

TIGER TURF BURNERS

Welcome to the lead up to the 2009 season!

SIGN ON DAY – Sunday 22nd March at the club at 12 noon. Meet your coaches, bring a friend and have some fun on the pitch. It's a Come N Try format, so it will be a great chance for any kids who are new to hockey to come and have a go.

Bring your student ID or other proof of age, as that must be sighted when registering.

COACHES will be appointed by a working party following a forum where coaching at all levels through the club was discussed. An announcement of coaches and training times is to be made before the sign on day – watch the website.

Jason Spouse and Andy Oliver have started running **PRE-SEASON TRAINING** for lower grades and juniors, at the club at 7.00 pm on Tuesdays. All juniors are welcome to join in. On Tuesday 17th March, Jason hopes to have the junior coaches coming out, so it would be a good start for any juniors who can come out then.

2009 State Zone Championships

The State Zone Championships is a new concept introduced in 2008 to create a competitive and premier competition in South Australia. It gives players an opportunity to represent their zone and also play in the premier competition in the State. Selection for State Team Squads is based primarily on player's performance at the State Zone Championships.

The 2009 State Zone Championships will be held in Adelaide on the June long weekend (Saturday 6th - Monday 8th June 2009).

The State has been split into 6 zones:

- Country West
- Mid North
- Riverland / Barossa
- Country East
- City East
- City West

Zones will enter junior teams in the following divisions

U17 Boys: PAC (to be confirmed)

U17 Girls: North East Hockey Club

U15 Boys: Seacliff Hockey Club

U15 Girls: Adelaide Hockey Club

Seacliff is in the City West zone – our team is the Western Mariners

Junior Girls Trials at Woodville on Saturday 4th April 8am till 11am

Junior boys Trials at Woodville on Sunday 5th April 8am till 11am

Download forms and get further info from www.shc.org.au

2009 State U13 Club Championships

The 2009 State U13 Club Championships will be held on Saturday 6th - Monday 8th June 2009 at Grange Royals Hockey Club. There will be an U13 Boys & U13 Girls Division. Nominations are due Friday 24th April 2009 (nominations after this date will not be accepted).

Team managers will handle nominations.

UNDER 13 INVITATIONAL TEAMS will be selected from Junior Development Squads that will be selected from the Club Championships. Team selection will be based on players' **ATTITUDE, INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION** rather than picking a team of flashy players. Hockey SA is aiming to run this event at a much lower cost than previous interstate tournaments.

RULE CHANGES FOR 2009

Under 11 is a mixed competition, but over the last couple of years, teams have not always included the required number of girls. In fact, some teams have been all boys! In order to make a manageable rule to control this, the MACE Junior Committee has decided that for 2009, U11 teams can have a **MAXIMUM** of 8 boys on the pitch at any time.

The 2009 junior season will start on the weekend of **FRIDAY 1ST MAY**

SOCIAL NEWS David Newton and Jeff Millar are representing the junior teams on the Social Committee. On the fixtures are available, a program of events will be announced. A wide range of junior and family events are included, with some events more suited to senior players.

While it looks like we have the coaching positions covered for 2009, if you are interested in **MANAGING A TEAM**, please contact Paul Bond at juniors@shc.org.au or on 0401 123 391.