



## NEWSLETTER #1 – 24 JANUARY 2024

*This newsletter contains information about:*

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### 2024 KEY DATES

- 11 February: Club Registration Day
- 13 April: Club fundraiser: BBQ at Bunnings Epsom
- 18-19 May: Grassports Junior Country Championships – Essendon, Greensborough, MSC Parkville
- 8-10 June: Grassports Senior Country Championships – MSC Parkville
- 3-4 July: U12 Boys and Girls Hockey 5's Grassports Junior State Championships - Shepparton
- 5-7 July: U14 and U16 Boys Grassports Junior State Championships – Bendigo
- 5-7 July: U14 and U16 Girls Grassports Junior State Championships – Shepparton
- 21-23 September: U18 Grassports Junior State Championships - Bendigo

Other key Hockey Victoria competitions & events dates for 2023:

- 25 February: Stand Out Cup - Footscray Hockey Club
- 6-12 May: Women & Girls Round
- 17-23 June: Pride Round
- 7-18 July: Indigenous Round
- TBC: Mental Health Round
- 12-18 August: Men's Health Round
- TBC: Hockey Victoria Awards Night
- Men's Health Round: 12-18 August

## 2024 REGISTRATION DAY



**Free BBQ, pay your registration and pick up your uniform**

**Bring your sticks to have a hit on the pitch!**

## 2024 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club Committee's main role is to ensure that the Club operations run smoothly, members enjoy participation and involvement and that the Club grows in coming years. In order to fulfil this function, the Committee will undertake various functions including governance, finance and promotion of the Club. Additionally, the Committee will support functions such as the day-to-day running of the teams including coordination of Coaches, Managers and Umpires.

Apart from Committee Executive positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) the following roles may be filled by Club Members outside the Committee of Management (COM).

The participation in the success of the club by the wider membership, is encouraged.

### Executive:

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#### President – Rob Murdoch

The role of President is to be figurehead for the Club and assist with publicity and growth of Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club (the Club). This includes representation on external Hockey Central Victoria committees, participation and chairing of Bendigo Senjuns Committee meetings and liaising with other Clubs in the Hockey Central Victoria (HCV) competition.

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Vice President – Kerri Boyd

The role of the Vice President is to shadow and support the President in providing leadership to the Club.



Treasurer – Mark Albrecht

The role of the Treasurer is to oversee the financial position of the Club including invoicing members, purchase of Club equipment or receipt of sponsorship funds. The Treasurer is responsible for regularly reporting the Club's financial position to the Committee.



Secretary – Kelly Harris (aka Harry)

The role of the Secretary is to facilitate information sharing between the Committee and the broader Club membership. This includes monitoring the Club correspondence, responding to requests for information from Club members and members of the public and being the primary point of contact for the Club.

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**General committee members**

Mel Alexander, Matthew Ahearn, Suzanne Hartney, Jemma Rainbow, Vipul Patel

**Non-executive:**



Membership Officer – Vacant

The role of Membership Officer is to focus on Club experience for members and develop ways to increase Club participation and membership. The Membership Officer has a strong role in Club communications, liaising with the Secretary and Publicity Officers as required. This role has a focus on Club culture and works to actively improve the experience of those involved in Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club, including offering Exit Interviews with exiting members. This is not a big role but a fun one! If you are interested, please email the club.



Fundraising Officer – Mel Alexander & Matt Ahearn

The role of Fundraising Officer is to coordinate Club fundraising events and to liaise with the Treasurer and other Committee members to ensure opportunities for additional fundraising are sought frequently.

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Grants Officer – Suzanne Hartney

The role of Grants Officer is to submit applications for additional Club funding and to liaise with the Treasurer and other Committee members to ensure opportunities for additional funding are sought frequently.



Publicity / Social Media Officer – Jemma Rainbow

The role of Publicity/ Social Media Officer is to ensure that the club is promoted on all social media outlets (Facebook, Instagram and TikTok) by regularly creating inviting and up to date posts for both current and future players.



Umpiring and Competition Officer – Kerri Boyd

The role of the Umpiring and Competition Officer is to coordinate any umpiring requirements for the Club, liaise with the HCV Umpiring Coordinator and act as the Club's representative at required forums.



Strategy Officer – Vacant

The role of the Strategy Officer is to work with the Committee and other Club members to develop long-term vision for Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club. This includes liaison with relevant bodies, an understanding of strategic development and planning as well as good relationship building capacity. It is important for this role to maintain connection with other Portfolio roles to ensure that the overall Club Strategy includes facets of development financially, culturally and from a governance perspective.



