**DERBYSHIRE ACADEMY 2018/19 – INFO & ADMIN FOR NOMINATED PLAYERS**

Dear Player,

You have been invited to attend Derbyshire Academy for the season 2018/19.

Please note: The Academy sessions may take a different format to that circulated in the Derbyshire Player Pathway handbook. The first training date for all age groups is 9th September.

Please find below some important admin details for the forthcoming season.

There is a summary of the proposed Academy training dates for 2018 right at the end of this letter! Please be aware that these may be subject to change as the requirements of (yet another) the new Academy format become clear! As a consequence we are only planning as far as Christmas at this stage. **Please always check for updates on the Derbyshire Hockey Development website:** <http://derbyshockeydev.clubbuzz.co.uk>

Training and home fixtures, where possible, will take place at either the new Ellis Astro, Shobnall Leisure Complex, Shobnall Rd, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire DE14 2BB, or Belper Hockey Club, Christchurch Meadows Belper DE56 1BA.

**Attendance:**

There are 6 sessions planned before Christmas.

The minimum required attendance is 4 full sessions of 1.5 hours. We cannot offer a refund for non-availability/attendance. (If you have a problem meeting this please contact me asap.)

We operate a policy of continual assessment and in order to make the most of the coaching, players should attend all 6 sessions.

There will be a competition day for each age group before Christmas, but the majority of the fixtures take place in 2019.

Selection for the main AC competition phase will take place at Christmas.

**Training Fees: Payments should be made, to the DHA treasurer, before the first training date, please.**

### All age groups: £54 Payable in advance for the first 6 sessions.

Training fees are non refundable if sessions aren’t attended.

Fees can be paid **By Bank Transfer (**preferred method**):** Sort Code: 40-15-20; Account Number: 52046415

**Please use squad and player name as reference,**

**eg** “U16B, M Abel” or “U15G, N Whetton”

Or by cheque, made payable to “DHA” and sent by post to:

**Ian Whetton, DHA Treasurer, 83 Mill Hill Lane, Winshill, Burton-on-Trent, DE15 0BA**

**Please use squad and player name as reference on back of cheque,**

**eg** “U16B M Abel” or “U15G, N Whetton”

Any sessions additional to the 6 currently planned, (eg if we manage to schedule some training sessions after Christmas) will be charged at a later date.

**Kit:**

No special kit is required for training, however, **no School or Club kit to be worn.**

Purple Derbyshire hoodies and rain jackets are available to order from our clothing supplier, if you wish – they are not mandatory!

I will circulate the order form when costs have been confirmed by the supplier.

Purple Derbyshire t-shirts can also still be purchased for £10, and Academy socks will be available for £5, from your **JAC Manager/Coach** at training sessions.

Team playing shirts will be provided on match days.

You will need your own navy shorts/skort.

**Assessments:**

Coaches are encouraged to give feedback, to individuals and groups during the coaching sessions. Please speak to your coaches during the sessions if you feel you would like more feedback.

Your coach will also provide feedback via the PPS website.

**And finally:**

When you have received your formal invitation from the PPS website, and before attending the first Academy session, PLEASE log in to your account details (at  <https://www.playerpathway.englandhockey.co.uk/members/sign_in>

) and check that they are still correct (especially email addresses and emergency info, but also Club and School). The system will not allow players to be considered for the competition squads if this action is not completed.

This will also confirm that you intend to take up you place in the Academy.

You do not need to print off the consent form, but will be asked to provide emergency contact and relevant medical information with your manager for each training session.

If you **do not** intend to take part in the Derbyshire Academy, out of courtesy, please drop me an email, by 1st September, so that, where possible, we can allocate your place to someone else.

If you have any questions please contact me and I will try to help. I will also put a copy of this information on the Derbyshire Hockey Development website

Once Academy has started, your first point of contact should be your Academy manager who we hope you will be able to meet at the first training session.

Regards,

Judy

Player Admin - Derbyshire

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**DERBYSHIRE JAC Training & Fixture Summary 2018/19**

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All training and home fixtures (where possible) will take place at either:

The Ellis Astro, Shobnall Leisure Complex, Shobnall Rd, Burton upon Trent, Staffs DE14 2BB

or at:

Belper HC, Christchurch Meadows, Belper, DE56 1BA.

Each age group will have 1.5 hours of pitch time/training session.

Start date for all age groups is Sunday 9th September 2018.

Cost for first 6 sessions is £54, payable in advance.

Normal Training Times: (Please note a different order to previous years)

U14 Girls & Boys training: 11.00 – 12.30.

U13 Girls & Boys training: 12.30 – 14.00.

U15 Girls & Boys training: 14.00 – 15.30.

U16 & U17 Girls & Boys training: 15.30 – 17.00.

Please arrive 15 minutes before your start time to allow for any admin and so that each group can start promptly.

Proposed dates for Training prior to Chrismas:

Sun 9th Sept: Training for All. At Ellis, Shobnall.

Sun 16th Sept: Training for All. At Ellis, Shobnall.

Sun 7th Oct: Training for All. At Belper.

Sun 21st Oct: Training for U13-U15. At Belper. Fixtures for U16/17, venues tbc.

Sun 25th Nov: Training for U16/17. At Belper. Fixtures for U13-U15, venues tbc.

Sun 2nd Dec: Training for All. At Ellis, Shobnall.

Further training and competition days for selected players at all age groups are proposed for after Christmas, starting with training for all on 6th Jan 2019 at Belper.