

## UWA HOCKEY CLUB

### JUNIOR DIVISION ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES – 2023

#### AGE GROUP COORDINATORS

Selection of teams and management of any weekly or permanent changes throughout the season.  
Movement of players between grades and age groups.

Identification and appointment of coaches, managers and umpires/umpiring mentors.

Oversee the smooth operating of the age group and resolution of any issues that arise. Escalate any problems or concerns to the Junior President.

Coordinate all communications with coaches, managers, players, parents within the grade.

Coordinate requests within the grade (team to team) and from the grade above for fill in players.

Liaison with specific UWAHC program coordinators – umpiring, coaching, skill development, goalkeeping etc during the year.

Facilitate Bunbury carnival player enrolment and parent help.

Manage the HWA Club Championships for the grade (J7/8, J9/10 and J11/12).

Coordinate club and team social events for the grade. Encourage attendance at first division men's and women's home games.

Coordinate ball kids and the barbecue roster in their age group as required.

Encourage parents to take on supporting roles within the grade and identify potential future junior committee members.

Encourage and arrange players for YMCC carnival, Bunbury carnival, club championships.

Encourage players to nominate for skills training opportunities and state teams.

Liaise with coach/managers to prepare a team report, certificate and photo for the year book.

Actively contribute to the success of the UWA Hockey Club Junior Division.

**Please remember: The junior committee is running the junior division for the betterment of all. We expect parents to support the junior committee, offer suggestions if they wish but not tell us how the junior division should be run. Decisions are not made for reasons of self interest, they are made for all player's benefit.**

## **MANAGERS:**

Support the coach in the successful management of the team/players throughout the season.

Communicate with the players/parents and age group coordinator on all junior club matters.

Complete the HWA requirements regarding the match report including submission to HWA webpage by the due time and day each week.

Regularly provide photos and information for junior WhatsApp photo group, webpage, facebook etc.

Prepare a parent roster for refreshments for the team each week.

Liaise with the umpire(s), umpiring co-ordinator, umpire mentor for the season.

Organise ball girls/boys as required for first division games (once per year)

Encourage and arrange social events for the team and the grade.

Liaise with coach to prepare a team report, certificate and photo for the year book.

Ensure that the parents are committed and supportive of the team and the club.

Pay turf entry fee for turf games and send the receipt to the Junior Treasurer.

**Please remember: Our primary relationship is with each player in each team. We aim for the best possible communications with each player and the coach/manager/coordinator so that expectations and understandings are clear for both parties. As a general expectation we do not deal with parents on behalf of their children.**

## **COACH**

To coach the team to the best of their ability and in accordance with the junior division expectations.

To attend all training sessions and matches.

To ensure that every player has the opportunity to shine in the team by;

- Playing in a position(s) suited to their capabilities.
- Receiving constructive feedback as well as praise for their efforts.
- Feeling valued and supported in the team environment.

Where possible and appropriate, coach according to the Club guidelines and utilising the Club produced material.

Ask for help and support where required, there are mentoring opportunities with senior, experienced coaches.**Please remember: The success of the junior division is measured by the players who return to play next year with a love for hockey and the UWA Hockey Club. It is not measured by winning premierships although we like to be successful.**

## **UMPIRE MENTOR**

To provide support, guidance and encouragement to the junior umpire each week.

Allow umpires to do their job, that is keep parental comments positive and ensure players show proper respect for the umpire.

Liaise with the umpire(s), umpiring co-ordinator, manager for the season.

Assist junior umpires with positioning, rules interpretations and any conflicts or issues that arise during the game.

Generally, introduce yourself to the junior umpire before the game, have a brief chat at half time and a short debrief after the game.

Feedback attendance and any concerns or issues with the junior umpire to the umpiring coordinator – Bobbie Mignacca.

**Please remember: This is a critical role for the junior division. We want our junior players to develop as strong and confident umpires.**