



May 2024

IOM AGE GROUP 2024/25 SQUADS

Dear Parents / Players,

As you may be aware the IOM Age group squads have had a number of very successful seasons in recent years. We are hoping to continue this in the 2024/25 season and planning is now underway!

We shall again enter squads in each of the English Hockey Junior Championships. This will of course be dependent on the number of players committing to the set up for the season.

In order to determine this, we will be holding a series of open sessions and trials as follows:

(Please note day and time carefully)

June Week 2	Wed 12th : U14 Girls	7pm to 8.30pm	Wed 12th U14 Boys	8.30pm to 10pm	Fri 14th : U16 Girls	7pm to 8.30pm	Fri 14th : U16 Boys	8.30pm to 10pm	Sun 16th U18	3.30 to 5pm
June Week 3	Wed 19th : U16 Boys	7pm to 8.30pm	Wed 19th : U16 Girls	8.30pm to 10pm	Fri 21st: U14 Boys	7pm to 8.30pm	Fri 21st: U14 Girls	8.30pm to 10pm	Sun 23rd U18	3.30 to 5pm
June Week 4	Wed 26th : U18 Girls	7pm to 8.30pm	Wed 26th : U18 Boys	8.30pm to 10pm	Fri 28th: U16 Girls	7pm to 8.30pm	Fri 28th: U16 Boys	8.30pm to 10pm	Sun 30th U14	2pm to 5pm **
Wk 1 July	Thur 4th July : GKs	7pm to 8.30pm			Fri 5th July : GKs	7pm to 8.30pm			** Girls 2pm	Boys 3.30pm**

For each session please:

- register pitch side no later than 15 mins prior to your session
- be ready (kitted) to warm up 10 mins prior to your session
- wear club/ school playing shirt and socks
- complete and BRING the attached form to your first session
- Pay via SumUp £10.00 to cover pitch hire costs at FIRST session ONLY (GKs £5.00)



All players must **pre-register in advance**

Name

Club

Date of Birth

School year

Preferred position

Pre-Season availability (see below)

(School Years are **FROM SEPTEMBER 2024**)

U14 Boys and Girls

School years 8 and 9 - directly with Niamh Goddard on niamhfc@manx.net

School year 7 -through their club coach who will if appropriate nominate them forward

U16 Boys and Girls

School years 10 and 11 - directly with Niamh Goddard on niamhfc@manx.net

U18 Boys and Girls

School years 13 and 12 - directly with Niamh Goddard on niamhfc@manx.net

COMMITMENT

Attached is a copy of an excerpt from last years training schedule to give players and parents an insight into the training commitment. (This will change for 2024/25) Training for the IOM Junior squads is held on Friday evenings, 7pm to 8.30pm and Sunday afternoon, 3.30pm to 5pm. All sessions are at the NSC through the season. Training at ALL relevant sessions is expected.

Each team we expect will have a minimum of two fixtures, and whilst we can be drawn either home or away for these games, travel options have generally dictated that we need to play across.

We will also be conducting fundraising activities over the course of the season and each squad member will be expected to contribute to our efforts which will not be too onerous e.g., raffles etc.

Please do not commit to trials if you cannot commit to the above.

KIT

NEW Players who are selected for the squads will be expected to purchase playing kit comprising of a Training Top, Playing Shirt and Socks. This will cost approximately £55. This is a reduced cost as we are in the final year of the current kit. We will be sourcing second hand kit from previous players and will advertise this. Kit is to be worn to ALL training sessions and fixtures. Training Tops are worn for travel also.

FIXTURES

We endeavour to keep costs to a very minimum. Previous trips have cost approximately £60 to £120. If we are drawn at home we are currently obliged to play the extra travel costs of the opposition (flight/ boat to island).



OTHER COMMITMENTS

Please discuss with the coaches if you are not willing to travel to fixtures or if other commitments will take priority if there are clashes. This will not preclude you from the squad as these are also development squads, it will merely allow us to plan.

COSTS

The main costs from involvement if the IOM Junior squads are associated with travel (after Kit costs). Each player upon joining the IOM Junior Teams set up will be asked for a “deposit “ of £50 . This will be used as a “float” towards travel costs and will be returned to you following the last game of the season for a particular squad.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications after squad selection will be via a Private Facebook Group. We have found this the most effective way of communication over the course of the last few years this eliminates the occurrence of emails going into spam and allows for a speedy relay of information. We will ask you to turn “notifications on” for your particular group. It also allows parents to ask questions. If are not on Facebook we shall come to an arrangement with you.

All requests for information will be EXPECTED TO BE REPLIED TO PROMPTLY (no exceptions). Non replies may mean a player forfeits their place in a travelling team etc.

PRE-SEASON

PLEASE ADVISE IN INITIAL REGISTRATION EMAIL IF YOU WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PRE SEASON. This is scheduled to take place the weekend of August 31st / September 1st.

CODE OF CONDUCT

When a Player is selected for a squad, they will be expected to sign up to a code of conduct. Infringement of this code will result in action and possible removal from the squads.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Whilst coaches will provide some feedback to a player on their performance in the open sessions and trials, they WILL NOT ENTER INTO ANY DISCUSSIONS ON SELECTION and in particular as to why one player was chosen over another. Please do not commit to the trials and squads if you cannot accept this.

Kind Regards

Niamh Goddard
IOM Age Group Squads Manager



Example of the Training Schedule – this was Season 2023/2024

Week	Ending Sunday	IOM Squad Training	Other
		Friday 7pm NSC	Sunday 3.30 NSC
Wk 1 Sept	3rd Sept	Selected Teams	Pre Season
Wk 2 Sept	10th Sept	U18 ALL	IOM GK Training Sunday
Wk 3 Sept	17th Sept	U16	U14 Sunday
Wk 4 Sept	24th Sept	U18 BOYS	U18 GIRLS
Wk 1 Oct	1st Oct	U14	U16 Sunday
Wk 2 Oct	8th Oct	Open Pitch	Champs 1 U18s , U16s & U14s
Wk 3 Oct	15th Oct	IOM GK Training	U14 Sunday
Wk 4 Oct	22nd Oct	U18 ALL	U16 Sunday
Wk 5 Oct	29th Oct	Open Pitch	Champs 2 U18s & U14s
Wk 1 Nov	5th Nov	U16	U14 Sunday
Wk 2 Nov	12th Nov	U18 BOYS	U18 GIRLS
Wk 3 Nov	19th Nov	Open Pitch	Champs 3 U18s , U16s & U14s
Wk 4 Nov	26th Nov	U18 ALL	IOM GK Training Sunday
Wk 1 Dec	3rd Dec	U16	U14 Sunday
Wk 2 Dec	10th Dec		
Wk 3 Dec	17th Dec		
Wk 4 Dec	24th Dec		Wed 27th - IOM U18s v U21 Select .

