# **Epsom Hockey Club Newsletter** 30 September 2025









As you will have seen from the recent email, the start of construction of the new Clubhouse is very close. The Construction Traffic Management Plan, a pre commencement planning requirement has been approved which means work can start on site.

Please do keep an eye out for further communication from the club. You will start to see things changing at OSL very shortly. We are erecting two new storage pods by the astro to house the equipment currently stored in the portacabins, with a concrete base being laid in the week of 13 October and a temporary toilet block will be erected shortly after. The contractor will be starting their site set-up very soon.

Once the contractor is on site the car park will be completely out of use and there will be no changing room facilities. We will let you know the exact date as soon as we can and also provide information regarding alternative parking and other options. It's not going to be easy but please bear with us and keep focused on the end result - it will be worth it!!

Fundraising continues – and we still need your donations. As a reminder, our Just Giving page can be found at: www.justgiving.com/campaign/clubhouse

All donations really make a difference. Now is the time to donate if you haven't already!

As ever, if you feel you can contribute in any way to the project please get in touch.

#### 300 Club

Don't forget to sign up to the 300 club. It's so easy to do, helps the club and gives you the chance of a cash prize!

As we look to the future we want to build up to 300 entries per month hence the name. To enter either simply set up a standing order for £10 per month or £120 annually

Payee: Epsom HC 300 Club Account number: 51808762 Sort code: 23-05-80

Reference (300, first name last name)

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# **Match Results:**



### SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2025

2-2	MEN'S 1S	TULSEHILL & DULWICH 1
2-1	MEN'S 2S	WIMBLEDON 4
1-1	MEN'S 3S	SURBITON ORIGINALS
4-1	MEN'S 4S	CHEAM 2
0-4	MUSTANGS	TEDDINGTON OAKS
	MAVERICKS	NO FIXTURE
3-1	OUTLAWS	FLEET & EWSHOT 4
	EMBERS	NO FIXTURE
2-0	OLD SCHOOL	SEVENOAKS 050S
	RAMBLERS	NO FIXTURE
1-3	VAGABONDS	WOKING PITTS

4-0	WOMEN'S 1S	HORSHAM1
0-3	WOMEN'S 2S	GUILDFORD 3
3-5	WOMEN'S 3S	WIMBLEDON 5
2-0	WOMEN'S 4S	NPL1
3-2	WOMEN'S 5S	SUNBURY & WALTON HAWKS 2
1-2	WOMEN'S 6S	SURBITON PUMAS
2-8	WOMEN'S 7S	BERRYLANDS 1

### SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2025

2 - 2	MEN'S 1S	LONDON WAYFARERS 2
2-1	MEN'S 2S	TULSE HILL & DULWICH 3
1-2	MEN'S 3S	WANDERERS 6
7-1	MEN'S 4S	EPSOM MUSTANGS
1-7	MUSTANGS	EPSOM M4S
1-2	MAVERICKS	GUILDFORD SPARTANS
0 - 2	OUTLAWS	GUILDFORD M CAVALIERS Y DEVELOPMENT
1-2	EMBERS	WIMBLEDON MASTERS 1
2-4	OLD SCHOOL	OLD GEORGIAN PHOENIX
2-3	RAMBLERS	WINDSOR MENS 050
2 - 3	VAGABONDS	SOUTHAMPTON COCKBURNS

5-0	WOMEN'S 1S	BROMLEY & BECKENHAM 1
1-2	WOMEN'S 2S	OLD GEORGIANS 2
1-2	WOMEN'S 3S	TULSE HILL & DULWICH 3
1-1	WOMEN'S 4S	OLD KINGSTONIAN 1
0 - 3	WOMEN'S 5S	TEDDINGTON 6
2 - 12	WOMEN'S 6S	ASHFORD (MIDDLESEX) 2
	WOMEN'S 7S	NO FIXTURE



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## Club Socials!





🚨 Social Alert! 🚨

Oktoberfest fundraiser is back and it's ready to go again! See you all on Saturday 4th October!

