



Glebe Hockey Juniors Information Pack



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, offering the game of hockey to Juniors, Women and Men.

Our core values – Family, Equality, Contribution and Community – are the backbone of our Club. We pride ourselves on creating an environment for our Juniors to develop and 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 Junior mixed teams from U8 through to U18. For our younger players, we offer Minkey, OUR VERY OWN Club program that has been a regular feature of our season for many years. Minkey focusses on children as young as four years of age.

The place in which we gather, our Clubhouse, is located 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. We host various social events each season including our famous Junior Disco.

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

Sue Heath
President, Glebe District Hockey Club

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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 WhatsApp (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. Our Club fee covers various costs that include purchasing equipment and turf hire throughout the season.

There are no increases to our Club Junior fee this season. Discounts will continue to apply for families with more than one child.

Playing fees, however, also incur costs from the association we play under and hockey governing bodies.

- 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) and Hockey Australia - these fees cover costs such as your child's state registration, insurance and administration

A full breakdown of the 2025 fee components is detailed below.

Category	SEHA Age Group	Hockey Australia	Hockey NSW	SEHA	GDHC Fee**	Total Fee
1	Up to 8 years of age	\$ 22.81	\$ 18.43	\$ 13.20	\$ 50.00	\$ 104.44
2	Aged 9 to 11	\$ 56.81	\$ 28.22	\$ 13.20	\$ 200.00	\$ 298.23
3	Aged 12 to 18	\$ 56.81	\$ 65.06	\$ 13.20	\$ 200.00	\$ 335.07

**denotes fee before any discount is applied.

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

Registration fee discounts

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

If you have more than one child, 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 discount section on the registration page.

Please note the discount refers only to the Glebe component, therefore we suggest you register your youngest child first and apply the discount when registering older children.

Additionally, our Glebe online registration process will accept the 2025 NSW Government \$50 Active and Creative Kids Voucher. You can apply for the rebate voucher via the [Service NSW website](#).



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 (juniors.director@glebehockey.org.au) with your request or to start a conversation.

Registration process

At Glebe we 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 active 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.

Voting membership

Voting membership provides an avenue for families to participate in the Clubs decision making by voting at the Annual General Meeting. At the time of registration, you will be asked to provide your family member nomination. This person must 18+ years of age.

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 of 1 January in the year of the hockey season. Example, a child must be 10 or less on 1 January to play U10.

Competitions

Glebe enters Junior mixed teams in the Sydney East Hockey Association (SEHA) competition for U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18. We also 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 many teams.

The SEHA Junior season is expected to commence mid to late March. The Metro season is expected to commence early to mid-March. Dates have yet to be confirmed by either association but will be communicated via email and social media 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. Glebe's home venue is the Federal Park Synthetic Field (The Crescent Annandale, near the skate park) or Jubilee Oval (grass) for non Redback teams. Due to the size of the turf, only U10 and non Redback U12 teams play here.

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.

Grading

Our top teams in each age group from U12 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. It is important for your child to attend all sessions applicable to their age group. If the dates are challenging, please let us know.

We communicate trial dates via email and social media.

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 occurs within 10 days of the final trial date. From time-to-time communication may be delayed for reasons that are out of our control.

It is important to understand that Juniors who do not make Redback teams are invited to play in our Strikers, Hornets and Wasps 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.

Training

Our Redback teams train each Tuesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm at Cintra, Concord. U18's will also train at this time. The exception being U12 Redbacks who will train at Federal Park Synthetic Field (The Crescent Annandale).

Strikers and Hornets teams in each of the U14, U16 age groups will train at Federal Park Synthetic Field, Annandale on either Monday or Tuesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

Depending on the number of teams registered, we may also allocate teams to the Cintra turf on Mondays 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Our Strikers, Hornets and Wasps U10 and U12 teams train each Wednesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm at either Federal Park Synthetic Field, Annandale or Jubilee Oval, Glebe (in front of our clubhouse).

Minkey

Each year Glebe runs our highly popular 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 U10 competition. Older children may choose to start directly in these age groups.

Minkey is held on Saturday mornings at Jubilee Oval, usually around 9am for an hour. It's a great family morning. Dates and times will be communicated shortly via email and social media.

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 & 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. If you would like to learn more about these opportunities, please contact us.

GDHC Junior Academy

Glebe continues to expand its well-established development program with a view to providing greater development opportunities for all players throughout the season.

We also offer an Accelerator program for U14 and U16 Metro players, and aspiring players who seek to play senior hockey (in addition to their Junior hockey commitments) with our women and men.

Uniform

The Club uniform is maroon shorts or skorts, maroon shirt and maroon socks. [Uniforms are purchased online via our Club website.](#)

Hoodies and hats are also available throughout the year when we offer merchandise sales.

Equipment

While we do offer a small selection of loan hockey sticks, we generally encourage families to purchase their child a hockey stick. If you are unsure what size stick your child needs, place the stick on the ground, upright, and the top of the stick should reach their belly button.

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.

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 up to 35% 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 by way of a \$20 reimbursement, to assist you in purchasing individual face masks for your children in U10-U18s.

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 the period ahead that will cover all you need to know.

Communications will be supplemented by your team manager and social media.

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 or your team chat group.

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 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.

Supporting our Sponsors

Being a local sporting club, we are always grateful for local businesses who support us. We encourage all our Glebe families to support our sponsors. If you know of any local businesses who may want to join our club as a sponsor, please email glebejuniorhockey@gmail.com.



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