

DSC JUNIOR HOCKEY 2019

INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS AND PARENTS

Hockey will be held on Friday nights from May 3rd for 10 weeks. There **will be** hockey on Queens Birthday weekend (Friday 31 May) and on the last Friday of Term 2 (July 5th).

Fun, Mini & Kiwi Sticks will play on the **TENNIS COURTS**, located on Anderson Street, Dannevirke.

Kwik Stick players (Yrs 7 & 8) will compete up at the **Dannevirke High School turf**, Grant Street, Dannevirke

MOUTHGUARDS

All players must wear a mouthguard during games. NO MOUTHGUARD = NO GAME. Shin pads are highly recommended.

CLUB HOCKEY STICKS

There are sports club sticks you may borrow. Please return them to the bucket/bag promptly after the game.

Second hand sticks may be available for purchase from the tuck shop. (If you have any unwanted sticks please donate them to the tuck shop. These will be sold and proceeds will go to DSC Junior Hockey).

TUCKSHOP

There will be drinks and snacks available for sale at the Tennis Court turfs. Please support this tuck shop as it is helping to cover our season expenses.

DUTY

Each week there is a duty school. This involves: setting up the courts, timekeeping, running the tuck shop, cleanup at the end of the night. The duty school will also be required to have a representative at the high school turf. Please ensure you have people available from the first until the last game. Contact your school committee member prior to your duty week for instructions.

FUN STICKS

This year Fun Sticks will run from 3.50pm - 4.30pm outside on turfs 1 & 2 (the two front tennis courts)

The children will be organised into four groups - Red, Blue, Yellow & Green.

Each night they will have a skills session followed by a game.

We will run a round robin for the games so please check the weekly draw to see what "turf" your child is on.

Each week the fun sticks require some gear to be setup for skills (bibs, cones, hoops etc). Your help setting up will be most appreciated!

Parents will be asked to help take the skills for their group which will be outlined on a sheet for them each week.

High school (or year 8) umpires will help with the skills and umpire the game with the help of the parents. Skills will start at about 20min with 10min game, gradually reducing skills time to increase game time over the term.

Please note that the next round of games starts at 4.30pm sharp. Please ensure all fun stick children & equipment is off the turfs promptly at the end of their session. (Your guide will be the hooter signalling the end of the game being played on Turf 3 - there is only approximately 3 minutes before the start of the next game!)

MINI, KIWI & KWIK STICKS

Mini and Kiwi sticks will be running on the 4 outdoor "turfs" set up on the tennis courts. Kwik sticks will play on the Dannevirke High School turf.

WARM UP

Warm up before the games at the tennis courts should be on the far asphalt netball courts, no hockey is to be played on the green Netball courts. At DHS the space at the two ends of the turf behind the goals may be used, being careful not to disturb the game being played.

GAME TIMES

We need to run to time; parents please help us to get players onto the court on time. Late start will mean a shorter game. Games are 13 minutes till a half time hooter, and 14 minute second half - this includes half time, the shorter the half time, the longer the 2nd half (there will not be a hooter to start the second half). There will be a 3 minute break between the end of the game and the start of the next game.

RULES

Rules will be distributed to all coaches, and are available on our facebook page. All of the umpires are volunteers, and most are Dannevirke High School students - please respect them and direct any queries to the DSC Junior Hockey Committee.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The competition will run as a round robin for the first 7 weeks.

Points will be awarded as follows: Win 3, Draw 1, Loss 0

At the completion of the round robin the top 4 teams (on points) will play semi-finals then finals for the Championship. The remaining teams will play semi-finals then finals for the Plate.

Please note due to team numbers, **ONE KIWI STICK TEAM WILL PLAY TWICE EACH WEEK.**

FAIR PLAY POINTS

Fair play points will be awarded to each team every week. These are awarded at the referee's discretion. Points are awarded based on the behaviour of each teams' **players, coaches and sideline supporters.**

BORROWING PLAYERS

If you cannot field a full team of players (from your teams registered players), you may either choose to play with a minimum of 3 players OR you may borrow up to two players from your own school within the same grade or below.

A player can only be borrowed a total of 3 times within the season.

You cannot borrow a player from another team if you have 5 (or 6 for Kwik Sticks) of your own teams registered players available.

DEFAULTS

If you cannot field a team of at least 3 players from your registered team you must default. This will be recorded as a loss to you, and the other team will be awarded the win. You may still choose to play a fun game, and borrow players from another school, but the game will still be recorded as a default.

If your team needs to default you must inform your school rep ASAP who will inform the DSC Junior Committee.

EXTRA INFORMATION FOR DANNEVIRKE HIGH SCHOOL TURF

Please enter the turf through the gate at the rear of the gym (car park end).

Access to the toilets is through the car park entrance and down the side of the turf through another gate at the south end and into the gym foyer. **Please leave hockey sticks outside the gym** when going to the toilet.

Use of the gym foyer is only for toilet access. Please ensure your child respects the toilets and leaves them in a tidy condition.

A first aid kit will be available each week. The duty school will be in charge of this.

Two refs will be at the turf each week. There will also be an adult present the entire evening from the duty school.

Please ensure all rubbish is deposited into rubbish bins provided and the turf is left in a tidy condition as it was found.

CANCELLATIONS

Games will be played in most weather – CANCELLATIONS WILL BE RARE.

However, if conditions are too severe or there is too much surface water, we will notify your school contact before 2pm if hockey is to be cancelled.

Should weather worsen throughout an evening of play, creating dangerous conditions, the remaining games may be cancelled on the night.

All teams will be awarded 1 point if any games are cancelled on a night, regardless if they played early on in the night or not (unless the whole division within a grade completed all its games, then points will be awarded as normal)

Cancelled games will not be played and the draw continues to the next week.

If games are cancelled, this also includes Fun Sticks.

TURF NUMBERING

