



Southern United Hockey Club

Men, Women, Veterans & Juniors

JUNIOR COACHING NEWSLETTER

Coaches Newsletter

Welcome to the 2nd issue of our Coaching newsletter.

Major Grading Changes

After long discussions between the club and Hockey Victoria we have been given **U11A** mixed, **Retained U15A** and been given **U15PA**. Now the hard work starts to ensure the teams are competitive and honour the opportunity they have been given on the higher stage.

We need to improve our communication to players

We have had feedback from several areas that we need to **improve our communication with our players**. Club policy states:

If a player is to be moved to a lower team the **coach must** inform the player before selection is send out

The player should be informed **why**.

The player should be told what they can work on to **improve** and **how** to do it.

It is really important we all ensure this is the case

Team selection

Several teams have fed back that the method of team selection each week is not what it should be. Most team managers send out to the players, details of that week's game and who is playing. Can all coaches through their manager ensure all players know which team they are playing in each round. Several players have turned up to the team they wanted to play in leaving another team short.

Dangerous play

A reminder that all umpires have been directed to come down heavily on any player raising their stick to manufacture/ gain an obstruction fee or threatening another player.

WWCC

A reminder **you have until 30th June** to lodge your Working With Children Check application form.

Coaching Equipment

Don Robbie is organising all equipment. At present we are sourcing new training bibs. If you need equipment please let Don know asap. don.melb@optusnet.com.au

Codes of Behaviour

Our club endorses and promotes the Australian Sports Commission code of behaviour guidelines. These not only include coaches but also Players, Parents and Spectators. As coach we are now asking you to re-enforce the guidelines within your player group by:

1. **Modelling behaviour**
2. **Penalising players who show decent** to umpires, Officials and opposition players.
3. **Help educate** parents to the respect and help officials.

Umpires are soft targets, as coaches we need to show leadership. Secondly the club is struggling to attract young umpires to cover all our games and if they see others being abused for getting things wrong they become very reticent to even start. Sue Jones is interested in hearing from any players wishing to try umpiring. (They get paid)

For more information please contact Sue direct

Rotation of players

There is some confusion over what we are allowed to do when rotating players. There is no rule limiting the number of games before a player cannot be moved to a lower team. HV underage rules allow for players to be moved between teams throughout the season. The number of games played only matters when selecting sides for finals. 6 minimum and majority of total games played in the team or below is the best guide. Players can only double up 3 times during the season.

Mckenzie's Food Skills Camps

We are working to use most of the Mckenzie's sponsorship to develop a series of skills camps for U11 to U15 players in 2009. More details soon. Anyone who wants to flag definite area we could target please email me

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