



Junior Coaches Rules

1. All Harpenden Hockey Club (HHC) coaches are expected to have:
 - A Level 1 hockey coaching certificate or above
 - An up to date First Aid certificate
 - A valid DBS Disclosure check
 - An up to date Safeguarding & Protecting Children certificate
2. Coaches without one or more of the above will be expected show evidence of working towards achieving these in the near future.
3. It is also recommended that all coaches have their own Personal Liability insurance (please see the England Hockey Gold membership for a suitable policy).
4. Copies of all certificates should be handed to the Director of Hockey prior to the first training session of the season, or as soon as possible after they have been achieved, whichever is the latter.
5. All coaches are expected to use the 'Coaching Topics by Age Group' syllabus detailed in the Coach's Information Pack as a guide to the areas to cover in their sessions.
6. All coaches must endeavour to attend the pre-season Coach Education session to receive information for the following season (if one is held).
7. All coaches are expected to be pitch side no later than 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of their session. This is to allow the Director of Hockey or Junior Co-ordinator to pass on any required information, and to ensure that any players who turn up early are supervised.
8. If a coach is unavailable for one of their sessions they are expected to inform the Director of Hockey as soon as they are aware of their unavailability in order to ensure that cover can be arranged in good time.
9. During each coaching session all coaches should endeavour to:
 - Educate all players
 - Check that all players understand the drills
 - Set standards in terms of the quality of the practice
 - Continually monitor and assess the players and set achievable goals
 - Provide feedback to all players
 - Have Fun!
10. The Director of Hockey will regularly assess coaches, and will provide feedback on the coaching provided if wanted or deemed necessary.
11. All coaches are responsible for the club's equipment during their session. The men's, ladies and junior sections share the same equipment so lost or missing equipment will effect others in the club who may require it before it can be replaced.
12. The coaches are responsible for ensuring all the equipment used by them in their session is packed away before they leave the pitch. Please do not leave it for the coach of the next session to clear up. They should not have to waste time doing this instead of running their own coaching session. Likewise the coach of the last session of the day should not need to spend excessive time packing away equipment they haven't used.
13. Each coach must ensure that no children from their session are left unattended at the pitch after their session has ended. Please follow the guidelines in the Transportation Policy if this happens.