CJHA Autumn Newsletter 2009

(To contact us see the web site www.cheltenhamjuniorhockey.org)

Dear All,

We cater for some 250 children and are one of the largest junior hockey clubs in the country.

A chance to have your say and meet the coaches at the AGM

Next Tuesday, October 20th, is our AGM when you get a chance to have a chat with the coaches, committee members and helpers to find out what's going on and to put forward your thoughts or ideas. This year it is being held in the "Suite" at the Little Owl on Cirencester Road from 7.30 pm. There will be a light buffet and drinks are available from the main bar so do come along. We look forward to seeing you.

Important Notice

Would all parents please ask their children to wait to be picked up after training immediately outside or in the club house. The other week three young girls wandered off behind the sports hall to the climbing wall and we had some anxious moments until they reappeared.

Five more items:

1. Please would the children check in each week … not their parents.
2. The code of conduct is on our website.
3. Children should not go onto the astro until it is their time slot.
4. Angie Pearce is now the Club Welfare Officer.
5. Do have a look at our website, www.cheltenhamjuniorhockey.org.

ClubsFirst: Your club achieves Clubmark status

Well done Angie Pearce for the major effort she has made to achieve Clubmark status for our club.

What it means: ClubsFirst is the England Hockey accreditation scheme for Clubmark.

Sport England recognises and values the commitment made by sports clubs to develop high quality, welcoming environments for young participants. The development of clubs that encourage young people to take-up sport, improve their talents, possibly play a

leadership role and give them the option to initiate and maintain life-long participation in sport is an essential part of supporting the sporting infrastructure in England.

Clubmark was introduced in 2002 by **Sport England** to:

- Ensure that accrediting partners apply core common criteria to ensure that consis tent good practice and minimum operating standards are delivered through all club d development and accreditation schemes
- To empower parent(s)/carer(s) when choosing a club for their children.
- To ensure that Clubmark accredited clubs are recognised through a common appro branding.

To provide a focus around which all organisations involved in sport can come together to support good practice in sports clubs working with children and young people.

Clubmark accreditation is awarded to clubs that comply with minimum operating standards.

We will be organising the presentation of the award at an appropriate event.

Dates for your Diary

27th November is our young umpires night when the older age groups will be schooled in the important art of umpiring. Not to be missed.

29th January will be the Stix night. This is where players can show their skills. The tests are graduated for age and ability. This year we are reducing the tests to the 4 most important ones and they will all be done by everyone on the one night. It is fun and the certificates and awards will be made at our presentation evening. Please put this date in your diary. Mums and dads are welcome and needed to help.

21st March is presentation evening, venue to be confirmed. Please put it in your diary.

International Honours

We have produced a number of international hockey players and we were delighted that Harriet Pearce recently captained the England U21 team in the Junior World Cup tournament in Boston USA in which they finished fourth in the World.

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