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Wanneroo Districts Hockey Association Members and Friends

Happy New Year

Its that time again and a new season of hockey is just around the corner. Your Committee for 2010 is David Pitts (President), Mike Fuller (Vice-President), Sharon Southall (Treasurer), Melissa Underwood (Secretary), Matt Lockton (Bar Manager), Shane Pollock (Publicity), Marty Sale (Statistician) and Robyn Smith (Purchasing).

Early playing dates this year have been changed to try to avoid teams having low numbers due to the School Holidays. Note the following important dates:

1. The season will commence with a Lightning Carnival and Registration Day on 17 April 2010. The days activities will depend on numbers but is planned to include a competition of some sort (maybe 7 a side?). Scheduled start of play will be as close as possible to 1 pm.
2. The regular season will begin on Saturday 24 April.

This year's fees will be as for 2009 at \$160 with a discount of \$20 if paid on or before 15 May 2010 (that's \$7 per game for potentially 20 games of quality hockey). The Associate membership fee also remains the same at \$20 for the year entitling the member to bar service and function attendance for the same fee as playing members. Casual fees are \$30 for insurance and registration plus \$10 per game.

Last year we trialed a policy of having players taking responsibility for providing umpires. The result was better than has been achieved in past years by Umpires Conveners trying to cajole different players into umpiring. Consequently that policy will continue to be applied in 2010 and responsibility for Umpires is listed on the printer friendly version of fixtures on the website. Teams can fulfill that obligation by providing Umpires internally, finding an Umpire from another team, or finding an Umpire from outside the Association.

At the 2009 AGM we agreed to seek formal association with HockeyWA. That has been achieved over the break and WDHA is now listed on the Find a Club facility on the HockeyWA website. In addition, WDHA will take advantage of the cost effective player and Official insurance available through HockeyWA.

Also at the AGM we agreed to create the positions of Umpires Mentor and Association Coach in 2010. Michael Fuller, Vice President will manage the coaching position and I have approached HockeyWA about possible interest in the mentoring role from accredited umpires.

Fixtures and Umpiring commitments, Registration Forms and the Player Code of Conduct can be downloaded from the Association website ([www.wdha.org.au](http://www.wdha.org.au)). Join the Forum and make a comment while you're there!

Welcome back and Good luck in 2010.

Regards

David Pitts  
President