



SOUTHSIDE UNITED HOCKEY CLUB 2008 INFORMATION SHEET

Welcome to Southside United Hockey Club! We look forward to catching up with old and new players and supporters, in all divisions, to share the friendship, fun and competition inherent in the game of hockey.

Preliminary information for 2008 is provided below and it is hoped that members can be kept informed of Club happenings, with regular updates following the monthly Club meetings. At this point in time, meetings have been scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month with the next one to be **held 7p.m. Wednesday, 13 February 2008 at 15 Wambool Street, West Rockhampton**. All members, their families and supporters are invited to attend monthly meetings to provide input and to participate in the overall running of the Club.

2008 Club Executives

President	Bev Kellett	49 277674
Vice President	Niels Petersen	49 288679
Secretary	Shaelene Dallow	49 272161
Treasurer	Vacant	
Ass Sec/Registrar	Vacant	
Junior Co-ordinator(s)	Tania Christensen Lee Harrison	49 212550

Teams

A1 Men	A1 Women
*A2 Men	A2 Women
A3 Men	A3 Women
U15 Boys	U15 Girls
U12 Boys	U12 Girls
U9 (Mixed) Modified	
U7 (Mixed) Minkey	

*If enough interest is shown, the Club would like to field a second A2 Men's team. In this way it is hoped that the Club can provide an opportunity for younger players to gain experience at a higher level. Please indicate on your registration form if you are interested.

The Club is required to provide to RHA the number of teams it will be fielding by 25 February and the membership of each team by 3 March. It is therefore imperative that you confirm your intention to play by returning a registration form ASAP or advise with a phone call to one of the Executives above.

Playing Fees

Fees for the 2008 Hockey Season have not been finalised, but as a guide fees in 2007 were:

Minkey/Modified	\$ 55.00
Under 12	\$125.00
Under 15	\$165.00
U15/A3 Dual	\$300.00
U17	\$315.00
University	\$425.00
Seniors	\$450.00

Discounts were available for early payments and late payments incurred an additional late fee of \$50 for each senior player. However, once the Rockhampton Hockey Association has advised its fees, Club fees will be set and more detailed information provided.

Playing days

All fixtures are played at Kalka Shades, Water Street, North Rockhampton. The entrance to the fields is next to the Tarumbal Preschool

Senior Fixtures are scheduled to start on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 March, 2008.

U15, U12, Modified and Minkeys are scheduled for Saturday, 29 March 2008.

A1 Men, A1 Women, A3 Men	Saturday p.m.
A2 Men, A2 Women, A3 Women	Sunday starting from 11a.m. with last game at 6p.m.
U15 Boys/U15 Girls	Saturday am
U12 Boys/U12 Girls	Saturday am
Modified and Minkey	Saturday am

Training

Fitness training for all players has commenced on Tuesdays from 6.30 – 7.30pm at the Southside United Sports Club, Jardine Park, Wandal Road, South Rockhampton.

Hockey Training times and venues are as follows:

14/2/08	Seniors	6-7.30pm, Thursday,	Kalka Shades
21/2/08	U15 Boys & Girls	5-6pm, Thursday	Kalka Shades

(U15s playing in senior competition as well as their own, have follow on training)

NB: Yet to be confirmed - U12 Boys & Girls/Modified/Minkey Junior Coordinator to discuss with coaches and parents to finalise date, time and venue (either Jardine Park or Kalka Shades). Kalka Shades fields are not available at 4-5 on Thursday s but 5-6 is being proposed. Please provide feedback to Tania Christensen so that training can be finalised for this group asap.

Southside United Sports Club Inc.

Our hockey club has been affiliated with Southside United Sports Club since 1998. All families are required to be members of the club. Membership cost is \$10.00 for a single player or \$15 per family per year. New players must complete a nomination form and pay the fee before fixtures start. Families who have previously joined the Sports Club are advised that memberships will expire in June 2008. We ask that membership is renewed with the payment of playing fees. Membership will then be paid until June 2009.

Hook in 2 Hockey

The Rockhampton Junior Hockey Association is running the Hook in 2 Hockey program again in 2008. The program will be run from Kalka Shades on Saturday 8 March, 3.15-4.45p.m. and on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 March between 3.45 – 4.45p.m.

Any players new to hockey who attend the Hook in 2 Hockey training sessions and then register with a club will receive a free stick, ball and shin pads. All schools should have handed out flyers showing details of these sessions but if you require further information, or can help out at the sessions, please ring Tania Christensen on 49 212550.

