



Glebe Juniors Information Pack
2024 Season

WELCOME

Welcome to Glebe District Hockey Club.

We think Glebe is Sydney's leading Junior hockey club with a long history of competitive success and exceptionally strong club spirit. Glebe is one of the oldest hockey clubs in Sydney, operating continuously since 1931.

Our core values – Family, Equality, Contribution and Community – are the backbone of our Club. We pride ourselves on creating an environment for our Juniors develop to achieve their personal best at whatever level that may be whilst growing confidence, meeting new friends, having fun and contributing to their Club and community. We apply a high degree of focus on development, umpiring and coaching pathways and progression to our senior teams.

Glebe fields mixed teams from U8 through to U18. For our younger players, we offer Hookin2Hockey – also known as Minkey, each Saturday morning for children as young as four years of age.

The clubhouse is located just next to the TramSheds in Arch No. 5 under the Light Rail overlooking Jubilee Oval, Glebe. Access is off The Crescent at Webbers Carpets, just next to the entrance of the Tramsheds – best to park your car in this area and walk down the road alongside the canal.

Welcome to Glebe District Hockey Club. We hope your children and indeed your extended family enjoy both the sporting and social experience we offer.

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EMAILS, WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media continues to be our fastest and most efficient way to communicate with you.

We suggest you follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram @glebehockey.

We also send regular emails and have team what's app (or similar) chat groups.

Please also ensure our emails are not going to your JUNK email box. We send these weekly to fortnightly from February to September.

PLAYING FEES

It has always been a Glebe tradition to keep hockey as affordable as possible. Fees cover various costs that include purchasing equipment and turf hire throughout the season.

There fees have various components and you will pay the total of these components.

There are no increases to our Glebe Junior fees this season. However, in addition to the 2024 Glebe Juniors registration fee, your child's registration will also incur fees from Hockey New South Wales, Hockey Australia and Sydney East Hockey Association, as per your child's age group. Information relating to these fees is as follows:

- Sydney East Hockey Association (SEHA) – this is the association that facilitates the competitions between clubs, defines the season draw and facilitates turf hire etc.
- Hockey NSW (HNSW), Hockey Australia - these fees cover costs such as your child's state registration, insurance and administration

This registration is compulsory for all Juniors including Minkey and must be completed before any player takes to the field.

The total fee (before discounts) is for 2024 are as follows:

SEHA Age Category	Hockey Australia	Hockey NSW	SEHA	Glebe Fee	Total Fees
U12-U18	\$ 45.31	\$ 62.92	\$ 12.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 320.23
U12 (Aged 11)	\$ 45.31	\$ 27.33	\$ 12.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 284.64
U10	\$ 45.31	\$ 27.33	\$ 12.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 284.64
Minkey & U8	\$ 22.81	\$ 17.86	\$ 12.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 102.67

See discounts and financial relief in the next section.

REGISTRATION FEE DISCOUNTS

Discounts and rebates can reduce your child's fees significantly. There are two key discounts to consider.

If you have multiple children, the Glebe fee structure is \$200 for the first registered child and \$100 per child thereafter. If this applies to you, simply include **additionalchild** (one word) in the rebate section.

Please note the discount is only off the Glebe component of the fee, therefore we suggest you register the youngest child first and apply the discount when registering the old child.

Additionally, our Glebe online registration process will accept the **2024 NSW Government \$50 Active Kids Rebate**. You can apply for the rebate voucher via the website www.sport.nsw.gov.au/active-kids.

Remember, you need the voucher number before you complete our online registration, if you are eligible for the rebate.

Further, if due to financial or other circumstances, your family requires relief from fees, please see the next section.

FINANCIAL RELIEF

At Glebe, we aim to ensure that no child wishing to play for our Club is denied access to the game of hockey because of financial challenges. In need, please feel free to discuss such issues with our Juniors Director.

Please email <mailto:glebejuniorhockey@gmail.com> with your request or to start a conversation.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

In 2024, Glebe will again offer seamless online registrations that will facilitate credit card payments. Please take the time to review our Terms and Conditions applicable to your child's registration. Full details can be accessed within the online registration process. These conditions include such things as permission to photograph and to provide medical assistance to your child if necessary.

We use the permission to photograph for our social media and publications. If you would like to discuss this with us prior, please email glebejuniorhockey@gmail.com.

To register, go to the **REGISTER** button on the home page of our website to complete all required registration information and payment:

www.revolutionise.com.au/glebehockey/registration/

VOTING MEMBERSHIP

Voting membership provides an avenue for families to participate in the Clubs decision making by voting at the Annual General Meeting. In 2024, as in prior years, the GDHC Board has determined that one family member 18+ is eligible to become upon registering for the 2024 season. At the time of registration, you will be asked to provide your family member nomination.

