



# OCHC JUNIORS NEWSLETTER

*The latest news and updates from Old Cranleigh Hockey Club*



*U14 Boys Oranges celebrating their victory vs Sevenoaks*

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## Checking-in at away fixtures

This weekend sees the first of the new Mega Leagues fixtures - read on to find out more.

Following England Hockey guidance, just as at home, you need to check-in your child at an away fixture through the Teamo app. By checking in through the app, we can ensure your child is correctly registered with OCHC. This facility is available in the app from 3 hours before the fixture starts so it's possible to check in before you leave home meaning one less thing to think about at the pitch! Please note, many clubs are now specifying no spectators for fixtures, your lead coach will confirm in the fixture details.

If you are having any issues with Teamo, please get in touch at [ochcjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:ochcjuniors@gmail.com) and we'll do our best to get you up and running.

The OCHC Juniors team



## Noticeboard

### Checking in

You must check-in your child to every training session and fixture, home and away. This forms a vital part of our COVID-19 guidelines.

The quickest and easiest way to check in is through the Teamo app - select the session your child is attending and click check-in. This is available to all registered players from 3 hours before the session starts.

**Marking you intend to play in Teamo is NOT the same as checking-in to the session.**

Please do not drop off your child unless they have been checked in.

### One way system at OCs

The OCs car park is now one-way to reduce congestion. Please enter from Portsmouth Road and exit through the car park, past the football club. This brings you out onto Longmead Road, from where you can turn left onto Weston Green Road.

### One way system at Manor Road pitch

To improve the flow of players on to and off the pitch, we have introduced a new one way system. Please enter the pitch through the usual gate and we will ask players to exit at the end of their session using the gate at the far end. Please collect your children from this exit.

### Kit desk volunteers

Are you at OCs on a Sunday morning and looking for something to do whilst your son or daughter plays? We're looking for volunteers to help cover the kit desk whilst their child is playing (approx. 1 hour). The desk is open during all 4 morning sessions at OCs - if interested, contact [helen.hawes@btinternet.com](mailto:helen.hawes@btinternet.com)

### No spectators in compound or grandstand at OCs

To aid social distancing, please do not remain in the compound area at OCs after dropping off or collecting your child. The grandstand is also now out of use. Please observe social distancing rules and comply with the most recent Government guidance.

### Face masks

Junior face masks are available from the kit desk on Sunday mornings priced £27.50

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# Introducing the new Mega Leagues

*Lauren Moors, Director of Junior Hockey, introduces the new Mega Leagues for U10s and above, which starts this Sunday.*

## **Who is involved?**

As many players as possible in the Surrey area. OC's have combined with a number of the other local 'mega' clubs to create block fixtures that allow for equal competition, smoother logistics, less journeys and a model that can be rolled out for future years.

## **What is the format?**

Depending on the age group, this could be a mixture of 3v3s, 4v4s, 5v5s, 7v7s or 11v11s. COVID is slightly restrictive at the moment, but our main priority is everyone is enjoying their hockey. Every week OCs will play against one other club. Depending on the age group, there will be either one match against a similar standard of opposition, or mini games versus multiple. For example, the U14s may play one 11v11 match against Wimbledon, the U8s may play four mini 3v3 games versus different Wimbledon teams.

## **Why is it being introduced?**

Because our ethos is to play, enjoy and perform. This model allows every individual to participate in a challenging environment, at a level suitable for them. It also allows you as parents to plan more effectively.

## **When and where?**

If you are playing at home, we are trying to ensure your fixture falls in your training time. There may need to be exceptions, however, the plan is that logistics do not change unless we are away. When orange pool are at home, blue pool will tend to be away and vice versa. Each pool across the age groups will have the same number of home and away fixtures.

***It is essential your child is registered in Teamo.*** Details of fixtures will be posted in Teamo, including start times and locations and coaches will ask you to confirm your child's availability in Teamo. If you need any help getting Teamo set up, please contact [ochcjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:ochcjuniors@gmail.com)

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# Please check in using Teamo app

England Hockey has confirmed we are responsible for checking in our players at away fixtures as well as home - you must do this through the Teamo app to ensure your data is recorded as OCHC

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In advance

## Step 1 - Let us know you plan to attend

Let the coaches know whether your child will attend by clicking the green tick or red cross next to the session date. This helps the coaches plan the session or select teams. ***This is different to the step below.***

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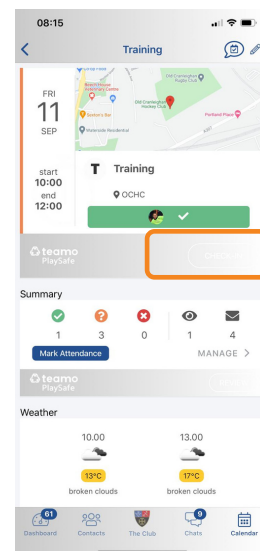
On the day

## Step 2 - Check in to training or a fixture

All players must check in to every training session and fixture, this is an essential part of our COVID-19 guidelines. To ensure you are able to check in at home and away, please check in using the Teamo app - see below for more information. It is not possible to check in using QR codes at other grounds, clubs either won't have them or it will incorrectly associate your data with the local club.

## Check in using Teamo app Available from 3 hours before the start time

- Open training session or fixture in Teamo
- 3 hours before the start time the check-in button will appear
- The check-in button is next to the Teamo PlaySafe logo
- Click on the check-in button and complete the required information
- You need to be registered in Teamo to use this option, email ochcjuniors@gmail.com if you need any help in getting set up

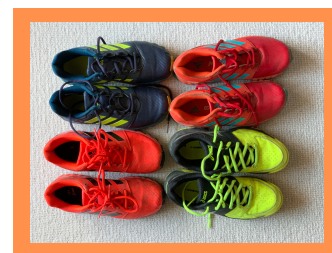


# We want your old astros & hoodies!

Kids often grow out of their astros and OCHC hoodies before they wear them out and then what do you do with them? Let us help you find a new home for them. Here's how....

## Astros - any size/brand

- Give them a quick clean
- If the size isn't visible, pop a note inside to let us know the size
- Tie laces loosely together and pop in a bag
- Bring them down to the Kit Desk at the club on a Sunday and donate them by popping them in the 'Astros' box
- These will then be available to parents to 'buy' (after a period of quarantine) for a donation to the Elmbridge Foodbank. Suggested donation is £5 a pair (which can be given to the Kit desk)



**Please only donate Astros you'd be happy to pick up for your kids.  
And if you're looking for a new pair - check the Kit Desk first!**

## OCHC Hoodies

- Email Jon East at ochcjuniorsliaison@gmail.com with details of the size and initials embroidered on the front of the hoodie you wish to donate
- We will try and match the initials to other players in the club and Jon will be in touch with more details if we can find a match
- If you're looking for a hoodie, please email Jon on ochcjuniorsliaison@gmail.com to see if we have any donated hoodies available that match your requirements - and for a small donation to Elmbridge Foodbank it's yours (suggested donation £5)



**Please DON'T bring hoodies down to the kit desk - email Jon first**

*Current donated hoodies available - please contact Jon at ochcjuniorsliaison@gmail.com if interested*

1. Aged 7/8 - initials "AB"
2. Aged 7/8 - initials "GW"
3. Aged 9/10 - initials "IL"
4. Aged 11/12 initials "BM"

**EVERYTHING  
DONATED WILL BE  
QUARANTINED &  
LEFT UNTOUCHED  
IN THE BAG IT IS  
DROPPED OFF IN,  
UNTIL THE  
FOLLOWING  
WEEK**