**2023 Hockey Geelong Sharks Junior Teams**

**U14 and U16 Boys’ and Girls’ teams**

Hockey Geelong Sharks Junior Representative teams compete in the Hockey Victoria Metropolitan Junior Competition on Friday nights.

Home games are played at Stead Park in Corio and away games are played at various Melbourne hockey venues.

The season is approximately 14-weeks long starting on: Friday 5 May 2023 (TBC)

**2023 Sharks U14 and U16 Girls and Boys Selection Trials:**

**Trial 1: Sunday 12 February 2023 8.30am – 10.30am**

**Trial 2: Sunday 26 February 2023 8.30am – 10.30am**

Selection Trials for all teams will be conducted over the same period.

* + YOU MUST BRING **BOTH** A WHITE AND A DARK SHIRT**.**
	+ Registration opens 8.00am – 8.15am. Please be on time.
	+ Group warm up at 8.20am
	+ **NO JSC Zone, HG Rep or any State clothing to be worn (including socks)**

**Age Groups:**

* U14 Teams: Players aged under 14 years on 1 January 2023 (i.e. born on or after 1 Jan 2009)
* U16 Teams: Players born on or after 1 January 2007

If you cannot attend a Selection Trial, please fill in an Exemption Form, available by emailing: nwilliams3228@gmail.com

**Please send the completed Nomination Form to**: nwilliams3228@gmail.com

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE: TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2023**

NOTE: currently there are a total of 4 teams entered in HV Winter comp- 2 teams entered in both U14 and U16 age groups. There is the opportunity for Sharks to have more teams entered if player numbers permit.

**2023 NOMINATION INFORMATION**

Previous team/squad selection does not guarantee future selection in subsequent teams/squads. Players may be cut after the 1st Selection Trial.

Players may only nominate for their nominal age and gender - i.e. Girls will play in girls’ teams; U14 players will play in U14 teams.

**EXEMPTIONS:**

If a nominating player cannot attend a Selection Trial, they must fill in an Exemption Form before the Trials and return the form before the first trial.

**TRIAL FEEDBACK:**

Written feedback will be provided to non-selected players who attend Selection Trials.

**SQUADS:**

In the event a Team/Squad can be selected after the 1st Selection Trial (i.e. due to numbers), there may not be a 2nd Selection Trial for that team; the coach of that team/squad may elect to start training instead.

An interim squad may be asked to train for up to 3 weeks before announcing the final squad. It is envisaged squads will compose a maximum of 14 players. The squad (if sufficient numbers) will have two additional Train-on and/or Rotational Train-on players. These players will be charged a reduced fee and train with the squad BUT will not be given match time unless a player withdraws.

**TRAINING**:

Weekly Tuesday training attendance is compulsory. Training is held at Stead Park in Geelong.

Training starts: Tuesday 14 March 2023 5.45pm – 7.00pm (TBC)

Season Starts: Friday 5 May 2023 (TBC)

Practice matches are usually organised prior to the start of the season.

**FUNDRAISING**:

All junior Sharks players and families are required to participate and contribute to two fundraising activities for the season (i.e. source items for raffles, selling raffle tickets, etc). These events are how we keep our playing fees down and contribute to Sharks costs for equipment, umpires and pitch hire.

**JUNIOR SHARKS FEES**:

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| Playing Fees: | $260.00 (GST incl) – **to be paid by Round 4 of the 2023 season.** |
| Uniform: | Uniforms are ordered and paid for by the players online. |
| Hockey Victoria: | Player registration **in addition** to fees (all players in Victoria pay this registration, which goes to Hockey Victoria and Hockey Australia) of $83, if not already registered with HV for the 2023 season. |

**For more detailed information please read the *Hockey Geelong Sharks Junior Representative Policy* on the** [**Geelong Hockey Association website**](https://www.hockeygeelong.asn.au/resourcesandforms/governance-policies-and-procedures)**.**

**TEAM SELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

To be read in conjunction with the N*omination Information* and *HG Sharks Junior Representative Policy*

* Nomination forms include the option to nominate for the Sharks, JCC or **both** competitions:
	+ - Sharks: Hockey Victoria Metropolitan Junior Competition
		- JCC: Junior Country Championships Competition

Note: Fees for the JCC competition will be additional to the junior Sharks playing fees described above. The same uniform is worn for both the Sharks and JCC competitions.