AGE GROUPS

As a development and player safety consideration, we ask that you register your child in the correct age group. This is determined by the child's age as at 1st January in the year of the hockey season. Example, a child must be 10 or less on 1st January to play U10.

COMPETITIONS

Glebe enters Junior mixed teams in the Sydney East Hockey Association (SEHA) competition for U8, U12, U14, U16 and U18. In 2024, we also expect to field a team in the U14 Metro and U16 Metro competitions, a Sydney wide competition, administered by Northern Area Junior Hockey. We may consider alternative competitions in age groups where we have a large number of teams.

Our top teams in each age group from U10 to U18 are known as **Redbacks**.

At Glebe, **we encourage all Juniors to trial for a Redback Team**. No RSVP is necessary, just come along. At least three trial sessions for 2024 have been scheduled for the U12 to U16 age-levels. It is important for your child to attend all sessions. If the dates are challenging, please let us know via email – glebejuniorhockey@gmail.com. Even if your child is not successful in making the team, they will have several great pre-season training sessions under their belts.

This year's trials at a Cintra (Gipps Street, Concord) and the details are:

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Event	Date	Venue	Age-levels & Time
Cintra Redback Trials (Skills & Drills Sessions)	Monday, 12/02/24	Cintra	U12 & U14: 5:30 - 6:30pm
Cintra Redback Trials (Skills & Drills Sessions)	Monday, 19/02/24	Cintra	U16: 5:30 - 6:30pm
Cintra Redback Trials Game Play - Technical & Tactical with Round Robin games	Sunday, 25/02/24	Cintra	U16: 8:00 - 10:00am U14: 10:00 - 11:30am U12: 11:30am - 1:00pm
Cintra Redback Trials Game Play - Technical & Tactical with Round Robin games	Sunday, 03/03/24	Cintra	U12: 8:00 - 9:30am U14: 9:30 - 11:00am U16: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Post annual trials, team selection is facilitated by our Redback Coaches, Juniors Director, Development Director and representatives from our Men's and Women's teams - a whole of Club approach if you will, providing our coaches with additional support and ensuring the selection process is as fair and transparent as possible. Selection communication will occur between 6th March and 10th March.

It is important to understand that Juniors who do not make Redback teams are invited to play in our Strikers and Hornets teams and no further trial process is required. **All Juniors will land in a Glebe team** and will have exposure to great coaching and development opportunities.

The 2024 SEHA Junior season is expected to commence on Friday 16 March for the Metro component and Saturday 17 March for SEHA teams (other than potentially our U10 and U18 teams who are expected to commence on Friday/Saturday 22/23 March). Dates have yet to be confirmed by either association but will be communicated as soon as they become available.

For U10 to U12, games are played on Saturday mornings on a home and away basis at each club venue for SEHA. U14 Hornets and Strikers teams also play on Saturday morning. U14 Metro, U16 Metro, U18 teams play on Friday evening. U16 Hornets or Strikers are likely to play a mix of Friday nights and Saturday mornings.

TRAINING

Our Redback teams train each Tuesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm at Cintra, Concord.

In 2024, we anticipate that our Strikers and Hornet teams in each of the U12, U14, U16 age groups will train on Mondays from 5.30pm to 6.30pm at Cintra, Concord.

Our U8s and our U10s each Wednesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm/7pm at either Jubilee Oval (in front of our clubhouse) or on turf at Camperdown Tennis Centre. Venues will be advised in advance albeit weather may result in changes.

HOOKIN2HOCKEY / MINKEY

Each year Glebe runs a popular Hookin2Hockey / Minkey program which allows younger children to acquire hockey skills and techniques in a friendly, fun and safe environment. It is specifically aimed at the younger novice – no previous hockey experience is necessary, and the usual age is 4 – 8 years of age.

After spending some time in the Minkey Squad, the children can progress into the U8 or U10 competition. Older children may choose to start directly in these age groups.

Minkey is held on Saturday in the early mornings at Jubilee Oval, commencing Saturday 23th March with the time to be confirmed.

REPRESENTATIVE HOCKEY

All Juniors are encouraged to participate in our association (SEHA) representative hockey competition, providing further development opportunities, exposure to different coaching styles and new social connections. This often takes place during term 2 for field hockey representation and term 4 for indoor hockey representation.

SEHA representative hockey nominations are communicated to all Juniors, early each season. You can also refer to the SEHA website for registration links.

UMPIRING AND COACHING OPPORTUNITIES

The development of our Juniors across all aspects of the game is a priority at Glebe. We encourage all Juniors from age 12 upwards to achieve community level umpiring accreditation, supporting them throughout the journey as they put theory into practice.

Our objective is to have all Junior games umpired by a Glebe Junior representative throughout the season. An objective we achieve through nurturing talent and providing a safe environment for our children to develop their skills and confidence.

