



# PUPPY PRESS #1 FEBRUARY 2021



Hello everyone and welcome to Junior Season 2021!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful holiday season, because it's time to get back into it!

It is with great excitement that I introduce you all to our newly appointed Director of Junior Coaching, Tim Strapp. Tim comes to us as our new Men's Premier League coach and is working on a Club Junior Coaching plan to enable FHC's coaches to deliver the highest possible standard of coaching across all age groups.

I am currently confirming our coaches for the 2021 season, with most Shield Coaches locked and loaded to go.

The Junior Section has the largest member base at FHC and requires a large and committed Junior Committee. All teams will require a Team Manager, so please consider taking up this position when teams are formed and announced.

If you were an Age Group Coordinator in 2020 and are happy to continue on in that role (or unhappy to continue on in that role) please contact me to let me know if you're in or out (rather than me chasing you please and thank you.)

## **Umpire Communication**

For 2021, all umpire spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. I'm aiming for all this to be done through our Junior Umpires Facebook group. Please join if you would like to be made aware of any umpiring opportunities. This group is also for budding umpires to be matched with a mentor to learn about umpiring alongside an experienced guide.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/759365344698670/>

## Communication

The Junior Section relies heavily on TEAM AP and I will be using the JUNIOR FACEBOOK page to communicate to all members. E-mail communication will also be used. Please make sure that you are on TEAM AP and on the JUNIOR FACEBOOK GROUP

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/962920810505030/>

TEAM AP INSTRUCTIONS

<https://footscrayhockey.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/FHC-TEAMAPP-Instructions.pdf>

## Start of training 2021

At the moment we are on track for our U12, U14, U16 and U18 squads to return to training in the last week of February on F1 (the week starting 22nd February). Training will start at the usual time of 5.30pm, but may be on a night that you are not used to - this will be temporary!

I anticipate that our U6, U8 and U10 teams will be back to training on the 17th of March, this will be after our Come & Try dates, our School Roadshows and (fingers crossed) the completion of F2. Please note this is to be confirmed.

Please, please, please be patient with me, F2 is not yet finished and not due to be finished until mid March. Shield trials may be held on a night that you may not be used to, F1 will be used to its fullest capacity. I'll keep you all informed of dates. At the moment The Cage is classed as a Construction Zone and is not being used.

Some of you may also remember the issues we had with the F2 lights in 2020. This is still being rectified by the Council and Jemina. My fingers are crossed that it's fixed before Daylight Savings finishes. I'd appreciate it if you could cross your fingers as well.

OK! I think that's it for now.

Best of luck to the U13 and U15 Girls Indoor teams that will be playing in the ICC during February! Keep an eye on your emails for the 2021 Information Pack and 2021 Calendar. It should contain all the information we need to start the 2021 season. If anyone has any questions, please swing me an email.

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