

# Bingley Bees Hockey Club

## Season 2020-2021 Essential Update



Welcome to this weird new world of socially-distanced hockey...we, in common with most clubs, have had major challenges to overcome in getting ready to play, but plans are finally coming together. This document is a summary and has links to everything you need to know and must do before you can play.

### Headline points

By 30.09.20, you need to:

1. Read the **Advice for participants** [here](#)
2. Complete the England Hockey Participation Agreement [here](#)
3. If you/your child is an existing member, complete the Returning Membership Form [here](#)
4. If you/your child is a new member, complete the New Membership Form [here](#).
5. Reply to the email/message you will be sent within the next week to confirm/update the details we hold for you as an existing member
4. Set up your membership standing order for first membership payment (and 100 Club entries) to go out

As a committee, we've been very conscious there was nothing concrete we could communicate to the Bees family until now. England Hockey have been keeping us informed with comprehensive updates (see summary [here](#)), but the Return to Play strategy has been moving regularly between different stages. Please read carefully the following information to get us back on the pitch and playing with minimalised risk and what you **must** do to meet the essential requirements of England Hockey, based on NHS England and government guidance.

The full responsibilities for players (and for parents/carers of junior players) are summarised [here](#). There's a lot of information there so please read particularly the **Advice for participants** link/document and the infographics attached to this email and added to our Facebook page.

### Registration with England Hockey and with Bingley Bees

Before 30.09.20, you **must** complete the England Hockey Participation Agreement [here](#) to link yourself or your child/children to Bingley Bees Hockey Club (and any other hockey

organisation e.g. county team that you/they are playing with) and give consent to playing hockey under the Covid-19 restrictions.

If you/your children are an existing Bees member from last season, please tell us on the brief Returning Membership Form [here](#) your names, membership types for this season and agree to our Club Code of Conduct.

Within the next week, existing members will receive an email and/or WhatsApp/text message from Rachel Belk (Treasurer and Membership) or Jo Dean (Minibeers Coordinator and designated England Hockey Covid Officer for our club) to check the contact details we hold for you. Please reply straightaway to give us any updated details.

New Club members/parents of new Minibeers please complete our New Membership Form [here](#).

Before every match and every training session, you (or parent/carer) will have to complete a short self-assessment that will declare that you, or someone they live with, does not have any of the following:

- A high temperature (above 37.8° C);
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste.

We have to record all participants at every session for the purposes of Track and Track. We have set up short Google forms to make it a moment's work to say you will be attending and record your self-assessment. We will share these links very soon and in advance of first training sessions and matches.

### **Matches**

We have been liaising with the Yorkshire League. Clubs have been given the option to delay the start of the senior season by a fortnight and, in common with many other clubs, we have taken this up. This means our first League match, for both men and women, is on Sat 10.10.20. The end of the season will be extended by a fortnight instead. See our website [fixtures page](#) and normal Facebook/WhatsApp pages/groups for specific match details – dates are up, but many match times are still to be fixed at time of writing.

Our home pitch, for at least the start of this season, is a return to **Ben Rhydding**, who are kindly accommodating us whilst schools are still adjusting and planning external club bookings. We have several irons in the fire and will keep you posted with any changes.

Junior tournament plans are in place and Jo (Dean) has already sent details on WhatsApp. Please reply in a timely manner so we can ensure we have the correct teams entered.

### **Training**

This has been a particular headache with schools late or unwilling to commit to external bookings for understandable reasons.

The good news is that we have a commitment from our excellent Level 2 coach, Danny, to continue working with seniors and start to coach the Minibeers alongside our well-established Minibee coaching team. The catch is that we need to secure the pitch space!

Our aim is for Junior and Senior training to run concurrently on a Wednesday so we can expand our time to give more space and capacity, not only for Covid limitations, but to increase provision for older junior age groups and those transitioning to the senior teams.

At the moment, we are having to look at Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays and hope to have some clarity from several of our options as soon as possible. We will let you know!! This situation has been constantly changing so we will keep updating you. We aim to be back training before the start of the League matches.

### **Membership fees and 100 Club**

Please see the membership fees document for this season [here](#) (also on the website, Facebook and sent by email/Whatsapp with this newsletter). We are starting with a hope that we get to play a full season with fairly normal commitments. The total fees are £10 less than last season for most categories and unchanged for Minibeers. This reflects best estimates of slight saving at end of last season, some increases (coaching and pitch hire) this year, but some decreases (there is no League expectation to provide teas this year as it's so tricky with restrictions in place). However, we will keep a careful eye on this and reduce number of monthly payments/give refunds if the season is shortened.

Our popular 100 Club is back! All the details are [here](#) and you can take out one or more entries for £20 each when you pay your first membership installment. Enter by 30.09.20 to be included in the first draw in October. Beekeeper (social) membership already includes an entry for the 100 Club.

Please pay your membership by monthly standing order leaving your bank account on 28th of each month (bank details on membership document). If this is not possible or you have

any other queries/problems, please contact Rachel (Treasurer) to discuss on rachelbelk@aol.com or 0777 312 7760. Please pay yours/your child's first installment by 28.09.20. We are introducing a 10% late payment increase on outstanding installments this year that will come in for any installment that is a month overdue. Most people are brilliant at paying on time, but a small number of late payers create a lot of work!

**Kit**

Watch this space! Jo is liaising with our normal suppliers, but you can appreciate that this is a little lower down our list of priorities at the moment!