



2020 Junior Hockey Pre-Season Information

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REGISTRATION PERIOD:

Registration Opens ALL PLAYERS:	5pm Sunday 9 th February 2020
Registration Closes:	5pm Friday 28 th February 2020
Returning members: ("Somerville Forever")	9 th to 16 th February 2020

Registration is through the **JOIN US** link on the website.

Returning Somerville players: (SHC Forever Members)

-are guaranteed placement **provided they register before the 16th February (7 day period) and pay/make arrangements for full subscription before 19th February at which point you are eligible to trial.** Families will receive an email reminder/prompt by February. If your contact details have changed since the previous season and you require a reminder, please ensure you contact one of the Junior club coordinators. If you do not register and pay within the notified period, you will be administered as a NEW PLAYER and cannot be guaranteed a team place.

New players:

-must register/apply and initially make NO payment. **Successful applicants will receive club approval, you will have 10 days to confirm your placement with full subscription payment, at this point you are eligible to trial.**

If the number of registrations exceed the clubs allocated training spaces new registrations will be prioritized in the following order:

1. Playing history/ability (determined at trials, Y7/8 only)
2. Offer of coaching assistance or club committee involvement
3. New players in date order of registration

You will be contacted if your registration is unsuccessful. We hope to increase playing numbers in all grades however we remain constrained by the limited number of training space available. Last year the club fielded approximately 250 junior players through 26 teams.

When registering, please fill in player details and two parents'/guardians' details if possible, particularly where players and guardians have different last names, as this helps administration/coaches.

If you played for Somerville in 2019 and will **not** be returning, please advise us by emailing somervillejuniorhockey@gmail.com as this helps manage registrations.

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FEES

The Somerville Committee has set the fee for Junior players at **\$285** per player. There is a family discount of \$25 per subscription where 3 or more Youth or Junior players are from the same family (not including Senior adult players). Goal keepers with their own gear are required to pay **\$80.00** only.

Somerville Junior fees cover practice equipment, turf fees for matches and practice for two school terms, a team photo presented at prize giving and a uniform levy. The fees also cover levies paid to Auckland Hockey Association and Hockey NZ (for administration, coaching support, representative programmes and AHA facilities).

TRIALS

- All trials are held at Auckland Grammar school turf, Normanby Rd Mt Eden. There will be only one muster for Fun-Sticks.
- For details of dates and times for trials please refer to the club calendar on our website: [Club calendar](#).
- Teams are selected based on players' attendance and performance at these sessions (with the exception of Fun Sticks school year Y1/2). Please note on the registration form if players cannot attend any of the identified Sundays.
- The Somerville Trial and Selection document can be viewed on the club website (from February). This document contains protocols for team selection and for most junior teams we will take into consideration siblings, transportation issues and parental involvement. Please note any car pooling arrangement on your registration form.
- Teams will be named **Sunday 5th April** and displayed on the club website.

SAFETY

The club supports ACC Health and Safety policy, and in accordance with Auckland Hockey Association rules it is compulsory for players to wear mouth guard and shin pads when playing or practicing hockey.

MID-WEEK PRACTICES

The club has a predetermined practice schedule which remains in place annually. This schedule allows parents and families to plan from one year to the next.

Regular attendance at practices is essential for the progress of your child and their team. Please do not register unless you are able to commit to the practice day/time below.

The following table shows the practice days, times and venues. You can be confident there will be no change to your practice night, the full club training calendar can be viewed on our website.

Note: Training begins for all teams the final week of Term 1.

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Team	Day	Begins	Time	Venue
FUNSTICKS (Y1/2)	MONDAY	6 April	4pm – 5pm 5pm – 6pm	Terry Jarvis Centre
MINISTICKS (Y3/4)	TUESDAY	7 April	4.15pm – 5.30pm	Kings School Turf St Kentigern Turf
KIWISTICKS (Y5/6)	WEDNESDAY	8 April	4.15pm – 5.30pm	Kings School Turf St Kentigern Turf
KWIKSTICKS (Y7/8)	THURSDAY*	9 April	4.15pm – 5.30pm 6.30pm – 7.30pm	Kings School Turf AGS Turf

* Funsticks: Training venue changes to F.O.E. in Term 3.

SOMERVILLE PARENT and CLUB COACHES

The Club benefits enormously from the input of parent coaches whilst at the same time it is rewarding for both parent and child.



If you are interested in being a Team Coach to support and grow with your child through their journey in the sport please indicate this on the registration form. All coaches will be asked to attend at least one of the initial Junior Coach Education sessions with the club's Coaching Director Simon Norton. Where possible the club seeks to place assistant coaches with teams to ensure continuity in case of unavoidable absence.

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A Senior Coach coordinator will be present at trainings sessions to mentor new coaches and provide support. All coaches are provided with coaching material and session plans.

Senior and Youth club players are offered financial assistance to off-set club fees in return for Junior Coaching assistance. Students completing Duke of Edinburgh can also receive credits towards their Duke of Edinburgh community service.

Coaches are generally responsible for Saturday morning team coaching and are supported at mid-week practices.