Expect cold brews, great company and amazing vibes all night long

Please sign up on Teamo

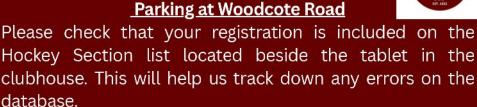


Please sign up on Teamo and come along and support the Club in the upcoming social nights. Don't risk FOMO!



### **Bits and Bobs**





If your registration isn't shown, enter it on the tablet or use the QR code to avoid getting a ticket and then let us know on ESCparking@epsomsportsclub.co.uk.

Please email ESCparking@epsomsportsclub.co.uk with any additions or changes going forward this season, making it clear you are from the hockey section. Entering a registration on Teamo will not automatically update the Parkingeye database.



# **UMPIRING**



Are you feeling a bit anxious about trying your hand at umpiring? Would you like to refresh your knowledge of the rules? are you interested in obtaining your Level 1 qualification?

> England Hockey offers an excellent collection of complimentary online training materials available in the learning hub:

https://hockeyhub.englandhockey.co.uk/officiating to access all the training resources.

Take the rules test and see if you do know it all afterall!

We strongly encourage everyone to complete the Rules of Hockey module, regardless of whether you plan to pursue your Level 1 course. Remember, knowledge is power!

If you enroll in the Level 1 course, please inform us, and our team of wonderful umpires will assist you in enhancing your practical umpiring skills, supporting you at every step along the journey.

> If you have recently become a member and are currently at Level 1 (whether assessed or unassessed), we would love to hear from you!

Contact our umpire liaison officer, AJ Cerqueti at:



info@epsomhc.co.uk



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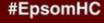
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### <u>Housekeeping</u>

Epsom HC WhastApp Usage Policy.



Epsom HC uses Teamo as its main app to communicate with members and junior members parents/guardians about training, matches, payments and updates regarding the Club.

The Club also has a WhatsApp community, where chats are set up for teams to be able to have a way of quickly communicating with each other on training and match days, last minute changes or updates.

Even though you must be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp (it changed from 16 years old, in 2024), to meet England Hockey's welfare and safeguarding requirements, the Club's has a strict no members U16 policy to joining the Epsom HC WhatsApp Community and/or the WhatsApp teams chats. Any parents/guardians who have children who are U16 training/playing up, in senior teams, must be the nominated contact on the WhatsApp chat.

Currently U16s to U18s who train/play in senior teams may be added to a WhatsApp team chat but only as long as a parent/guardian is also a member of the chat. However, the Club is currently reviewing this policy, and an update will be issued soon.

PLEASE NOTE: All Epsom HC WhatsApp chats must only be used for communicating Club information, eg changes to times for training/matches/availability. It should not be used for personal chats and of course, everyone needs to ensure language and any images shared are appropriate.

For safeguarding requirements parents/guardians of U18s who wish to discuss matters such as lift sharing, who will be at training/fixtures, who is able to look after their child at training/matches, or on any other similar matters to this, must do so on a private message chat between themselves. These chat groups must be set up and administered by the parents/guardians and must not be on a chat group that has been set up by the Club or be part of the Epsom HC WhatsApp community.

#### <u>Help sought!</u>



We are looking for someone to assist with the welfare and safeguarding in the club. If you think you could spare a few hours a month please contact Nita on hockey.welfare@epsomsportsclub.co.uk



**K**eep us updated on your news and match results - please send photos and news to our Social Media guru on communications@epsomhc.co.uk.

Don't forget to tag us on any hockey posts on instagram

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@epsomhcjuniors

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# TANIOR SECTION NEWS

#### Sunday 21 September

U8 played lots of small games and had a great time out on the pitch

**GU10** had a great day out with 4 teams in a round robin format against East Grinstead.

Strong start to the season with this many teams

**BU10 Whites** didn't get a win but they fought hard with 4 of the 7-man team brought up from the U8's **BU10 Maroon** played against East Grinstead coming away with 2 wins, a draw and a loss.

**GU12 Tier 1 and Tier 2** played against East Grinstead, there was good spirit and the girls-maintained possession well with some good passes. Strong play all around.

