

Summer Social Hockey: Frequently Asked Questions

What is Summer Social Hockey?

Summer Social Hockey is a 5 a-side hockey league with the emphasis on having fun whilst playing hockey and staying fit. Running for 8 weeks, the league is open to women only, both non-club members and club members.

When does it start?

Summer Social Hockey is running in Three Rock Rovers (Rathfarnham). Matches are played for 8 weeks every Thursday from 7:30pm to 9:30pm (2nd June – 21st July). For directions to the venue, please click the following link:

<http://www.threerockrovershc.com/location/>

What is the cost per team?

The cost is €420 per team (we recommend have a squad size of roughly 10 to ensure you've enough players each week). There is also an early bird offer of €390 for any team that registers and pays before March 31st. If you are signing up as an individual the price is €60 per person which covers entry to one league.

What is the format of play?

Games are 5 a-side (max of 10 players per game) and are played on a quarter pitch with a regular hockey ball. The format gives everyone lots of time and space with the ball which is great for fitness! There are no goalkeepers in Summer Social Hockey. But to make it a little more difficult for goals to be scored, each goal will have a wooden 'goalkeeper'!

What standard of hockey is generally played?

There are two leagues providing an opportunity for players to compete at a standard they are comfortable with. The Champions League caters for players at a higher standard. The Challenge League is perfect for those who haven't played hockey in some time as well as those playing on a more regular basis in the lower divisions in their local league

Are there any restrictions when putting a team together?

None at all! Your team-mates can be existing hockey players or beginners. You can have up to 10 players on your team per night and all players must be registered online with Hockey Ireland. This information will be sent out to team captains or individuals following payment.

If I don't have enough players to make up a team, can I join by myself or with friends?

You can still sign up by yourself or with your friend(s) but we cannot guarantee a place as we may not have enough individuals to make up a full team.

What do I need to bring with me?

You need to bring shin pads (mandatory), runners (preferably astros) and a bottle of water. Gum shields are strongly recommended. Sticks will be provided. However, if you have your own feel free to use it.

What's the weekly format?

Summer Social Hockey runs as two separate leagues: Challenge and Champions. These leagues will be based on the results from the first 2 weeks of matches. The fixtures for each week are e-mailed out in advance to each team. The results will then be totalled for league semi-finals and finals which are played on the last day of the league.

How do I pay and register?

Payment is taken online; simply choose if you wish to opt for the individual rate or the group rate. Before players take to the pitch they must be registered online. This information will be sent out following payment.

Do players need to sign in every week?

You only need to register as a player online once, however, each week the captain or co-captain must sign in their players with the Administrator. They will be handed a Team Sheet which must be filled in and completed by each player taking part. Each player will be required to provide their name and a signature. These players must also verify that they have registered online with Hockey Ireland. The Team Sheet will then be collected by the umpire. Only those team members that signed the Team Sheet are allowed take to the field of play.

What is the role of the Captain and Co-captain?

The captain and co-captain are the main point of contact with Hockey Ireland and the league administrator. Captains are responsible for ensuring their players are registered online before their team take to the pitch!

Is there a closing date for entry?

Yes, there is. All players must be registered and paid for by May 25th 2016.