



Junior Transportation Policy

Basingstoke Hockey Club's policy is that parents are responsible for transporting junior players to and from all matches and practise sessions. Therefore, the Club will not be registering Private Vehicles for the transportation of individuals in connection with any fixture or practice sessions arranged by the Club.

It is also the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure players are dropped off and collected from all matches and practises at the specified times.

Only under exceptional circumstances will coaches or volunteers transport young persons to and from Junior and Senior matches and training sessions. The following rules must then be applied:

- Coaches / youth coordinators and captains must receive permission from Parents/Carers to transport their child;
- Coaches/managers, captains and volunteers must not transport a singleton child;
- Coaches/managers, captains and volunteers must keep a record of all journeys they have taken in their car with young persons;
- Drivers must ensure the safety of passengers;
- Drivers must ensure the appropriate child car seats are used;
- Drivers must ensure that their vehicle is roadworthy and that they have a valid licence and insurance cover;
- Drivers must only use vehicles with seat belts and ensure that their passengers are wearing these when in transit;
- Drivers must be aware of their legal obligations when transporting young players.

Parents and carers must contact the respective Team Manager / Captain / Coach if they will be late collecting their child. If a parent or carer is late the club will:

- a. Attempt to contact the parent or carer and alternative emergency contact number as detailed on registration form;
- b. Wait with the child at the agreed location, with, another adult;
- c. Remind parents and/or carers of the club policy regarding late collection.
- d. If parents/carers remain out of contact, the member of the club with the child will contact the Club Welfare officer, Deputy Welfare officers, Chairman or Vice Chairman. In discussion with them there may be a need to report the situation to Local Authority Children's Social Care Dept (Social Services) or the Police

Staff, volunteers and any club member shall avoid:

- taking the child home or to any other location;
- asking the child to wait in a vehicle or at the club house with them alone;
- Sending the child home with another person without permission.