Coaching is another opportunity for our Juniors (ideally Juniors in our U16 and U18 age bracket) to get more involved with both our Club and the community. Accreditation is a requirement with support on offer through mentoring and development programs.

All Junior players that Umpire and or Coach can earn regular pocket money, where incentives are based on the level of experience and accreditation obtained.

Coaching and umpiring accreditation also extends to Glebe Family members who wish to be more involved in our Club. In fact, the vast majority of our Junior teams are coached by parents. If you would like to learn more about these opportunities, please contact our Juniors Director glebejuniorhockey@gmail.com.

GDHC JUNIOR ACADEMY

Glebe continues to expand its well established development program in 2024 with a view to providing greater development opportunities for all players. We also offer an Accelerator program for U16 and above experienced players.

UNIFORM

The Club uniform is maroon shorts or skorts, maroon shirt and maroon socks. Hoodies and hats are also available, and we encourage you to clearly label all gear to avoid loss.

Information about ordering for 2024 will be provided via email separately. Please bear with us as we transition to new uniforms in 2024.

EQUIPMENT

While we do offer a small selection of loan hockey sticks, we generally encourage families to purchase your child a hockey stick.

Mouth guards and shin pads are compulsory for games and players will not be allowed to play if they are not in place. Mouth guards must also be worn at training. See the next section for Glebe Club discounts on equipment.

EQUIPMENT DISCOUNT

GDHC is proud to have Jamie Dwyer Hockey as a key sponsor. JDH has kindly offered a discount for all Glebe Family members. The club discount code will be provided in later communications and gives 25% off selected items. It can be used simply by clicking the JDH logo on the home page of our website or by going to www.jamiedwyerhockey.com.

DEFENSIVE PENALTY CORNER MASKS & ASSOCIATED DISCOUNT

From U10 upwards the Club encourages all Juniors to wear a face mask when defending a penalty corner. The purpose of this set play is a fast and strong strike at goal from the attacking side and face masks provide good protection to the defending players. In the early junior years, developing the routine of putting the mask on to defend a penalty corner is important and creates a routine we hope players continue with into the future.

GDHC provides financial support to assist you in purchasing individual face masks for your children in U10-U18s (for penalty corner defence situations) as follows:

- Juniors Families may obtain a 25% discount for purchasing of face masks (as well as sticks, bags, apparel and accessories) from JDH, a proud sponsor of the Club. Website: www.jamiedwyerhockey.com
- the Club will provide a \$20 reimbursement via the Arthur Stubbs Foundation for all penalty corner masks purchased. To obtain your reimbursement, please email the receipt for your child's face mask purchase to glebejuniorhockey@gmail.com with your bank account details for the EFT reimbursement.

FIELD LOCATIONS

Field locations are listed on the GDHC website: www.glebehockey.org.au/grounds-clubhouse/

COMMUNICATION

It is important to us that families have as much information as possible to navigate through the hockey season. To facilitate this, each fortnight or so an email is issued for period ahead that will cover all you need to know. Communications will be supplemented by your team manager and social media.

- Facebook and Instagram @glebehockey
- Please ensure emails from glebejuniorhockey@gmail.com are not going to your junk box.

WET WEATHER

Games played on synthetic turf hockey fields will still proceed in the event of rain except in extreme conditions or lightning. On grass fields it depends on the amount of rain received. For the latest information on games or training cancellation, always refer to our social media.

VOLUNTEERS

We are a volunteer run Club. Almost everyone you deal with in the Club is there as a volunteer. There is much organisation in running sporting clubs. We always need volunteers to help out as coaches, team managers, at the barbecue after training, canteen duty, setting up/taking down goals for home games and various social and fund-raising activities during the year. Please offer your assistance where possible. Your support is incredibly important to us and even taking on a small task is a great help. Thank you.

ARTHUR STUBBS FOUNDATION

Our Club has a history of encouraging a lifelong enjoyment of hockey through its strong commitment to our Junior players. To maintain this commitment and to ensure future growth, we need an income stream to provide a diversity of development opportunities for our players, coaches and officials at all levels from beginners to elite.

The funds raised through the Arthur Stubbs Foundation will help the Club to develop pathways for our young people to achieve their sporting dreams, simply enjoying our Minkey program or playing for Australia. It will give us a strong, highly skilled Junior base for our Senior teams of the future. And it will give our donors 100% tax deductibility on their gift.

Donations can be made via the Australian Sports Commission website at www.asf.org.au/projects/glebe-district-hockey-club/

Who was Arthur Stubbs?

Arthur Stubbs was a loyal supporter of GDHC from 1954 until his passing in 1972. Quiet and unassuming, he was passionate about providing opportunities for young people to be involved in sport as a way of achieving their full potential. His hard work and generosity contributed to the establishment of the Club's strong Junior base and sense of Glebe Family spirit.