Property Officer – Hayley Pepperell, (with help from Mel Alexander and Jemma Rainbow)

The Property Officer will be responsible for the physical property of the Club, managing assets and equipment as required. This includes the selection, ordering and selling of club merchandise.

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Thanks to the above people for their assistance in the above areas!

**\*\*** Committee meetings are held monthly. *All members are welcome*

## FEES

2024 club fees will now be paid via RevSport, alongside the Hockey Australia (HA) / Hockey Victoria (HV) registration fees. Payment is via credit card. Make sure you're ready to secure your spot by having your card details at the ready.

Membership	Description	BSHC Fees	HA/HV Fees (additional to BSHC fees)
A. BSHC - Senior comp	Adult 19 & over playing in the Senior Competition	\$335	\$127.31
B. BSHC - Senior comp – PAYMENT PLAN	Adult 19 & over playing in the Senior Competition, on an approved payment plan	\$50	\$127.31
C. BSHC - Senior comp - Student / Concession (18 & Over)	Adult 18 & over playing in the Senior Competition as a student or concession	\$235	\$127.31
D. BSHC - Junior Comp & playing Seniors (18 & Under)	Junior (18 & under) playing in both Junior and Senior Competitions	\$235	\$98.31
E. BSHC - Junior Comp U8, U10	Juniors (18 & Under) playing in the U8 or U10 Junior competition	\$60	\$98.31
F. BSHC - Junior Comp U8/U10 – PAYMENT PLAN	Juniors (18 & Under) playing in the U8 or U10 Junior competition, on an approved payment plan	\$20	\$98.31
G. BSHC - Junior Comp U12/U14/U16/U18	Juniors (18 & Under) playing in the U12, U14, U16, U18 Junior competition	\$175	\$98.31
H. BSHC - Junior Comp U12/U14/U16/U18 - PAYMENT PLAN	Juniors (18 & Under) playing in the U12, U14, U16, U18 Junior competition, on an approved payment plan	\$50	\$98.31
I. BSHC - Senior Playing & Officials Registration (19 & Over)	Adult (19 & Over) playing in the Senior Competition plus doing official duties	\$335	\$166.31
J. BSHC - Senior Playing & Officials Registration - PAYMENT PLAN	Adult (19 & Over) playing in the Senior Competition plus doing official duties, on an approved payment plan	\$50	\$166.31



K. BSHC - Junior Playing & Officials Registration (18 & Under)	Junior (18 & Under) playing in the Junior Competition plus doing official duties	\$175	\$137.31
L. BSHC - Junior Playing & Officials Registration - PAYMENT PLAN	Junior (18 & Under) playing in the Junior Competition plus doing official duties, on an approved payment plan	\$50	\$137.31
M. BSHC – Umpire Registration (non-BSHC Playing)	Non-playing member but doing umpiring duties	\$0	\$39
N. BSHC – Tech Officials Registration (non-BSHC Playing)	Non-playing member but doing technical official duties	\$0	\$39
O. BSHC - Non-playing	Non-playing member (ie. Team Manager, club volunteer)	\$0	\$0
P. BSHC - Club coach & Non-playing member	Club coach (non-playing)	\$0	\$0
Q. BSHC - Club coach & Player (Senior comp)	Club coach & playing in the Senior comp	\$0	\$127.31
R. BSHC - Club coach & Player (Junior comp)	Club coach & playing in the Junior comp	\$0	\$98.31
S. BSHC - Club coach & Player (Junior playing Senior comp)	Club coach & playing in both Junior and Senior comps	\$0	\$98.31
T. BSHC - Club coach co-coach & Non-playing	Club co-coach (non-playing)	\$0	\$0
U. BSHC - Club coach co-coach & playing Senior comp	Club co-coach & playing in the Senior comp	\$167.50	\$127.31
V. BSHC - Club coach co-coach & playing Junior comp	Club co-coach & playing in the Junior comp	\$87.50	\$98.31
W. BSHC - Club co-coach & Player (Junior playing Senior comp)	Club co-coach & playing in both Junior and Senior comps	\$117.50	\$98.31
X. BSHC – CASUAL: Senior comp (5 rounds only)	Adult (19 & Over) playing casually (5 rounds only) in the Senior Competition	\$125	\$69.81

