



Avoca Hockey Club 2020/21 AGM Update

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2020/21 Summary for Men's Section

Foreword

The Club was delighted to announce the appointment of a new M1s Head Coach - Trevor Dagg, in July.

Season began as restrictions eased, with preseason strength and conditioning training followed by a return of Summer Hockey, both also in July.

Due to increasing numbers within the section we were able to form a M5s Team this season.

Special mention to Oran O'Sullivan, Rhys Armah-Kwantreng, and Harry Dagg, who were included in Leinster Schoolboys' squads early in season before C-19 restrictions prevented the Interprovincial Competitions from being held.

Congratulations to Harry Dagg and Conor Murphy who as Irish Schoolboy Internationals the club have supported via our new International Player Bursary programme.

Unfortunately due to increasing levels of C-19 restrictions, training was forced to be stopped for all teams in December.

Men's 1st XI

League	Position	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points
Div1A	4 th	1	1	-	-	3

- M1s won their first match away to Bray 1st XI 1-4.
- Competitions were discontinued in October due to C-19 restrictions.

Men's 2nd XI

League	Position	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points
Div1B	2nd	1	1	-	-	3

- M2s won their first match home to Clontarf 2nd XI 3-0.
- Competitions were discontinued in October due to C-19 restrictions.

Men's 3rd XI

- All competitions not held due to C-19 restrictions

Men's 4th XI

- **Minor Cup 2019/20**
Final held in October in Kildare. M4s beat North Kildare 0-1 in a fantastic team performance to be crowned Minor Cup Champions 2019/20!
- League not held due to C-19 restrictions

Men's 5th XI

- All competitions not held due to C-19 restrictions

Men's Vets

- No matches held due to C-19 restrictions

Although after Christmas restrictions prevented a return to hockey, in February a fundraising event was co-organised by our very own Cian Funge, along with Anna Richardson from the Ladies' Section - AHC's 125km February Challenge, with the money raised going to Enable Ireland and the Laura Lynn Foundation.

The target amount to be raised of €12,500 was exceeded which was a phenomenal achievement for everyone involved.

Hockey was permitted to return in May due to lifting restrictions whereby Mixed Social Club Hockey sessions were available to all members, with training for M1s and M2s squads returning.

Looking ahead, ***Give Hockey a Go*** sessions will be held in the coming weeks over the four Mondays in June to encourage many new players to take up the sport.

Closing statement

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making hockey this season possible, especially given the unprecedented circumstances. Thank you to all our coaches, managers, Covid Officers, and players, for being vigilant throughout the restrictions this year. All of which allows us to look forward to a hopefully brighter season ahead.