

Tawa Junior Hockey Club

17 May 2020



COVID-19 Update

As we are all aware COVID-19 has changed our lives over the past two months and will continue to have an impact over the upcoming months. As we went into Level 4 and 3 all community hockey was suspended but now we have moved into Level 2 we can start to plan and be ready for a revised winter season.

Wellington Hockey Association is taking a “**LETS PLAY**” approach to the remainder of the season and is working with all junior clubs to get kids playing hockey as soon as possible. The focus is on ensuring kids get to play this season in a fun competition.

All national tournaments and representative teams have been cancelled for 2020.

Changes to Year 7&8 competition

With this in mind it has been decided that there will be **NO** 11-aside competition during 2020.

All year 7 & 8 players will be moved into 7-aside teams. We are working through these changes to teams now and will be in touch ASAP for those that are affected.

There will be no mixed teams entered either and will be played in a “hub” type scenario to help minimize travel across Wellington.

FEES – we are still waiting to have costs confirmed by WHA but will let you know the revised fees for the season as soon as we can.

CONTACT TRACING

What you need to know

Contact tracing is mandatory and is required for all venues that you attend.

This will be completed by coaches/managers for all trainings.

WHA are working on providing an app for contract tracing that will be used for all games once the season commences.

More info to come soon.

Trainings

All training can commence ... but

Pre-season trainings can commence from 18 May 2020 onwards at Elsdon Turf.

However, there are some caveats that must be followed and understood:

- Teams cannot exceed 10 people at a training session – this includes players, coaches, managers and parents
- More than one group of 10 can be on the turf at one time however they cannot cross over with each other and people cannot leave one to join another – they must remain separate groups.
- Toilets and change rooms will not be open for use.
- Contact tracing must be completed and submitted to WHA within 48 hours.
- Only one person can handle and collect the equipment ie: balls, cones at the end of trainings.
- Bibs etc won't be used.
- Drills will need to ensure that they don't leave kids standing in lines for periods of times.
- Mouthguards must remain in their mouth during the training.
- No sharing of drink bottles or equipment.
- Children must wash their hands prior to attending and directly after trainings.
- Hand sanitiser will be available at the turf.
- If your child is sick – please do not send them to train.

Due to the restrictions of 10 per training, only a coach and children will be able to enter the turf. **All parents must remain in their cars and complete drop off/pick up only from the car park.**

If a child arrives and is sick with a cold, runny nose etc the coach will make the decision to send them home.

Children **DO NOT** have to attend trainings if you choose not to send them.

Your team coach will be in touch with you over the next week to advise when your training will start.

Games

It is still undecided when games can commence and is reliant on COVID-19 restrictions under level 2.

However, if restrictions of groups ease in the next review period then games could start to commence as early as 5 June ... in a staggered approach.

Year 7&8 will commence first on 13 June and then Year 3&4 and 5&6 will aim to commence on 20 June.

There will be no games during the holidays (3 July – 19 July).

Please note that these dates are only indicative and are all subject to restrictions being lifted on group gatherings.



Coaches needed

With the teams in Year 7&8 are divided up into smaller groups we will need more volunteers to help out.

As this is going to be a ***let's play*** and have fun season you don't need to have lots of technical skills for coaching, we just need parents who can turn up and coordinate the team and run subs etc.

The club will make sure you have all the support and guidance you need.

Hoodie, beanie and thermal orders

Did you place an order for a hoodie, beanie or thermal and no longer want to continue with the order? Let me know and I will take your name off the list and refund any money paid.

Thought you missed out and still want to still place an order? Orders are still open and can be placed up to 25 May 2020.

No longer want to register your child for the season

If you no longer wish to have your child registered with the club for the 2020 season please contact Debbie at info@tawajuniorhockey.org.nz by Tuesday 19 May.