Y. BSHC – CASUAL: Senior comp from another club	Adult (19 & Over) playing casually (5 rounds only) in the Senior Competition, registered with another club.	\$25 per game <i>Payment not made through RevSport – payment to be made prior to the game with cash or via bank transfer before the game</i>	\$0 <i>Payment already made through RevSport with primary club</i>
Z. BSHC – CASUAL: Junior Comp U8, U10 (5 rounds only)	Junior playing casually (5 rounds only) in the U8 or U10 Competition	\$25	\$56.31
ZA. BSHC – CASUAL: Junior Comp U12/U14/U16/U18 (5 rounds only)	Junior playing casually (5 rounds only) in the U12, U14, U16 or U18 Competition	\$75	\$56.31
ZB. BSHC – CASUAL: Masters & Seniors (5 rounds only)	Adult (19 & Over) playing casually (5 rounds only) in the Masters Competition, plus also playing in the Senior competition.	\$10 per game <i>Payment not made through RevSport – payment to be made prior to the game with cash or via bank transfer before the game</i>	\$127.31
ZC. BSHC – CASUAL: Masters (5 rounds only)	Adult (19 & Over) playing casually (5 rounds only) in the Masters Competition only.	\$10 per game <i>Payment not made through RevSport – payment to be made prior to the game with cash or via bank transfer before the game</i>	\$69.81

\* The U12 fee is charged based on a full-field game. If HCV decide that the U12 format will changed to Hockey 5's, the club will reimburse you a portion of the fee charged.

Players must be a full financial member of the club to be eligible for finals.

If you are a new to the sport of hockey, you are considered a prospective member and may be covered by Hockey Victoria's Personal Accident Insurance for the first four (4) weeks of participation only. After this introductory period has finished, to continue participating in hockey, you will be required to purchase a HV membership.

A player must be registered AND have paid the Hockey Victoria Player Registration Fee via the RevSport Membership and Player Registration Portal before they are eligible to take the field in any of HV's and/or Affiliated Association competitions, programs, events, training and other activities.

If you do not register, you do not qualify for any Membership Benefits and you are not covered by the HV Personal Accident Insurance (or able to make a claim).

## Casual / Flexible

To tie in with **HV 5 Game Flexible registration** offering, players can elect to play up to 5 casual games at casual rate. If more than 5 games are played they are expected to register again and pay the full HA/HV fee and full club playing fees.

### Payment plans – family discount, hardship

Please refer to the Club's [Payment of Fee Policy](#) on our website.

Should any Bendigo Senjuns Hockey club members experience financial hardship, please speak to our club Treasurer regarding a payment plan to help you out - we would prefer to have all our members playing hockey rather than sitting on the sidelines.

Any payment plans (a contract, as such) need to be put into place prior to the first training session taking place and agreed to by the Committee. Once this plan is in place, you must abide by the plan. Final payments are required by 30 June.

Hockey Australia / Hockey Victoria fees and a deposit must be paid before the first training session via RevSport. The remaining balance will be collected directly by the Club.

Should fees be outstanding at any point of the season without a payment plan approved by the Club, that member will be ineligible to take any further part in training or games until it has been rectified.

Senjuns will offer the following family discounts for 2024:

Family discounts	\$ discount
Player 1 (adult or most senior)	0
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Player 3	20%
Player 4+	50%

### Community contribution subsidy per family

You are able to complete voluntary tasks to subsidise your fees.

A \$50 Community Contribution Subsidy has been added on every member's fees who play U12-U18, seniors & masters competitions. To receive the \$50 subsidy back, families can elect to attend at least 2 volunteer events throughout the season including 1 rostered canteen duty.

Qualifying activities include:

- Canteen duty
- Bunnings BBQ
- HCV working bee
- Being a committee or sub-committee member
- Other tasks as deemed appropriate by the committee.

Let the Treasurer via email know when your family has completed required duties and provide your bank details to obtain a reimbursement via bank transfer.

### Canteen contribution

In the past, the club has received money back from HCV for our contribution to working in the HCV canteen. If the club receives this in 2024, the club will create a plan to pass this contribution back to club members.



## TEAM ENTRIES

We are still waiting to hear from Hockey Central Vic about what the competition will look like in 2023. Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club may enter a variety of teams but we need to know what your intentions are. Please email the club or respond in the various group chats to advise if you/your child will be playing and what grade you are considering.

**We are definitely seeking more Junior and Senior players!! Please encourage people in your networks to consider playing hockey this year. No experience necessary.**

## COACHES AND MANAGERS NEEDED!!

We are looking for expressions of interest for people to take on Coach and Manager roles with the various teams this year.

The [Community Coaching General Principles \(CCGP\) course](#) has been developed to assist coaches to learn the basic skills of coaching, particularly those coaches working with children.

