

AGM 2020 / 21 Primary School Girls Report

Membership

Over the last few years Avoca has seen huge demand for membership which is an enviable position for the club to be in. This challenges us to find ways to get as many people as possible playing hockey, safely and without compromising the quality of the hockey we offer.

We had a free Fri evening pitch slot which we utilised to introduce Fri evening training to 110 players from our waitlist. This increased our total membership to 407 primary school girls. We will continue to do what we can to accommodate our waitlist, we want to share our sport with as many players as we can.

Hockey

The 2020 / 21 season with the COVID lockdown was a unique and challenging one for all but in the end junior girls were lucky and didn't miss out on too much hockey.

We extended our season through till the end of June which meant we managed to complete 24 out of the 26 planned training sessions with the added bonus of training in warm sunshine.

We were limited to non-contact training for most of the season, great job by Rudi, the site co-ordinators Nikki and Emma, and all the coaches adapting to this.

During the COVID lockdown we kicked off a few initiatives to keep the girls thinking hockey. We had on line fitness classes by Emma with a hockey slant which were well attended and some of the coaches put up short skills videos for the girls to practice at home.

Unfortunately we had no blitzes, they've been greatly missed by all the girls.

Pitchside

The club put in place many COVID measures to comply with our governing body's Return to Play Protocols. Thanks to all parents for your support in this. Adhering to our COVID protocols and bearing with the admin of COVID forms and ClubZap made sure that we could get the girls on pitch and keep them there safely.

Thanks to the class Managers who took on the increased COVID workload with a smile and to the many parent volunteers who managed attendance & COVID officer duties at training.

My final reflection on the season for the junior girls is how much we have missed the parents at the side of the pitch, asking parents to "drop and dash" goes against everything we are doing as a club to build the Avoca community. We want the parents to watch the

fun and see the progression of the kids hockey skills. Avoca really look forward to welcoming all parents back pitchside next season (subject to COVID).

2020 / 21 season summary, lots of new member, lots of skills training but we missed the atmosphere of blitzes and parents on the sidelines. Plenty to look forward to for the season ahead.

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