLE and ACCEPT selection.

My child cannot play the fixture or attend training
Mark as UNAVAILABLE for both the fixture and training.

My child cannot play the fixture but can attend training
Mark as UNAVAILABLE for the fixture and AVAILABLE for training.

Please do not turn up to a fixture if you have not marked availability with selection confirmed.

Training
Players taking part in a fixture **do not train on the same day**.

If anyone can't make their age group fixture but can attend training, we run the following sessions on fixture dates:

U9/U10 Boys, U9 Girls, U10 Girls, U11 Girls, U12 Girls: 11.45am – 1pm at Paddington Rec Ground (3G pitch).

U11/U12 Boys: 10am – 11.15am at Paddington Rec Ground (water based pitch).

UCS Playing Fields will be used for tournaments on fixture dates which is why players who cannot attend their tournament should attend training at Pad Rec.

Comms
All communication is via Teamo.
A Match Day Chat will be open for you to arrange lift shares with other parents. Please don't use the chat to ask personal questions as all parents will receive it!

Illness / Change to selection response
If your child can no longer attend a fixture after the initial team sheet has been sent out (5-6 days before the fixture) you must contact the Team Manager to pull out.

If your child can no longer attend a fixture after the final team sheet has been sent out (1-2 days before the fixture) you must reply all to everyone via the Match Day Chat.

Please do not send Alex an email to drop out of a fixture. Over 200 children are involved in fixtures on Mini League dates and she won't be able to assist with any changes once the final team sheets have been sent out. It is up to you to let the other parents know that your child is pulling out of their team.

Match Day Format
Mini Leagues are tournaments where clubs come together to play several short matches against each other.

A tournament typically runs for 1.25 – 2 hours. Your child will need to arrive at the confirmed meet time. They should not arrive once matches have started.

Matches for each age group are likely to be as follows:

U9 Girls: 6 a-side (no GK) on 1/4 pitch. 10 min matches.
U10 Girls: 6 a-side (with GK) on 1/3 pitch. 10 min matches.
U11 Girls: 7 a-side (with GK) on 1/2 pitch. 10-12 min matches.
U12 Girls: 7 a-side (with GK) on 1/2 pitch. 10-12 min matches.

U9/U10 Boys: 6 a-side (with GK) on 1/3 pitch. 10 min matches.
U11/U12 Boys: 7 a-side (with GK) on 1/2 pitch. 10-12 min matches.

Streaming
Streamed teams allow us to match ability levels with the opposition clubs and helps keep games as evenly matched as possible.

U9 Girls: Teams are mixed ability.
U10 Girls: Teams will be streamed after Autumn half term.
U11 Girls: Teams are streamed.
U12 Girls: Teams are streamed.
U9/U10 Boys: Teams will be streamed after Autumn half term.
U11/U12 Boys: Teams are streamed.

Kit
All players need a MOUTH GUARD, SHIN PADS and HOCKEY STICK to take part in a fixture.

We do not take spare hockey sticks to fixtures, so unless your fixture is at UCS Playing Fields, please borrow a club stick the Sunday before a fixture and keep it at home until you can return it the following weekend.

Players should wear:
HWHC playing shirt or any white top, navy or dark shorts/skort and socks.
They must also bring their sports bib in case of a colour clash with the opposition.
HWHC club kit is not compulsory.

If it is cold, please make sure players have layers to warm up in and wear between matches. Everyone plays in a white top on pitch so layers must fit under their playing shirt. We can't have half the team in navy hoodies and half the team in white shirts!

Travel
You are responsible for getting your child to and from a fixture. We encourage lift shares and these can be arranged via the Match Day Chat. Please arrange any lift shares at least three days in advance. Do not drop out of a fixture at the last minute because you haven't arranged transport in time.

Home pitch venues
When your child has a 'home' fixture, it will take place at one of the following locations:

U7 – U8
Paddington Recreation Ground 3G pitch, Maida Vale W9 1PD

U9 – U12
UCS Playing Fields, Hocroft Road, Cricklewood NW2 2BN
Mallinson Sports Centre, Bishopswood Road, Highgate N6 4NY

Please click on the fixture in your Teamo calendar to see full details.

Performance Leagues – U12 Girls only
One U12 Girls team will be selected for Performance league fixtures in addition to Mini League tournaments.

Coaches will advise on selection for these additional matches and the Teamo process will be the same as for Mini Leagues.

Performance League Dates:
Sunday 27th September
Sunday 11th October
Sunday 22nd November
Sunday 31st January
Finals – Sunday 28th February (top 6 teams qualify for finals)

Coaches
For away fixtures, and some home fixtures where needed, teams are coached and managed by volunteer parents.

If you can get involved and manage a team at a fixture, please get in touch at youth@hwhc.co.uk

Team Managers
Team Managers in each age group are responsible for sending two team sheets ahead of each fixture. Volunteer parents are Team Managers so please make their job easier by making sure you mark availability and respond to selection!

Umpires
We need several umpires for each Mini League date. If you are able to help as an umpire, please get in touch at youth@hwhc.co.uk

You do not need a formal qualification for this age group; basic training will involve an online rules test.

Parent Conduct
Your role as a parent is incredibly important. Please see the website for further guidance.
https://www.hwhc.co.uk/juniors?tp=f17eb9cd-4550-46d2-9b63-d5c6e8703d52

At UCS Playing Fields, and most away venues, parent spectators should support from outside the pitch. Only parents with a formal role in the team are permitted on pitch.

We hope that you and your child can get involved in the Mini Leagues this season!