



PELICANS HOCKEY CLUB



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JUNIOR CLUB CAPTAIN

Junior Section NEWS

Welcome to the Last Term of Hockey!

Wow, how quickly has the time passed? Hope you all had a great half-term break and ready for some action again. Let's make the best of this last stretch and get the kids to have some fun, improve on their skills and play some tournaments.

1. A Big Thank You for being part of the In2Hockey County Tournament!

I know that none of the teams were the winners for the day and I will take full responsibility for entering the teams when other said the competition is too strong and the teams not ready for this. I want to thank all the parents that supported the selection process and that we were in a position to give the kids the opportunity to play in the county games, have fun as a team and hopefully learn from this experience that will drive them to improve for the following year to go out and smash it.

- Thank you to the Exec team (Charlie / Tracy / Wayne / Nicola / Carrie) and Team Managers (Graham / Martin / Hayley / Ben) that truly stepped it up when I couldn't do a lot of tasks because I was out action out of the blue - addressing all my hundred of messages.
- Thank you Sam and Katie as coaches, being there the whole day to support your groups.
- Thank you for our clubhouse kitchen volunteers - Lucy Skerry, Jane Proctor, Nicola Pluck, Charlotte Aguilar, Jane Hughes and Tracy Bower (I don't know what parents showed-up to help at the end, so thank you if you did go and help like arranged)
- Thank you to the umpires that gave-up their Sunday to support our entered teams - Jack Major, Kirwin Christoffels, Mark, Alex.
- Thank you Team Managers for taking control of the teams for the day and standing next to the pitch supporting the kids, doing all the paperwork and being in charge of the kit bags - Martin Metcalfe, Graham Brooks, Hayley Booth and Ben Hipperson - you are super stars!

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Still open to feedback on what could be done better with tournaments from our side (this one was organised by North Norfolk), what you would like to see change - anything you feel I need to address or make a note of, please let me know.

2. Upcoming Tournaments - please make a note and respond ASAP

During the break time we as a club has been invited to **four tournament** days - this is again a great opportunity for the kids to put their practiced skills into action. I have a cut-off time to submit teams, so please look at the dates and inform me ASAP and before the last date if your child is available. I will go by the numbers and based on that see if we take one or two teams (this is for U10's especially). If you are late to respond, I cannot guarantee that your child would play. If more than allowed numbers per team, then it will be down to selection. Please note that the timings are suggested and not confirmed yet, all depending on the amount of teams entered - I will communicate closer to the date the exact timings that they hosting club shared. At the moment it has been suggested for games to be played at am for Girls and pm for Boys.

- **Sun 6th March - North Norfolk U10's only** (@ Sheringham, NR26 8ND)
 - Matches, Matches, Matches - no score keeping or presenting prizes
 - Aim is pitch time and player development
 - Provide umpire if possible to coach while on pitch
 - **Entries by Sunday, 27th Feb**
- **Sun 13th March - Norwich Dragons U10 / U12's** (@ Norwich, NR1 2PL)
 - 7-a-side, no more than 10 players per team
 - **Indication of teams by 25th Feb**
- **Sun 27th March - Gresham's Mini Festival U10 / U12** (@ Holt, NR25 6EA)
 - U10's - 5-a-side (4 Outfield + GK or 5 Outfield)
 - U12's - 7-a-side (6 Outfield + GK)
 - Tea, coffee & lunch (food provided free of charge for all players)
 - Skills Masterclass with Mr Cowan (Gresham's Director of Hockey)
 - Goalkeeper Masterclass
 - Hockey Shop
 - 10:00 - 15:00
 - **Entries by Monday 28th Feb**
 - **Don't forget it is Mother's Day!!!**
- **Sun 3rd April - Alex Hill Memorial Tournament U10 / U12** (@ Dereham, N20 3TT)
 - Games will be 15mins, 7 a side.
 - Pool A and Pool B to enter
 - Provide umpire where possible

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3. TEAMO Registration for U10's - Trial period



The club is using a few team to try out the TEAMO App. It is used for comms, events, training, taking payments and so on. The other beauty of it is to get availability from teams and then to allocate them to matches. With four Tournaments coming up and time being tight, the thought is to see if we can get availability on the U10's (because the biggest age group) quicker to indicate if we will be entering one or two teams for each Tournament.

• U10's Parents - please register your child on Teamo

- <https://web2.teamo.chat/club/register/pelicans>
- A PDF link to help go through the process of registering for the app - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ldxg2Ik5OlV0YJLbGe09qWPQlOCq_3QP/view?usp=sharing
- The Tournaments dates will be shown under the Calendar section, please update your child's availability as soon as possible



Pelicans Bobble Hats @ £15
and Socks @ £6 are
available in the Clubhouse

Please keep Saturday 26th March in mind for our End of Season Junior Awards ... more details to follow. I do need to know if parents would prefer to have this straight after our last training session that day or later in the afternoon - please talk to me regarding this. Would you like us to host Family Bingo or something else to go with it to make it fun for the kids?

I hope you are enjoying the 21/22 season and we are looking forward to the last few remaining games of the season.

Any question, suggestions or just a friendly chat, please make contact.

Kind Regards,
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