

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Season

ATHERSTONE ADDERS HOCKEY CLUB

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Please take time to read through the contents of this pack. Complete and return your 2019-20 Membership Form to your Captain or a member of the Committee by the end of October 2019, along with any fees that are due. By doing so you agree to abide by the terms and conditions of all of the enclosed Policies and Procedures for the 2019-20 season.

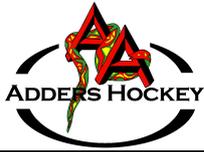
The Adders Offer

- *Weekly matches for all ages and abilities*
- *Weekly training sessions for all ages and abilities.*
- *Training and Coaching sessions geared to specific teams.*
- *Specialised Goalkeeper training*
- *Regular social activities*
- *Opportunities to get involved with any of the Management Committees*
- *Volunteer opportunities for Coaches, Administrators, Fundraisers and for Social Events*
- *Regular communication with our members via newsletters, website & social media*
- *A robust child protection policy that is overseen by a named member of the Committee*
- *An inclusive and affordable membership fee*
- *A scholarship scheme for students*

In return we expect our members to:

- *Learn and play by the rules of the game*
- *Pay all subscriptions and fees due to the club on time and in full*
- *Be a good sport - win with modesty, lose with dignity*
- *Respect their team-mates, umpires and the opposition*
- *Recognise and applaud good play*
- *Wear the Adders colours with pride!*

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A Brief History

Atherstone Adders Hockey Club was established in 1953 and played all of its home matches at Atherstone Cricket Club in North Warwickshire, UK. In the 1960's the grass pitches became unsuitable and the Adders played all of their home games at Woodhouse School in Tamworth until the 70's. From then on the Club became 'nomadic' as it played its home games in Nuneaton, Chelmsley Wood and more recently at Earl Shilton.

Then, quite dramatically, nearly 60 years after it was formed, the Club finally gained access to its very own astro-pitch in the heart of Atherstone at QE Academy on Witherley Road.

The Club has seen a rapid expansion in the last four seasons.

For the 2019-20 season, the Adders Mens section will run a 4 Mens teams in the Midland Regional Hockey Association League. The Mens 1st Team is now in Tier 2 following two successive promotions, while the other Mens teams play in Tier 3 South East of the MRHA.

For the 2019-20 season the Adders Ladies will run 3 Ladies teams in the Warwickshire Ladies Hockey League. The Ladies 1st team play in Division 1 of the Warwickshire Women's Hockey League. The Ladies 2nd team play in Division 3 and the Ladies 3rds in Division 4 of the WWHL.

The Club also has a successful Junior section. The Badgers team will be playing regular Saturday League fixtures. The Junior section of the Adders is rapidly expanding and the lifeblood of the Club as they provide the first team players of the future. The Adders Juniors now number around 100 youngsters and this section is growing every season. They usually play matches and tournaments on Sundays. For the 2019-20 season we will also be piloting a 'Hockey Heroes' scheme for 4-8 year olds.

For the 2019-20 Season the Club will also be developing its Social Hockey offer with leagues and matches for Mixed and O50's Masters teams.

Ladies Coaching is on Tuesday evening between 7.30pm and 9.30pm, and Junior and Mens Coaching is from 5.30pm till 9.30pm on Wednesday evenings at TQEA, Atherstone. A Senior Coach oversees all coaching sessions and there are many junior coaches and helpers available at all sessions. All coaches are DBS checked, hold First Aid Certificates and have Safeguarding Children qualifications. Mens Senior Coaching is run by a former National League player and the Ladies have recruited a well qualified coach to oversee their progress for the coming season.

The Club also has a very active social side and is a very friendly, family orientated Club. Parents and families are welcome to all social events and to help or join in, if interested.

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