



Dear Junior Hockey Parents

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to 2023. We look forward to an amazing season this year. This letter is to give insight about how this year will work.

This year Pirates Junior Hockey will be focusing on improving the skills that were built last year with the children as well as focusing on growing the section as a whole. This lends itself to the *Pirates Way*. The Pirates Way means that being a Pirate you become part of something much bigger. Pirates is the oldest sports club in Johannesburg and thus when you become a Pirate you join in all the traditions and ways that have come before you. What does that mean on a children's level? It means that when your child joins Pirates they will make lifelong friends and become part of a community that is like a second family.

The season:

We will run from the start of March 2023 to July/August 2023. In this time the children will have practices once a week (either Monday night or Saturday morning, see schedule below). Due to the size of our Junior section and from past experience we have decided to run our own 5-a-side derby days (match days) instead of being part of Southern Gauteng Hockey League that only accommodates 11-a-side matches. These derby days against other clubs will be once or twice a month during the season. This means there will be a promise of 6 games in the season. Thus giving the children an opportunity to take the skills they have learnt and apply these in a focused, match situation. Furthermore, this structure allows us to take the organisation into our own hands to mitigate last-minute cancellations and create a well-run season.

Fees:

The fees have been split into two parts this year. We have a basic fee that just includes the skills and then we have a fee that includes the derby days. This allows flexibility in terms of what you want your child to be part of. Our practices will be Monday nights for the u11 to u15 and Saturday mornings for u5 to u9. The fees will also include a kit. You will be invoiced once you have signed the registration form and then kit order forms will go out.

Cost for the season:

For children participating in the derby days: R2700

For children only wanting skills: R2500



Kit:

For kit, the google form will be sent out once you have registered your children. Please fill this link in in a timeous manner so that we can then get our orders in as soon as possible so there is time to get the kit. We need a minimum of 10 orders to place an order. Therefore it is imperative you fill in the order form as soon as possible. The due date for filling in the kit form will be communicated with you once you have signed up.

Commitment:

Please note that commitment is something that is very important to us and thus once you have said that your child is playing in a match there can be no last-minute pull outs (unless for a good reason) this alleviates the stress of not fielding a team and having to find kids to help with a match.

Practice:

Practice will take place on a Monday night from 18:00 to 19:00 (this is mainly for our u11s and up). We also have practice on a Saturday from 8:00 to 9:00 for u5 to u9s. We will start practice on the 6th of March and 11th of March. Practices occur at Parktown High School for Girls.

Please fill in the register link below:

[Pirates Registration Form 2023](#)

We look forward to you joining our wonderful season ahead!

Kind Regards
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