The course contains four modules, covering a range of general coaching topics including; the role and responsibilities expected of a coach, planning, safety, working with parents, communication, group management and inclusive coaching practices. It takes approximately four hours to complete, and there is assessment included at the end of each module.

Enrolment in the course also gives the participant access to tools and tips for coaches.

Bendigo Senjuns expect that **all coaches** will undertake this course (or a course of a higher level) by May each year if they haven't already completed this in the past.



## TRAINING

Training dates will be confirmed soon – stay tuned!

## CANTEEN CHAMPION NEEDED

We will need to nominate a Canteen Champion from our Club to be our first point of contact for our club volunteers and to organise the volunteer schedule.

Could this be you???

This person will:

- Ensure that our club has filled its rostered spots in the canteen each week
- Be the first point of contact for volunteers if there are any issues at the canteen or with the roster



- Be called if a volunteer doesn't show up for their rostered shift (our expectation will be that if a volunteer is not able to do their shift, they actively seek someone to fill their spot but then call the canteen champion if they have not been able to or need help with contact names/numbers)
- Check in with volunteers so they are clear about their roles in the canteen (they are able to access training)

You don't need to be a player with our club: you may be a parent of a player, a grandparent or someone that would like to volunteer to get hockey back off the ground. You also don't need to have any formal qualifications (ie Food Handlers, RSA).

## BUNNINGS EPSOM BBQ

On Saturday 13 April we are holding our first fundraising event for the year!! We need volunteers aged 15yrs and over to assist on the day with greeting people, taking orders, cooking on the bbq, and giving food and drinks out. Please volunteer for at least 1 spot (2hrs) on the day - no experience necessary!!

Spread the word and tell your friends to come and buy a snag on the day!!



## MERCHANDISE

You can purchase club merchandise to be ready for the 2024 season.

How to order the merchandise:

1. Call or visit the friendly staff at Hip Pocket Work Wear: 03 5443 8470, Unit 1 / 78 Hattam Street, Golden Gully. Let them know you are coming from Senjuns – they will know the items that we have available for our members and the costs.
2. Choose the item and size. You can try sizes on in the store or choose based on the information in the links on the attached document
3. Decide if you want your name on the front (polo) / back (jumper/vest) - extra cost.
4. Place the order.
5. Pick up the item when it is ready (around 2 weeks) and pay upon pick up.



You can also purchase the following items from the club directly:

- flexible caps (can wear while playing!)
- stubby holders
- key tags
- car stickers
- custom made inners
- beanies
- earrings

See here for some photos of the items: <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/vht45huwuphrtxva.pdf>.

Items can be purchased from Hayley Pepperell through the Club Secretary: [senjuns@gmail.com](mailto:senjuns@gmail.com).

## GRASSPORTS JUNIOR COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

The venues utilised will be as follows:

- Essendon Hockey Centre – Under 14 Boys & Girls
- Greensborough Hockey Centre – Under 16 Boys & Girls
- Melbourne Sports Centres Parkville – Under 18 Boys & Girls

In 2024, the age groups for the Event will also change to Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18. This will ensure they align with the age groups for Hockey Australia National Championship, the Victorian Junior State Championships and the vast majority of local competition age groups across Victoria. This change was supported by the clear majority of JCC Coordinators and was flagged 12 months ago.

## GRASSPORTS JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hockey Victoria is delighted to announce Bendigo and Shepparton as hosts of the 2024 Junior State Championships.

After successfully delivering the Event in Bendigo and Shepparton in 2021, it is with great excitement we return to Regional Victoria with the support of Goulburn Valley Hockey Association, Greater Shepparton City Council, Hockey Central Vic and the City of Greater Bendigo.

**BENDIGO** will host the following:

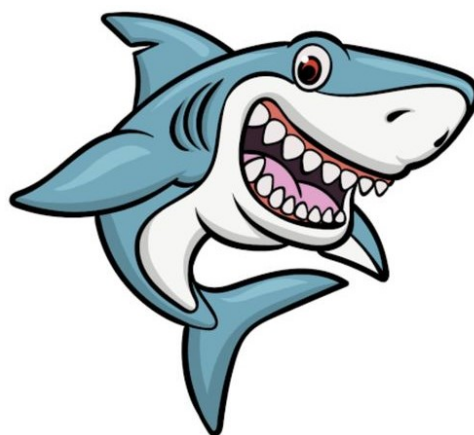
- Under 14 & Under 16 Boys – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2024
- Under 18 Boys & Girls – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**SHEPPARTON** will host the following:

