



WALLINGFORD WILDCATS HOCKEY CLUB



PARENT INTRODUCTION LETTER

On behalf of Wallingford Wildcats I would like to welcome your child to the club and provide you with some information about our activities. The club provides opportunities for young people between the ages of 4 and 14 to receive coaching and competition in both friendly and County Competitions. All coaching is by qualified coaches who are trained and have been screened for their suitability for working with young people. We welcome parents to all training and competitions and value your support.

Training

Training sessions take place every Sunday morning from 14th September 2008 as follows:

09.30 – 10.30 ~ Under 6's
09.30 – 10.45 ~ Under 8's
10.30 – 11.45 ~ Under 10's
11.30 – 13.00 ~ Under 12's

Wednesday nights 6pm – 7.30pm ~ Academy (U14, U15s and U16s)

(All age groups based at age on 1st September 2008)

Children need to arrive promptly at the beginning of the training so that coaches can explain the purpose of the session and to allow everyone to warm up safely together.

All children should be collected promptly at the end of the session if they are not making their own way home. All children aged less than 14 years must be collected from within the Astro gates. If you are going to be late picking your child up, please contact Guy Windsor-Lewis on 07770 874088 who will advise your child's coach; alternatively, a message can be delivered to the pitch by telephoning the Sports Park building on 01491 835044.

Kit

Club match kit consists of a green and white shirt, white shorts and green socks and will be sold during a number of the Sunday morning training sessions.

Matches and Tournaments

Matches take place throughout the season. In addition there are a number of tournaments closer to Easter.

We endeavour to adopt an inclusive approach to matches and offer all children who attend training the chance to play against other clubs. All children attending training when there is a home match will be offered the opportunity to play regardless of their level of skill or experience. We also try to ensure all children are offered the chance to play in away games, again no matter their level of skill or experience.

Our approach to identifying teams to represent the Wildcats in the tournaments that take place towards the end of the season is different and in these cases coaches will select what they consider to be their strongest side.

Registration

We would be grateful if you could complete the club membership registration form. For the safety of your child it is important that the club is informed of any medical condition or allergies that may be relevant should your child fall ill or be involved in an accident while at the club. If you would like to talk to someone at the club about this information or your child's involvement with the club, please contact the Youth Development Officer, Guy Windsor-Lewis on 07770 874088 (m).

Subscriptions and Match Fees

The club has a small annual membership fee of £45 and this should be paid within two weeks of joining. (There is reduction of £10 for siblings ie £35 for a second child, £25 for a third and so on). There are NO match fees for the Wildcats although there will be match fees (£2) for Academy team players in the Oxon Leagues for the U14 Boys and Girls and U16 Girls teams.

We encourage parents to show an active involvement in the organisation of our club, including travel arrangements, registration, kit sales and social gatherings, as well as the support of all children representing the club at fixtures.

We thank you for your co-operation and look forward to meeting you at some point in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Guy Windsor-Lewis

Youth Development Officer