SOMERVILLE TEAM MANAGERS

Our team managers are the engine room and glue of the Club. Managers distribute information (by email, text, facebook, and the club website). Throughout the season they distribute uniforms, check the draw each week (including on a Friday night in case of late changes through the AHA app) and report weekly match scores. Managers also assist coaches during games (with substitutions, recording goals for and against and 1st aid when required). If you would like to be the Manager of your child's team, please indicate this on the registration form. Your support is greatly appreciated.

UMPIRES

The coach is responsible for coaching/umpiring for Fun Sticks and Mini Sticks matches. It is very helpful to coaches for Kiwi Sticks and Kwik Sticks if another parent or secondary-school sibling umpires the games if an AHA JUMP umpire is not available. If you are prepared to assist with umpiring, please indicate this on the registration form. The club supports training costs for umpires. In most cases JUMP umpires are provided for Kwik Sticks grades.



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The Auckland Hockey JUMP (Junior Umpires Mentoring Programme) is a training programme to mentor Youth (secondary school age) umpires. Auckland Hockey is very interested in hearing from anyone who would like to get involved. Information is available on the Auckland Hockey website www.akhockey.org.nz or email info@akhockey.org.nz

COACHES, MANAGERS & UMPIRES BRIEFING

An annual briefing session for Coaches, Managers and Umpires is held pre-season. Time and venue for this is displayed on the club calendar on the website. At this briefing you'll meet other helpful managers and coaches (great when needing player cover), learn more about aspects specific to Junior Hockey, your team's grade, and guidelines developed by Somerville to help teams run as smoothly and enjoyably as possible through the season.

FRIENDS OF SOMERVILLE

We are very interested to hear from parents who are prepared to help with odd jobs to assist the Junior hockey administration or the running of the club generally. Please indicate when registering if you are able to assist either in the Junior area of the club, or if you have specific business skills such as fundraising or sponsorship experience that would be able to assist the Club's management committee.

UNIFORMS, MOUTHGUARDS AND GEAR

Team shirts and shorts are provided for Juniors, i.e. Fun Sticks through to Kwik Sticks (school years 1 to 8), these are handed out by managers at the first practice or at the first game and collected in at the last game of the season.

All players purchase their own Somerville socks (with 7 blue and white stripes), available from the Just Hockey shop, Enfield Street, Mt Eden. Somerville Hoodies are also available for purchase from this outlet. Players need to purchase their own stick and shin guards and play in trainers with good grip.

Players must also provide their own mouth guards which are available at Sports outlets, pharmacies or through dentists. Somerville arranges quality mouthguard fitting by a dentist at a very reasonable price early in the season, keep an eye on the club website for details. **Please ensure ALL equipment and clothing is clearly named or marked for identification.**

COMPETITION DATES /TIMES

The 2020 season calendar is available on the club website please ensure you are familiar with accessing this. The calendar details all season events, dates, times, locations, non-playing weekends, representative dates, prizegiving, holiday programmes etc.

NEW INIATIVES 2019/20

In 2020 the club will enter a Kwikstick Girls A team in the Girls Diamond Grade. This will assist the club in transitioning female players into our Youth teams. Our successful SHC Raffle was well supported in 2019. The club will continue this again in 2020 with some minor downscale adjustments to the number of books allocated to families.

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COMMITMENT and ATTENDANCE

Commitment to a team is one of our steps towards teaching children responsibility and respect for others. Parents please ensure you schedule any skiing/holidays and weekend breaks for non-hockey weekends and school holidays, do not register if you cannot commit to being at nearly every practice. All club players must be available for Terms 2 and 3.

The "Gold Standard" for attendance is an expectation that all players selected in **Gold Grade teams will attend all matches. Players unavailable for end of season Finals Day will be selected in lower graded teams.**

Please be aware at Kwik Sticks level, higher ranked/graded teams operate with minimum substitutes, those less committed are placed in lower graded teams which are afforded more substitutes. The Coaching Director monitors training and match attendance during the season. **The club reserves the right to regrade players who are unable to maintain an acceptable training or match attendance level.**

COMPETITION VENUES and CANCELLATION

Hockey games are rarely cancelled on artificial turf, most turfs are only flooded temporarily (minutes) so that play may just be delayed for a short time. Do not assume your match will be cancelled, always attend the venue where a decision will be made at match time by the umpires and team officials.

Venue location and maps for playing hockey can be found in the Junior Handbook on the Auckland Hockey website. This is usually published just prior to the winter season starting.

Junior hockey is played at the following venues:

AGS Turf	Mt Eden
St Kentigern School	Remuera
Kings School	Remuera
Diocesan School	Epsom
St Cuthbert's College	Epsom
Lloyd Elsmore Park	Pakuranga
Waitakere College	Waitakere
Mt Roskill College	Mt Roskill
Avondale College	Avondale
Papatoetoe Sports club	Papatoetoe

If you have any queries, please email one of our Junior Coordinators:

Amanda Burn (KwikSticks, KiwiSticks)
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