- Under 14 & Under 16 Girls – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2024
- Under 12 Boys & Girls Hockey 5s – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2024

Please note:

- The Under 14 & Under 16 age groups will only run for 3 days, instead of the 4 days they traditionally have. But teams will still play the same number of matches across the course of the Event. The Under 18 Boys & Girls was successfully run over 3 days this year. This change will result in all participants requiring one fewer night of accommodation.
- It is only possible to fit two age groups at one venue at a time. Hence the Under 14 & Under 16 girls will be together in Shepparton and the Under 14 & Under 16 Boys will be together in Bendigo. It is not possible to have them all at the same venue, there are not enough timeslots for the number of matches required.
- The Under 12s will run in the two days prior to the Under 14s and Under 16s. This not only means that more Hockey 5s fields can be set up (as there is access to two full field pitches for the duration of the Event), but it also means that the Under 14s and Under 16s can fit into the 3 days. It is not possible to have the Under 12s running at the same time as Under 14s and Under 16s if we want those age groups to run over 3 days.
- The Under 12s will again run as Hockey 5s, but with some rule modifications.



- The Under 18 National Championships will again run in the school holidays in the middle of the year which clashes with the JSC for the other age groups. In 2024, the Under 18 JSC will run in September once more and this will be reviewed again following next years event.

Player Nominations for the 2024 Junior State Championships will open at the start of 2024, with Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 trials likely to be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2024. Under 18 trials are likely to be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

## GRASSPORTS SENIOR COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

Throughout and following the 2023 Senior Country Championships, a survey was conducted to gather information from both people participating in the Event, but also a significant number people that did not attend in 2023. There were over 220 survey responses collected. HV have since been meeting with the Regional Steering Committee to discuss this information and begin planning for both the 2024 & 2025 Senior Country Championships.

Based on the survey responses, when the Senior Country Championship is delivered in metropolitan Melbourne there is a clear desire for it to be held at the premier venue, which is Melbourne Sports Centres Parkville.

The 2024 SCC will be held at Melbourne Sports Centres Parkville. The Men & Women will again play at the same venue. Should team entries warrant an additional venue being utilised, HV will secure one of the venues in very close proximity to MSC Parkville to use as an overflow venue.

## VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### Mental health training – free

Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre has engaged Kya Moorre to facilitate a 2 day Mental Health First Aid Course to be held on Thursday 21 & Friday 22 March 2024.

This course has been made possible thanks to the Australian Government through a Volunteer Grant.

This 2 day course usually cost \$250.00 per person and is sponsored by BVRC & the Australian Government .

Volunteers are asked to express interest in this training opportunity. It will provide information and support to enable volunteers to support their colleagues, friends and families by gaining a better understanding of mental health and issues some people struggle to deal with in life.

Register by 28 February 2024 to [bvrchub@bgovolunteers.org.au](mailto:bvrchub@bgovolunteers.org.au).

### Officials Workshops

#### Umpire EOI

In the lead up to the ICC and JIC events, HV will be running two FREE Umpire education workshops that will be targeted at new and developing officials who are keen to learn more about Indoor officiating, and may be interested in officiating at the ICC & JIC events.

These sessions will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday 18th January – 6:30pm-8:30pm @ MSC Parkville (Umpire)
- Thursday 8th February – 6:30pm – 8:30pm @ MSC Parkville (Umpire)

If you are interested in learning more about acting as a Technical Official (TO), please keep an eye out as Hockey Victoria will be holding TO workshops throughout the year.

All attendees must submit an RSVP via the link [HERE](#).

RSVPs close on 11:59PM Sunday 21st January.

## Officials EOI

HV are still seeking expression of interest from our officials to participate in the 2024 ICC & JIC.

If you are interested in one of these roles, please see the [Officials EOI document](#) detailing opportunities for Tournament Directors, Umpire Managers, Umpires and Technical Officials to submit their interest and availabilities for these competitions.

Please read the deadlines for each of the official's surveys carefully.

Please note, all of the above information is available on the [Indoor page](#) on the Hockey Victoria website.

Any queries in relation to the ICC & JIC should be sent to Charlie Perry [cperry@hockeyvictoria.org.au](mailto:cperry@hockeyvictoria.org.au).

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Our club communicates primarily via website, Facebook and email.

We have started up some new social media options in 2023! Please follow us and share!

TikTok            <https://www.tiktok.com/@senjunshc>  
Instagram       <https://www.instagram.com/senjunshc22/>  
Web address    <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/bjhc>  
Facebook        <https://www.facebook.com/SenjunsHockeyClub>

