



BALMACEWEN INTERMEDIATE

Balmacewen Intermediate Hockey 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Your child has registered to play hockey this year. Hockey will commence on Friday 14th May (week 2 term 2) and the final game will be on Friday 27th August. No hockey in the school holidays.

Teams:

- Teams are 6 aside again this year. There are options of mixed gender, all girls or all boys teams, and all will all be a mixture of Year 7 and year 8 students.
- The players will be selected based on their skill and ability and the teams will be graded.
- The first few weeks of the competition are grading games. During this time the teams will be changeable.

Games:

- Games are either at the McMillan Centre near Logan Park or at the new turf at Kings High School. Games are played on Friday afternoons.
- The children must wear shin guards and a mouth guard - these are compulsory.
- The teams will be playing in a 6 a-side competition and they will all be playing on a half field. The games run for 20 mins each way with 5 mins for half time.

Uniform:

- School will provide a hockey top and skorts or shorts for as many players as we can. Students will need to purchase the Balmacewen hockey socks from school. They are great quality socks and cost \$15. We prefer not to have a borrow system for socks for obvious reasons.

Practice times:

- Practise times will be advised in the next week once coaches are finalised. Depending on what suits the majority of the team and their coach, they will either be during lunch time or after school on our school turf.

Fees:

- The Otago Hockey Association has included the weekly turf fee into the overall fees. Fees will be a total of \$88. This includes maintenance of the goalie gear, badge cost, uniform hire, purchase of hockey balls and the fees charged by the Otago Hockey Association. Fees are due by Friday 7th May. Unfortunately students cannot play unless they have paid their fees.

Commitment:

It is important that when the children make the decision to play hockey, that they see this as a commitment to the team. They will be expected to attend all practises and matches where possible. When they are unable to be at a practise or a game they need to let their coach know.

Parent Help:

Thank you to those parents who have offered to coach or manage a team this year. This is really important because without coaches the children can't play, your support is appreciated. If you are able to help with this please email me. Your continued support through transportation and cheering on the sideline is valued also.

Kind regards,

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