



## Mega Leagues 2023-24 U9 – U12

	<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>
U9 Girls (Year 4)	Away vs Wayfarers	Away vs Guildford	Home vs Wimbledon
U10 Girls (Year 5)	Home vs Wayfarers	Home vs Guildford	Away vs Wimbledon
U11 Girls (Year 6)	Away vs Wayfarers	Away vs Guildford	Home vs Wimbledon
U12 Girls (Year 7)	Home vs Wayfarers	Home vs Guildford	Away vs Wimbledon
U9/U10 Boys (Year 4 & 5)	Away vs Wayfarers	Away vs Guildford	Home vs Wimbledon
U11/U12 Boys (Year 6 & 7)	Home vs Wayfarers	Home vs Guildford	Away vs Wimbledon

	<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>
U9 Girls (Year 4)	Away vs Old Cranleighans	Home vs Richmond	Away vs Spencer
U10 Girls (Year 5)	Home vs Old Cranleighans	Away vs Richmond	Home vs Spencer
U11 Girls (Year 6)	Away vs Old Cranleighans	Home vs Richmond	Away vs Spencer
U12 Girls (Year 7)	Home vs Old Cranleighans	Away vs Richmond	Home vs Spencer
U9/U10 Boys (Year 4 & 5)	Away vs Old Cranleighans	Home vs Eastcote	Away vs Spencer
U11/U12 Boys (Year 6 & 7)	Home vs Old Cranleighans	Away vs Eastcote	Home vs Spencer

	<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>
U9 Girls (Year 4)	Home vs Wayfarers	Away vs Wimbledon
U10 Girls (Year 5)	Away vs Wayfarers	Home vs Wimbledon
U11 Girls (Year 6)	Home vs Wayfarers	Away vs Wimbledon
U12 Girls (Year 7)	Away vs Wayfarers	Home vs Wimbledon
U9/U10 Boys (Year 4 & 5)	Home vs Wayfarers	Away vs Wimbledon
U11/U12 Boys (Year 6 & 7)	Away vs Wayfarers	Home vs Wimbledon

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 14 days in advance).
2. If your child is showing as available, you will receive a selection notification 12-13 days in advance.
3. You must ACCEPT or DECLINE selection (deadline 7 days before the fixture).
4. You will receive a team sheet email via Teamo to confirm details of the fixture (5-6 days before the fixture).
5. 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.

### 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 will run the following sessions on Mega League dates:

U9/U10 Boys, U10 Girls, U11 Girls, U12 Girls: 9am – 10.15am\* at UCS Playing Fields.

U9 Girls: 10.30am – 11.45am 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 fixtures from 10.15am on Mega League dates. We will only run one training session on these dates for players who normally train at UCS and cannot attend their fixture but can attend training.

### Comms

All communication is via Teamo.

The team sheet emails are open for you to arrange lift shares with other parents. Please don't use the team sheet 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) please change your selection response on Teamo.

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 change your selection response on Teamo AND email the group via the team sheet.

Please do not send me an email to drop out of a fixture. Over 200 children are involved in fixtures on Mega League dates and I 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**

Mega leagues are tournaments where two clubs come together to play several short matches against each other.

A tournament typically runs for 1.5 – 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.

### **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.

### **Travel**

You are responsible for getting your child to and from a fixture. We encourage lift shares and these can be arranged via the team sheet email. 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:

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 and U11/U12 Boys only**

One U12 Girls team and one U12 Boys team will be selected for Performance league fixtures in addition to Mega League tournaments.

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



**Performance League Dates:**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Finals – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

**Coaches**

Teams at fixtures are coached and managed by volunteer parents. Club coaches are needed for other age group training sessions and do not typically attend fixtures.

If you would like to get involved and manage a team at a fixture, please get in touch at [hwhcyouth@hotmail.com](mailto:hwhcyouth@hotmail.com)

**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 7-9 umpires for each Mega League date. If you are able to help as an umpire, please get in touch at [hwhcyouth@hotmail.com](mailto:hwhcyouth@hotmail.com)

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

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