



## BELPER MINI HOCKEY CLUB

www. Belperhc.co.uk

### Pre-Season Newsletter 2011/12

Dear Parents / Guardians and Players

Hope everyone has enjoyed a good summer!

Mini Hockey coaching sessions resume on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2011.**

Due to the large number of children attending last season the timings of our coaching sessions have changed slightly to ensure everyone has adequate pitch space to train.

**Little Stars (School Years 1 to 3 inclusive) - 9:30 til 10:30am.**

**U10's (School Years 4 & 5) – 9.30 til 11.00am**

**U12's (School Years 6 & 7) – 10:30am til 12 noon**

The coaching sessions on a Sunday morning are available to both boys and girls in all school years listed above. We provide hockey sticks, balls and skills tuition.

#### **Mini Hockey Fees**

It is appreciated we are currently facing the most challenging economic crisis for a generation, the committee has therefore considered the matter of fees very carefully in order to try and keep fees as low as possible whilst covering the cost that we incur as a section. We also discussed that being more efficient at collecting fees we can also keep them down.

Therefore fees for this season will be as follows:

##### **Little Stars:**

A set fee of £50 per season, to be split £25 due September and £25 due January

This equates to £2 per session based on 25 x 1 hour sessions.

##### **U10's and U12's:**

A set fee of £70 per season, to be split £35 due September and £35 due January

This equates to £2.80 per session based on 25 x 1.5 hour sessions.

##### **New Starters:**

We are always keen to attract newcomers to the game at the start of each season and will allow newcomers to pay a weekly fee of £3 for U10's & U12's and £2 per session for Little Stars

Once the child has attended 3 sessions this can be deducted from the fixed fee.

If you know anybody who would like to join please bring them along!

(A 50% reduction will apply to each sibling who becomes a member)

Fees will be invoiced at the beginning of the season and again in January, prompt payment would be appreciated.

## General Information

Our objectives at Belper are:

- To promote safe, enjoyable hockey, which encourages the improvement of individual skills, combined with self awareness and teamwork.
- We arrange games and tournaments throughout the season, where teams of under 10's and under 12's, either single sex or mixed, will get the opportunity to represent the club. We shall endeavour to try and involve as many individuals as possible in these events.
- For your reference, after reaching the age of 12, children have the opportunity to move to coaching for older groups, details are available on request.
- We try to keep participants informed with activities within the mini hockey section with the publication of reports / newsletters throughout the season. This will be included in, and supported by, weekly updates of the entire Hockey Club news on the clubs website; this can be found at [www.belperhc.co.uk](http://www.belperhc.co.uk).
- A word on safety. Whilst we do everything we can to ensure a safe playing environment, we urge parents to provide suitable clothing and protection. The all weather pitch is water based and footwear will become wet. Studs must not be worn, but soft 'pimples' are ideal. Training shoes are quite acceptable. Clothing should be appropriate for the weather, especially when cold or wet. Gloves are also advisable. Shin pads provide protection for lower legs, and gum shields provide essential protection for teeth. These are available from most sport shops and are infinitely less expensive than dental fees. **A gum shield and shin pads are mandatory!**
- Please ensure your child/children have a named drink bottle and that they always bring a drink to the session.
- Transport to and from Belper Meadows is the sole responsibility of parents / guardians. The club cannot accept responsibility for children outside the allocated training times.
- We shall be keeping a register of names and contacts to aid our internal administration. Please complete the attached 'personal information form' and return it to the first training session. (Please can this be completed even if your child attended mini Hockey last season so we can ensure we have up to date contact details)
- N.B. Despite the 'all weather' tag, adverse weather such as frost, fog, snow or heavy rain can result in cancelled sessions. Unfortunately it is not possible for us to contact all participants in such an event and ask that whenever there may be doubt as to whether coaching will take place, parents should check with any of the contacts listed below.

**Dates for this year's sessions are:**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2011 to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011 to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
18<sup>th</sup> December to be followed by Food and drinks in club house  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012 to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011 to 11<sup>st</sup> April 2011

**Contacts are as follows:**

Under 12's	Dave Buttery – Level 1 Coach (Working towards level 2)	07876 682348
Boys U12	Richard Taylor - Coach Simon Dale – Coach	07970 070755 07952 161597
Girls U12	Nik Undy – Level 1 Coach Paul Yates – Coach	07751 440976 07811 675810
Under 10's	Claire Vaughan – Level 2 Coach Ian Rogerson – Coach	07776 235765 01332 842705
Little Stars –	Dan Ford – Coach	07738 005184

Helen Minion – Administration 07791 360431 /  
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Kit can be brought from [www.crickethockeydirect.co.uk](http://www.crickethockeydirect.co.uk)

The 2011/12 season commences on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2011**