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Monday 16th March

Dear Parents / Whānau,

### Hockey Season 2026 Year 3-4

9th May - 29th August

**No play:** King's Birthday Weekend (30 May) and school holidays, 4th & 18th July.



Your child has shown an interest in playing Hockey for Knighton Normal School this season. All teams play on Saturday mornings with the season starting on Saturday, 9th May. The game venues are either **Gallagher Hockey Centre (Queens Ave, behind Hamilton Lake)** or **St Paul's Collegiate (Hukanui Road)**. Games are 30 minutes long.

Your child will need a hockey stick, shin pads, a mouth guard, and socks to play hockey. Just Hockey (558 Anglesea Street) does a 'Junior Starter Pack' including a stick, ball, shin pads, mouthguard, and a ball for \$45.00. Blue socks, similar to football socks, with a double white stripe at the top, are preferred. Alternatively, we can provide some equipment if you cannot source your own. Please reach out if needed.

**Team support:** This team will require a coach/manager and a referee who can attend most Saturday games. Teams will be formed only if there are enough players at each year level, and only if there is parent help to coach/manage/referee the team. No experience is required for coaches/managers. Training is available for coaches and referees.

If there is **no parent help**, Knighton Normal School will be **unable to register a team**.

**Payment and fees:** The cost of hockey will be \$55 per player. *Please note Waikato Hockey have increased their fees.*

**Payment and completed permissions must be received by Wednesday 25th March.**

Online payments can be made through the Kindo shop [myKindo](https://mykindo.co.nz) or you can pay via EFTPOS at the school office.




Once permission slips have been returned and teams have been finalised, a separate newsletter will be sent home confirming the name of your child's team, coach, manager, and training details.

Ngā mihi,

Chrissy Cottingham - Sports Coordinator - KNS Sport teams

**Mini Kiwi sticks (Development - Year 3 / 4)**

This is played on a quarter field with 6 players on the field at one time. The team must provide a referee, and this person may be the coach. There are minimal rules to learn, and the idea is to let the play continue as much as possible. The recommended number of children is 8 - 9 players per team. However, if you have less than this number but still enough to field a team, please do not be afraid to enter. We believe in getting kids out on the turf playing hockey. If you only have 6 players in your 6 aside team and one happens to be away or sick, then we encourage you to approach the team you are playing and ask if they have any extra players that can help out. This is commonplace in other sports and allows everyone more opportunities to get on the field.

		
8-9 Players in a team*	Quarter field	Boys and girls mixed
6 Field players on the field	Two mini goals each side	Beginner, Development & Advanced divisions
No goalkeepers	2 x 13 min. periods	No scores kept
	2 min. breaks between halves	No finals



**2026 Knighton Normal School Hockey Enrolment Form**

*If paying by Kindo, you do not need to return the slip.*

I give my child permission to play hockey for Knighton Normal School

Child's name:						
Age			Year Level		Room	

I can coach a team (Coaching workshop available - TBC) - my preferred day for practice is \_\_\_\_\_

I can manage a team (Managers will liaise with whānau regarding game times, and ensuring all uniforms are returned at the end of the season)

I can referee Saturday games (no experience necessary)

**Contact Details**

Name of parent/caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (by an adult)

**Office use only**

Fees paid- \$55 per player

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