

# Puppy Press April 2018



**Hi Parents and Players,**

The opening round saw some mixed results for our junior teams- but it was great to see everybody out there in their Bulldog colours.

The Under 10 Super League fielded 4 teams on Saturday morning – and played against Brunswick. The focus is not so much on the final score but about development and learning (although most of the kids will be able to tell you what the score was and who scored).

The under 12's opened their season on a bright sunny Saturday morning with good results, lots of great team work and positional play. The Under 14s to Under 18's opened their season on Friday (except for the 16s districts that had to play on Sunday) with some mixed results but plenty of promise of good things to come.

## Round 1 Results

U10 Girls District Footscray Red vs Footscray Blue (3-3 Draw)

U10 Boys District Footscray Red vs Footscray Blue (0-9)

U12 Shield B vs Greensborough (2-2 Draw)

U12 Boys Pennant vs Altona (0-0 Draw)

U12 Girls Shield vs Brunswick (2-0 Win)

U12 Girls District vs Brunswick White (4-0 Win)

U14 Shield vs Hawthorn (1-0 Win)

U14 Girls Shield vs Camberwell (5-0 Win)

U14 Girls Pennant vs TEM (5-0 Win)

U14 Mixed Pennant vs Brunswick (0-21 loss)

U16 Mixed Shield vs Yarra Valley (2-1 Loss)

U16 Girls Shield vs Camberwell (4-0 Win)

U16 District vs Maccabi (0-4 Loss)

U18 District vs Brunswick (1-0 Win)

## Bulldog Spirit Award:

This week goes to the U14 Mixed Pennant team- they were playing against a highly skilled and experienced team (at least 3 State players), and never gave up. The boys should be proud of their efforts!

## Fixtures

Hockey Victoria are still finalising the fixtures for most competitions. There may be some re-grading of teams after the first 3 rounds, and the Team App schedule for your team will link through automatically when you log in.

### **Umpiring**

We are still looking for players that are interested in umpiring at all age levels and grades from Under 10's through to the Under 18's competition. Please send an email to [dalepassmore1979@gmail.com](mailto:dalepassmore1979@gmail.com).

We will arrange for umpiring coaching and development for those that are interested in furthering their umpiring development. It's also a great way for kids to earn a bit of extra pocket money!

### **Player Availability**

Please ensure that they advise their team manager and coaches if their child is unavailable for a particular game as early as possible in week (preferably on or before team training). This will ensure that team managers have ample time to arrange for substitute players.

### **Goal Keeper Clinics**

We are continuing to run GK training Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5.30 pm in the cage. Thursday nights are the main nights for

### **Uniforms**

We hope to have these ready as soon as possible, and will send a message out when they have arrived in the shop.

### **Team Dug Outs**

To ensure that teams and players are not distracted during games, we ask that only coaches, managers & players enter the team dug outs area during matches. Your assistance with this would be appreciated.

### **Feedback**

As always, if you have any questions, comments or feedback let us know (our contact details are below). Best of luck to all the teams for the opening round of the season.

Kind Regards

The Junior Committee

Caroline Mansfield  
Junior Director  
0411155184  
[juniors@footscrayhockey.com.au](mailto:juniors@footscrayhockey.com.au)