BU12 Maroon were at Whitgift where they played 4 matches

Game 1: Big win to start the day off against Addiscombe
Game 2: 5 – 4 win against a strong Spencer team
Game 3: 4 – 2 loss against Grinstead straight after the Spencer game.
The tired lads put up a good fight but unfortunately not enough.
Game 4: 3 – 1 win against Wimbledon to cap the day off.

**BU12 Whites** were at EG. They tried hard and with a new team and 5 new players who haven't played hockey before this season they unfortunately didn't win any games.



Well done everyone



#### **INDOOR HOCKEY**

Our really popular indoor training sessions are starting up this week and are now on Teamo. Each session is charged at £7.50 for the hour.

Sessions are led by Director of Hockey Mary Booth who won everything worth winning in the indoor hockey arena!



U8 to U12 sessions are 6-7pm U14 & 16 sessions are 7-8pm



both on Thursday evenings at the City of London Freemen's Sports Hall

We have indoor sticks that can be borrowed but children will need non-marking trainers, gumshield, shin pads and gloves.

We have the opportunity to enter teams into a fun tournament to be held locally over the October half-term so getting some practice in now would be great! If you haven't tried indoor before then we would thoroughly recommend it – it's a really good way to develop skills, kids get loads of touches of the ball and it's great fun (and of course the weather is guaranteed).



# TANIOR SECTION



#### **OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS**







Don't forget to sign your child up for our Epsom HC October Half Term Camps!



Times: 27–28 October 2025



Full day (U10-U14): 9:30am-3:30pm (£50 per day)

Half day (U8-U10): 9:30am-12:30pm (£25 per day)

Location: Old Schools Lane, Ewell (KT17 1TJ)

Fook via the Teamo calendar or scan the QR code on the flyer.

Spaces are limited – get booked in early so your child doesn't miss out on two days of hockey, fun, and development

# **Spirit of Hockey**



Sadly, already this season, one of our teams has experienced some unacceptable behaviour from side-line spectators at an away match. This has been addressed with the club in question.

However it is worth reminding ourselves that Epsom Hockey Club follows the England Hockey Spirit of Hockey Code of Conduct. We want to offer an open and welcoming community for individuals from all backgrounds, ensuring that everyone who wants to experience hockey can be involved, feel valued, and be safe.

Everyone in our sport, from players and coaches to umpires, officials, and spectators, contributes to an environment that is safe, respectful, and enjoyable for all.



Values uphold and protect our sense of fairness and help define how we behave with each other both on and off the pitch.

Values are not rules, but rather a guide - a moral compass that sets expectations for our behaviour in every aspect of the game.

Whether you are playing, coaching, umpiring, running your club, or managing the governing body, these values guide how we interact and what we can expect from one another



We are inclusive to ensure everyone can feel a part of the hockey community



We take care of people and the places we play



We uphold the spirit of fair play and respect our opponents and officials



We stand up for what is right in a respectful way

#### KEY PRINCIPLES



- Acknowledge, embrace, and respect the diversity of individuals involved in hockey, nurturing an inclusive and welcoming environment regardless of background, ability, or identity.
- Inspire, motivate, and make a positive difference, recognising the influence we can have on the experience of all in the hockey community.
- Contribute to the physical and mental well-being of the hockey community by fostering a positive and supportive environment



- Play fairly and within the rules of the game, recognising the spirit of fair play in hockey by being respectful towards others.
- Accept defeat graciously, while always displaying good sportsmanship to opponents, coaches, staff and officials.
- Uphold honesty, kindness, and integrity in all our behaviours, whether on the pitch or off it.



- Respect the rights of every individual to participate in hockey, setting a
  positive example for others.
- Conduct ourselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect our own safety and the safety of others.
- Act responsibly and sustainably, minimising our impact on the environment. Respect facilities and equipment by taking care to leave places clean.



- Be willing to challenge others in the right manner if they are bringing the sport into disrepute and take all possible steps to prevent it.
- Actively promote the reputation of the sport and serve as ambassadors for hockey.
- Demonstrate resilience in the face of challenges



