



GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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Dear GHC Junior Lead Coaches,

I am delighted to be taking on the new role of Director of Junior Coaching at Guildford Hockey Club. I would like to take this opportunity to explain what the position involves.

Junior hockey at Guildford is in an incredibly good position. This season the club will have more than 600 Junior members and more than 90 volunteer coaches, umpires and administrators delivering more than 500 hockey sessions and matches. GHC is a great place to be a Junior hockey player due to the time and effort that people dedicate to the club.

My aim is to build on the successful delivery of GHC Junior coaching. Initially the structure of GHC Junior hockey won't change; age group Lead Coaches will still organise coaching sessions, selection, fixtures and umpiring with support from Squad Managers and Assistant Coaches.

However, I am passionate about hockey coaching and believe that by working with the experienced and talented coaches that we have at the club we can improve the quality of coaching and learning across every Junior team in the club.

By creating the right environment, we will produce teams that win regional and national titles and players that are able to transition successfully into Adult hockey and thrive in the England Hockey Player Pathway.

I will be a resource for you to work with. Given your relative levels of experience, knowledge and the time you have available this will look different to different people, but in practice you can expect;

- Before the bank holiday weekend, a Coaches' Survey will be sent out online to identify the current strengths and weaknesses of coaching at GHC and areas that you think could be improved.
- From September 1st - 9th I am looking forward to meeting the coaches for each age-group. It will be a great chance to meet up and find out your views on junior coaching.

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- From the 1st September, there will be access to an online resource booklet of coaching ideas and sample sessions.
- During September you will all be given a login to HUDL, which is an online platform for sharing video footage of coaching sessions and tactics and for hosting discussion forums.
- Throughout the season international players and experienced coaches will visit the club to take sample sessions for you to watch and learn from should you wish to do so. Footage of these sessions will be available through HUDL.
- I will be coaching the U18 Boys' age group.
- I will be at Friday evening coaching sessions each week and available to work across any of the age group teams.
- I will be available to talk on the phone, by email or in person at the club to talk about specific coaching ideas and issues as they arise
- We will continue to host England Hockey Coaching courses at Charterhouse School so that GHC coaches can secure professional development opportunities.
- I will continue to organise and deliver high quality school holiday skills camps with excellent coach-to-player ratios and high-profile coaches to challenge and inspire players at all levels.

Once again, I am very much looking forward to working with you.

Best wishes,

Dan

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