



## **Policy on transportation of Junior members to matches and tournaments**

Harpenden hockey club aim to encourage participation in the sport by all of our junior members. We also as a club aim to ensure the safety of our juniors both before, during and after hockey activities.

England Hockey state 'It is the responsibility of parents / carers to transport their children to and from a training session, match or away fixture'.

This policy sets out the expectations for the safe transport of juniors. We recognize in most instances this is what happens.

Parents may make private arrangements for their children to be dropped off / picked up by another parent / relative. It is important that the lead coach / team captain is aware of this arrangement.

In some instances it may not be possible for a private arrangement to be made. In such instances the team captain / coach may facilitate transport.

The process for this is

- Parent / carer to make the request to the captain / coach
- The coach/ captain will identify the adult who will provide the transport . This should be organized so that there are other people in the car as well.
- The child / young person must consent.
- If the child does not have a phone then the parent / carer should be provided with a contact number for the person providing the transport.
- Parent / carer will be given approximate timings for pick up / drop off.
- The driver should update the parent/ carer if there is a delay in dropping off.

As a club we would expect drivers to :

- Ensure the safety of passengers
- Where appropriate have the right child car seats.
- Ensure their car is roadworthy and insured
- Have a valid driving licence

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