

Information for prospective new players to Reading Hockey Club, men's section

Thanks for getting in touch.

Reading always has its doors open to new players of all ages and abilities.

As you may be aware by looking at the website, we run a number of senior mens teams: 1s, 2s, 2As, 3s, 4s, Rovers, Retros, plus the Youth Development sides, the Rascals and the Refills, and two vets teams, Rustlers and the Vets.

The standard of the top four teams is high:

1s are National Premier champions
2s play in London Premier League
2As play in London League Div 1
3s play in London League Div 3
4s play in London League Div 5
Rovers in London League Div 7.



We are a vibrant, friendly and importantly family orientated club. We socialise with and support the ladies sections, as they do vice versa. We have an enthusiastic mixed touring section, called the Bandits, who do about seven tours a year and enter the mixed tournaments.

Training is on Thursdays; a 6.45pm start at Sonning Lane. Formal training sessions will start on 21 August 2008. Trials are going to be on Saturday 6 September 2008 at Sonning Lane from 9.30am. Keep your eyes posted on the website where we will provide all the details you need, including the membership forms which must be completed.

We have in recent seasons had a number of prospective players join the Club, and be upset that they are first allocated to play in the 4s or the Rovers. They think they should be higher and expected to walk into a higher team. After a number of years of suffering this headache, we are trying to be realistic to all new members. Your ability will be assessed fairly and objectively. Myself and the Captains have regular squad meetings and do adjust them continually.

We really hope you will consider joining the Club and joining our family whatever your ability. We look forward to hearing from you.

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