



MAIDSTONE HOCKEY CLUB

NEW MEMBER JOINING PACK 2023-24

INTRODUCTION

A warm welcome to Maidstone Hockey Club, one of the oldest clubs in the country, founded in 1878. We are located in South Park, Armstrong Road, near the centre of Maidstone, the county town of Kent.

We welcome players of all ages and levels providing facilities to suit everyone's requirements. We currently have 5 Men's teams, 4 Ladies Teams and a thriving Junior section. We have our own all weather floodlit Astro, which received a new playing surface in 2022 as well as a full floodlight upgrade in 2023! We pride ourselves on not only enjoying a high standard of hockey, but also having one of the best social clubs in the area. Maidstone Hockey Club is also one of the few England Hockey 'Clubmark accredited' clubs in the local area, demonstrating a strong commitment to creating 'a safe and positive environment' for all club members. We are a truly family friendly club – some with three generations all still active within the club!

We are always keen to hear from those interested in volunteering and supporting Maidstone Hockey Club, whether getting involved in the running of the club, organising socials, coaching or umpiring - we appreciate all offers of help.

Within this pack, you will find details about playing, training, kit, membership costs, code of conduct, communication, socials and key contacts.

If you require any further information please email one of the named contacts in the relevant section, or for all other enquiries please email the Club Administration Manager, Nicky Bourne at maidstonehockeysecretary@gmail.com.

PLAYING HOCKEY

Your key contacts for playing hockey are our Hockey Managers Louise Cassey and Mick Emery. They will be able to guide you to find the right level of hockey and put you in touch with the relevant captain.

Ladies Hockey Manager	Louise Cassey	Email: louiscassey@hotmail.com	Tel: 07732 070048
Men's Hockey Manager	Mick Emery	Email: emery646@btinternet.com	Tel: 07359 210429

Matches are played throughout the day on Saturdays from 10am to 5pm. After every home game, a tea is provided in the clubhouse for both the home and away teams, and of course the bar is open! Hot food snacks, coffee and hot drinks are also available to purchase in the clubhouse.

TRAINING

All training sessions take place on the astroturf pitch in Armstrong Road. There is no additional fee for training - it is included in your membership fees. Current training times for the 2023-24 season are as follows:

Ladies' 1 st and 2 nd XI:	Tuesday evenings (7.30-9.30pm)
Ladies 3 rd and 4 th X1:	Tuesday evenings (6.45-8.00pm)
Men's 1 st and 2 nd XI:	Wednesday evenings (8.00-10.00pm)
Mens 3 rd to 5 th X1:	Thursday evenings (7.30-9.00pm)

KIT

Our kit supplier is Grays. Please read the following information regarding playing shirts, playing kit and training kit.

Playing Kit - Home Shirts

The home (navy and yellow) playing shirts are bespoke items and not available through the webshop. Instead these are only available through direct order by the club and subject to a minimum order of 10.

You will need to submit your order via the appropriate contact below:

- Louise Cassey (Ladies) – louisecassey@hotmail.com
- Mick Emery (Mens) - emery646@btinternet.com
- Lizzie Daniels (Juniors) - maidstonehockeyjuniors@gmail.com

Payment

Anticipated prices for home shirts are as follows but a discount may be applied if the order size is large enough. Please check the price on ordering before making payment as instructed below.

Mens - £44.99

Ladies - £42.99

Juniors - £35.99

Please ensure you make appropriate payment at point of order by way of transfer to the club account.

MHC

Account Number: 02341353

Sort Code: 30-95-37

Reference: KITSurnameFirstName (e.g. KITCasseyLouise)

Playing Kit - all other

All other playing kit is available to buy through the club Webshop

- https://www.grayshockeyshop.co.uk/MaidstoneHC/_CSmain.aspx?. This includes navy shorts/skorts and yellow socks. Also available from the webshop are WHITE away items which can be purchased to wear for matches where there is a kit a clash with the home team. Please see specific details below.

Shorts/Skorts - these are available as normal on the webshop and come with the MHC crest.

Home Socks - these are available on the webshop and have MHC on the back..

Away Shirts - these are available with MHC crest and printed number. When you add these to your 'shopping basket' and attempt to buy you will be asked to provide the number to be printed on the back. **To help us avoid duplicate numbers please ensure you select the same number that you have been allocated on your home playing shirt. If you are unsure what you have been allocated please check with your ladies / mens manager.**

Away Socks - these are available as normal on the webshop.

Training Kit

All training gear, baselayers and social polo shirts are available via the webshop. These all come with the MHC crest and have the option to also add your initials. The hoodie also has a printed "MHC" on the back.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

There is an annual membership fee of £180 and a 'match fee' of £14.50 per match to cover weekly matches. The payment method is by monthly standing order. **Club Members are ineligible for selection to play unless the standing order has been put in place.**

The level of the monthly standing order, **collected over the full 12 months of the year** (not just the hockey season) is set to cover all fees. For 2023/24 adults pay £43/month.

All payments received are tracked by the Finance Manager along with a record of games played. In the event that a member pays more or less than is due, the amount is agreed between the Finance manager and the member and a suitable adjustment to the level of standing order is made.

Please use the following details to set up your standing order:

Bank:	Lloyds
Account:	07676396
Sort code:	30-95-37
Name:	Maidstone Hockey Club Ltd
Reference:	Please put in your surname and initial
Day of the month:	Any day of the month convenient to you
Frequency:	Monthly
Amount:	£43 per month

If you wish to clarify anything regarding fees please email the club Finance Manager Roger Daniels at rsdaniels@btinternet.com

CODE OF CONDUCT

It is a requirement of Maidstone Hockey Club that all members are aware of their responsibilities in maintaining the good name of the club.

Club members are required to adhere to the Code of Conduct published at <http://www.maidstonehockey.org/about/document-library.asp>

COMMUNICATION

Our website at www.maidstonehockey.org is a good source of information about all aspects of Maidstone Hockey Club.

You can also keep in touch with us on social media via our facebook, Instagram and twitter pages.

Any other queries or information regarding the club can be directed to the Club Administration Manager, Nicky Bourne who can be contacted at maidstonehockeysecretary@gmail.com.

SOCIALS

The rebuilt Clubhouse was opened in November 2006. It has a friendly feel to it and there is plenty of activity in there on match days and Saturday evenings. Every year a calendar of social events is planned and the season closes with the AGM and a black tie Annual Awards Evening.

The clubhouse is also available to hire, with a concessionary rate for members. It can be booked through Mike Chapman at mike@loaks.plus.com.

KEY CONTACTS

For your convenience, the key contacts for the club are listed in the table below:

Position	Name	Email
Chairman	Nigel Swaffer	nigelswaffer@hotmail.co.uk
Administration Manager	Nicky Bourne	maidstonehockeysecretary@gmail.com
Finance Manager	Roger Daniels	rsdaniels@btinternet.com
Ladies Hockey Manager	Louise Cassey	louisecassey@hotmail.com
Men's Hockey Manager	Mick Emery	emery646@btinternet.com
Junior Hockey Manager	Lizzie McClintock	maidstonehockeyjuniors@gmail.com
Coaching Manager	Ella Collie	maidstonehockeycoaching@gmail.com
Welfare Officer	Fiona Brown	fionakbrown@btinternet.com
Clubhouse Bookings	Mike Chapman	mike@loaks.plus.com

Please now complete the MHC Adult Registration Form and return to:

Ladies Hockey Manager: Louise Cassey at louisecassey@hotmail.com

Mens Hockey Manager: Mick Emery at emery646@btinternet.com