Birth Certificates (Juniors)

A reminder that all **NEW Junior players** are required to show a birth certificate or extract to the Records Secretary at Kalka Shades. Statutory declarations are no longer considered adequate proof of age. Please attend to this as soon as possible and at least by the third game of the season, otherwise teams risk losing their hard earned points.

What to bring to training with you (Juniors)

Your child's safety is our priority. Any child participating in a supervised training must:

- a) Wear covered shoes suitable for running on grass
- b) Wear shin pads
- c) Wear a mouth guard

d) Bring their own hockey stick and water bottle
Any child who does not (at the very least) have the appropriate footwear will not be permitted to train!

Coaches and Managers for 2008

A1 Men

A2 Men

A3 Men Craig Denning

A1 Women Tracey Doble

A2 Women Brett Connor, Sharon Connor

A3 Women

U15 Boys Ashley Hennegan/Harley Harrison

U15 Girls Brett Connor/Sharon Connor

U12 Boys Craig Denning

U12 Girls Louise Greening

Modified and Minkeys Tania Christensen with the help of parents and U15 Girls if available
– please let Tania know if you can help out here.

Umpiring

For the last few years, our Club has offered payment to umpires hoping to:

- a) attract more players to umpiring lectures
- b) give players a better understanding of the rules of the games, and
- c) Boost the numbers of umpires available to help.

The Club will consider this again for the 2008 season. In 2007 umpires were paid \$5.00 per junior game and \$10.00 per senior. It is an agenda item for the Club's next general meeting on 13/2/06. The Club is also seeking other ways to support and encourage players to umpire. Please come along and share your views.

Uniforms

Seniors

Following sponsorship last year of new playing shirts, the seniors were outfitted with a complete new uniform. The new skirt, shorts and socks are available for purchase and will be available at training sessions at the beginning of the season. Purchases must be paid upfront. Black skirts and shorts are still suitable.

Prices are: Skirt \$27.50 Shorts \$27.50 Socks \$10 (playing) \$8 (dress)

Bev Kellett is looking after senior uniforms. If you miss the early training sessions please contact her on the above number for your requirements.

Under Age

In 2008 we plan to seek sponsorship for new playing shirts for our Under Age players. If anyone knows of anyone who might be interested in sponsoring a team please let the Executive know so that they can approach them formally.

Girls	Black skirts or shorts, which can be purchased at large retail and sports stores
Boys	Black, white and gold club shorts are available for purchase (last year prices were from \$20 - \$25.00 depending on sizes), although plain black shorts are also fine
Socks	Available from the Club (various prices between \$7 - \$10 depending on size).
Shoes	Closed in shoes, need to be suitable for synthetic turf (no soccer or football boots)
Playing Shirts	These are supplied for the duration of the match. Shirts must be returned to the coach/manager after each match and MUST NOT be taken home.
Hockey Sticks	Available from Just Hockey or at sports stores. Please ask for advice on sticks from your coach

Shin Pads	These are also available as above and it is strongly encouraged that they are worn.
Mouthguards	These are strongly recommended for training and matches. They are available from both chemists and sports stores. Dentist moulded mouthguards may attract reimbursement from some private health funds
Club Dress Shirts	These look great and are again available for order this year in black with gold trim. Sizes begin at a children's size 2 and extend to adults XXL at \$25 each.
Club Jackets	Black and gold club jackets are also available via order at \$45 each.
Club Dress Socks	\$8.00
Club Bucket Hats	These are now in stock and at \$13 each.

Tania Christensen will take orders for under age uniforms at their training sessions and can be contacted on number above. [49 212550]

Help Wanted

Volunteers are urgently needed to fill vacancies on the Committee and for Coaches and Managers. As with all organised sport, there is a lot of work involved in getting players onto the field. Assistance from parents and/or supporters is very much appreciated. One of the areas where their help is needed is when the Club is "on duty". This occurs approximately every 4 weeks. It entails setting up, packing up at the end of fixtures and manning the tech bench. If you are able to help with any of these tasks, please let the Coach/Manager or a Club executive know. Rosters will be available and if we get enough people interested the load can be shared. This is particularly important for the Under Age competition on Saturday mornings. Seniors players are required to take a turn at undertaking these duties when their team is rostered on.

Finally, If you know of anyone else interested in playing, please bring them along to training or contact an Executive Committee member to follow-up to get them registered. All ages, all levels are welcome. The Club is looking forward to a great hockey season in 2008!