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## MHSOB Hockey Club – Junior Hockey FAQ (April 2024)

Melbourne High School  
Forrest Hill  
South Yarra, VIC 3141



### What equipment will my child need to play hockey?

- Mouthguard: **[COMPULSORY – No play or practice unless mouth guard is worn]**
  - Basic mouth guard - Available from Pharmacy/Supermarket \$5-\$20
  - Custom fitted Dental mouth guard not required, Dentist \$150-\$250.
- Shin guards:
  - Basic safety shin guards are provided FREE by the Club
  - Higher levels of protection/comfort are available from Just Hockey \$15-\$90.
- Hockey Stick – tall enough to reach the top of player's hip bone:
  - Loaned FREE by the Club
  - Sticks and Starter packs are available for purchase from Just Hockey \$30-\$150
- Shoes:
  - Regular sports/running shoes are recommended. New shoes are not needed.

### What Uniform does my child need & How do I get this Uniform?

- **Contact Club Secretary Sam Sweetman for online payment & pick-up:**
  - [secretary@mhsobhc.com](mailto:secretary@mhsobhc.com)
- Club Shirts (compulsory):
  - Junior Shirts, sizes 8-13: Loaned FREE by the Club
  - Adult Shirts, M/F sizes 12-46: purchase from Club Secretary \$55
- Socks:
  - Long maroon socks: Kmart/Target/etc. \$5-\$15 per pair
  - Plain maroon hockey socks: Just Hockey \$12.50 per pair
  - Official Club logo socks: from Club Secretary \$20 per pair
- Shorts:
  - Bottle green basketball/footy/soccer shorts: Kmart/Target/etc. \$10-\$15
  - Official Club logo hockey shorts, from Club Secretary \$45

### When & Where is hockey played?

- **Term 2 and Term 3:**
  - No games are played during the School Holidays
    - Training sessions held Friday 3:45-4:45 pm at Amsleigh Park Primary School, Oakleigh East.
  - U10s play Saturday mornings 8:15-9:00 am, alternating weekly between:
    - Hawthorn Hockey Centre, 482 Auburn Road, Hawthorn
    - Melbourne High School, 651 Chapel St, South Yarra
  - U12s play Saturday mornings 9:00-10:00 am, alternating:
    - Home games: preferably at the same location as the U10s, @MHS or HAW
    - Away games: various synthetic hockey grounds in our region (Monash Uni, Hawthorn, Elgar Park, Koonung SC, Albert Park, Croydon Hills, Doncaster, Greensborough, Waverley).
- Term 4 Summer Hockey:
  - U10s play Fridays 5:30-6:15 pm @ Hawthorn
  - U12s play Fridays 6:20-7:05 pm @ Hawthorn
  - No trainings during Summer Hockey
- BBQ sausages & hamburgers available for purchase after/during U10s matches.

### How much does hockey cost?

- **Hockey Victoria player registration:**
  - Once per calendar year, players **MUST** pay \$98.31 to be registered before they can play in Term 2
  - Registration and payments are paid online through [mhsobhc.com/fees-registration](https://mhsobhc.com/fees-registration)
- **MHSOBHC Club fees:**
  - To cover umpiring & entry costs, Club fees are \$75 per Term (family discounts available)
  - To keep Junior costs as low as possible, **Club fees are waived in Term 2** due to HV registration (above)
  - Term 3 and Term 4 fees are paid at the start of each Term online at [mhsobhc.com/fees-registration](https://mhsobhc.com/fees-registration)
  - The Club has a financial hardship policy; assistance & payment plans ensure that everyone gets to play.

### How are these Junior hockey games played?

- Coaches, Umpires & Officials always aim to emphasise fun, participation, teamwork and skill development
- U10s Quarter-field matches:
  - 5 players per team, plus interchanges
  - Two 18-minute halves, four simultaneous games played horizontally across a full hockey pitch.
  - Modified rules: no hitting, no raised balls, no Goal Keepers, no penalty corners, smaller goals
- U12s Half-field matches:
  - 6 players per team, plus interchanges (Goal Keepers are optional)
  - Two 25-minute halves, played horizontally across a full hockey pitch.
  - Modified rules: restricted hitting, no backstick tomahawks, no penalty corners

### What Age group will my children be playing?

- Age is calculated on January 1<sup>st</sup>, specifically:
  - Children born in **2014** or later are eligible for Under 10s in **2024**.
  - Children born in **2012** or later are eligible for Under 12s in **2024**

### Can my child play if we can't commit to play every week?

- Many children and families need to negotiate competing weekend commitments to:
  - Other sports (basketball, netball, gymnastics, etc)
  - Family events, birthday parties, sibling appointments
  - Study or tutoring sessions.
- Players are welcome to play as often as they are able. We will always aim to ensure that every player who turns up on the day will get fair and enjoyable time on the pitch.
- Even if a player can only manage to attend a single game, we would still like you to come.

### How can parents help contribute to the team?

- Each family will be rostered to provide half-time oranges and lolly snakes 2-3 times per Term.
- Each team needs a manager to fill in the team sheet each week, look after bags and/or run the interchanges.
- Carpools and lifts are often needed to help all players (and coaches!) arrive at the games.
- The Club is able to sponsor parents or players who wish to take up Umpiring or Coaching courses.

### Why is my young daughter or son playing for the Old Boys? That doesn't make any sense!

- Melbourne High School Old Boys Hockey Club has been playing and winning hockey matches since 1937.
- Although our Club has strong ties to the School, most of our players are not current or ex-students.
- We are a friendly inclusive club made up of students, young families, professionals and tradespeople.
- MHSOBHC has fielded Women's teams since 2000, and Juniors teams since our inception.
- Hockey is for all ages: our youngest ever playing member was just 5, while our oldest is in their 80s.
- You don't need to attend Melbourne High to play for the Club – just like you don't need to live in Waverley to play for them. Hockey matches are played against teams all over greater Melbourne and Victoria.
- MHSOB's Senior players enjoy connecting with our Juniors through Family Days, Umpiring and Coaching.
- Juniors can play against their peers in U10s, U12s, U14s, U16s and then U18s. At some point, Juniors may then become interested in transitioning to playing Senior hockey for either our Men's or Women's teams.

### Contact Details:

Junior Coach, Lachlan Champion: 0409 469 186