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## **BELPER HOCKEY CLUB JUNIOR BOYS NEWSLETTER (11) - JAN 2010**

Welcome to the New Year!

**U14 CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The U14s finished top of the league at the end of the local stages of the new U14 Championships and will go on to compete in the Regional finals in April

**NATIONAL CUP RUNS:** Well done to the U18s who won their 3<sup>rd</sup> round match at Bowden and will continue their campaign with a match against Doncaster at home on 7<sup>th</sup> February. U16s were narrowly defeated in their 3<sup>rd</sup> round match against Sheffield Hallam at the end of November. U16s will continue to play friendly matches for the remainder of the season and players will be encouraged to play for the men's teams on Saturdays where appropriate.

Matches are planned for the U16s against Sutton Coldfield, Ramgarhia and Lichfield - dates to be confirmed.

**INDOOR COMPETITION:** U16 and U18 teams played in the Regional Indoor competitions at Aldersley Leisure Centre just before Christmas, with the U16s coming 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Cannock and Beeston, despite being hit by illness on the day of the competition! The U18 competition was also won by Cannock, with Beeston 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks again to James Hewitt and Luke Whatling for their help with coaching

### **TRAINING:**

We are very pleased to announce that James Blackwell has returned to Belper 1XI and has joined our junior coaching team. Having formerly played at Belper he has been playing recently for Loughborough Students in the EH Premier Division.

The Junior Boys training sessions will continue to the end of March. (Final session Mar 30<sup>th</sup>) Unfortunately due to work commitments Paul Lawrence is no longer able to coach at the first session so James Blackwell will be coaching the U14s for the rest of the season.

In order for us to plan coaching cover for Tuesday evenings please let us know as soon as possible if you know you are unable to attend a training session

### **General Training for 2009/10 is as follows.**

U14s	6:30 to 8:00	U16s	6:30 to 8:00	half pitch
U18s	8:00 to 9:30		half pitch	

There will be no training on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb (half term)

Advanced Skills training on Thursday evenings, led by Guy Draper, has started at Belper and will continue until 1<sup>st</sup> April. This is an invitation only group

Specially designed Belper HC water bottles are now available to buy for £3.50 - please ask training if you would like one

**MATCH FEES:** These will remain the same, usually £3 - £5.

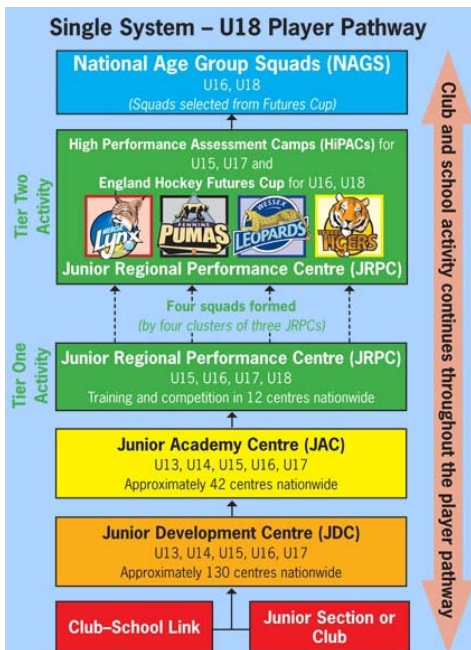
**KIT:** Club team shirts will be provided for all on match days and should be returned after the game.

**COMMUNICATION:** The Boys Section now has its own page on the BELPER HC website. This contains lots of useful information and we will be adding to it as the season progresses.

**We will use e-mails and the website, to inform you of training cancellations etc - if in doubt check both, or ring Judy, Lindsey, Sally or Alan before you come down.**

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Please also check your e-mails regularly for team selection, fixtures, training and match cancellations/re-arrangement etc. Please respond promptly if asked to do so! If you are not receiving emails then please check we have your correct address. Everyone should have completed a new registration form at the beginning of the season. Please ensure that our contact details are kept up to date as it is most important that we can contact parents/carers in case of emergency



**SINGLE SYSTEM:** Players have now been nominated by the JDC coaches to attend JAC training and assessment sessions during January. Players who have been at JRPC during the last summer and autumn will also now join the JACs.

Unfortunately, due to the low turnout of players at JDCs for some age groups, it is unlikely that it will be possible to field JAC teams at all age groups. However, we hope to see many Belper players competing at County level in the spring, and some being selected for JRPC training sessions during the summer.

**PLAYER FEEDBACK:** In line with England Hockey development guidelines, we have circulated player assessment/feedback forms. Some have been returned and are being analysed by the coaches. Any remaining forms should be returned asap. We hope that everybody will find these a useful addition to their hockey training.

**A NOTE TO PARENTS:** We are very keen for more people to be involved in the running of the section and would like to encourage volunteers to assist with refreshments for 'home' matches, to arrange social events for the various teams. We have asked for volunteers to arrange a fund raising event- unfortunately, as yet, no one has come forward. Bag-packing at Morrison's has been very successful in the past couple of years and is very easy to arrange. We would like to use some of the funds raised to hold an end of season celebration/presentation evening. If you feel you could help to organise this, please let us know.

It has been an encouraging start to the new year with everyone remembering essential kit, fees, etc., but please remember it can be very cold and wet in the next few weeks. Bring an extra layer and waterproof clothing.

Look out for training and match cancellations via email and on the website.

**Dates for the diary:**

Bag packing fundraiser - tba, please.

We are hoping to hold an end of season awards and celebration evening on March 30<sup>th</sup> - details to follow

The Belper HC annual Dinner Dance will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Makeney Hall and we hope that parents and the older members of the section will support this event. Details will be available shortly on the Belper HC website

The Boys Section AGM will be held in early May and your support for this is vital to the continued development of Boys hockey at Belper. Significant changes will be taking place next season.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

From the Tuesday night gang.

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