For more information on JCC please refer to <https://www.hockeyvictoria.org.au/competitions-events/championship-events/>

* Players are eligible to trial for selection in a Hockey Geelong Sharks Junior Representative Team/Squad if they are a registered member of an affiliated club/school and playing or supporting local Geelong Association hockey on a regular basis.

**Please note:** Player selection from sources outside Geelong Hockey Association will be considered by the Junior Representative Sub-Committee (JRS) on an individual basis. Please contact the Hockey Geelong Junior Rep Coordinator for more information.

* Only players who attend Selection Trials shall be eligible for selection, unless there are exceptional circumstances that prevent a player from attending. If there are insufficient players attend trials to form a squad, other players may be recruited. Non-attending players must fill in an Exemption Form prior to the trials.
* The JRS may invite players individually to the Selection Trials. This will not exclude any eligible player from nominating to trial. If a player has been invited by the JRS to attend the Selection Trials, this in no way guarantees that player a spot in a team/squad.
* Selection in a team/squad will be based on gender and/or age where sufficient numbers permit. Teams entered into the various competitions will be determined by available nominated players for that age group. See *Hockey Geelong Sharks Junior Representative Policy* document on Hockey Geelong website for more clarification.
* Players may only nominate to trial for selection in teams of their nominal age and gender – i.e. Girls will play in girls’ teams; U14 players will play in U14 teams. The Sharks Junior Sub-committee may refuse, approve or impose conditions upon the selection of any players.
* Any player vacancy which occurs in a selected team/squad during the season due to illness, injury etc., may be filled by the JRS, in consultation with the Coaches.
* Playing Fees must be paid by the due date (Round 4 of competition) unless otherwise agreed prior to that date; payment plans are available. Invoices will be issued for fee payment and methods.
* All uniform fees are paid on-line and are paid for on ordering.
* All players must agree to abide by the Codes of Behavior as set by Hockey Geelong and Hockey Victoria whilst representing Hockey Geelong.
* All players and parents must also abide by Hockey Geelong’s Communication Policy – available at <https://www.hockeygeelong.asn.au/resourcesandforms/governance-policies-and-procedures>
* Once squads are announced team communication will be via the Hockey Geelong Team App.

**2023 SHARKS Junior Rep Nomination Form**

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| PLAYER DETAILS – Please write clearly |
| Surname:  | First Name: |
| Street Address |  |
| Suburb: | Post Code: |
| Date of Birth |  / / | Age on 1 Jan 2023: |
| Contact 1 Name: |  | Mobile: |
| Contact 2 Name: |  | Mobile: |
| Email Contact 1: |  |
| Email Contact 2: |  |
| 2022 Club / Assn: |  |
| Playing Positions: | 1st: | 2nd: |
| Previous playing level and experience.(for new nominees only) |  |
| Team I am nominating for (circle one age group) | U14 Girls | U14 Boys | U16 Girls | U16 Boys | U18 JCC only  |
| **Please note: All girls must nominate for girls' teams, and all players must nominate for their age group; U14 players will not be able to trial for U16 teams.** |
| I am nominating for (circle one or both): SHARKS **JCC****Note: JCC age groups are U13, U15, U18**  |
| We have read the attached information and agree to the terms and conditions for selection as described in the *Nomination Information*, and the *2022* *Team Selection and Eligibility Guidelines.*

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| Player Signature: | Date: |
| Parent/Guardian’s Signature: | Date: |

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Please return this form and any other supporting documentation to: Hockey Geelong Junior Representative Coordinator

 **Email**: nwilliams3228@gmail.com **Nominations Close: Tuesday 7 February 2023**