

HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER HOCKEY CLUB

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Dear

The Hampstead & Westminster Hockey Challenge 1993

4th and 5th September 1993

Thank you for accepting our invitation to participate in the above tournament. We are pleased to confirm that we now have similar confirmations from the anticipated number of clubs, and the groupings are as follows:-

Group A - Cheam, Crostyx, East Grinstead, London University

Group B - Blackheath, Dulwich, London Indians, Richmond

Group C - Hampstead & Westminster, Hendon, Purley, Wimbledon

Group D - Barford Tigers, Eastcote, Staines, Tulse Hill

We are delighted to note that participating clubs have been indicating that they will be treating the event as a serious pre-season work-out for squads of 1st XI calibre (or, at least, potential).

Partly by way of a recap, the details are as follows:-

Date 4th and 5th September 1993.

Entry Fee £100 per team. We should be grateful if you could please **now** send your cheque to either of us, payable to Hampstead & Westminster H C.

Venue	Paddington Recreation Ground, Carlton Vale, Maida Vale, London W9, on two astroturf type pitches, one being sand-filled and the other being Superturf Europa carpet, which will be specially watered before and during the event.
Format	A two day event for sixteen men's teams, with matches in groups of four, followed by play-offs, semi-finals and final. This is intended to give each team three matches of eighteen minutes each way on the Saturday, with three further matches for the top eight teams, and two for the bottom eight teams, on the Sunday. Final classification matches will be twenty minutes each way, and the Final itself 25 minutes each way.
Timings	Each day, play will commence at 0945 and finish around 1815.
Awards	The Challenge Cup will be awarded to the winners. A "player of the tournament" award and a fair play award will also be awarded at the discretion of the umpires and the tournament committee.
Umpires	Middlesex H.U.A. will once again be appointing umpires for the event.
Sustenance	Food and drink will be available from the cafeteria within the Recreation Ground, and, we hope, a beer tent adjacent to the pitches.
Parking	Some free car parking will be available within the Recreation Ground for early arrivers. There is also on-street parking in the vicinity; our understanding (and experience) of the practically incomprehensible "pay and display" regulations is that the spaces to which they apply are free on both Saturdays and Sundays, but no guarantee is offered! Avoid "residents only" spaces.
Programmes	These will be sent out during late August, setting out details of match timings and the Rules of the Tournament (which,

for old hands, will follow those of previous years). As an innovation, and with an eye to avoiding brushes with the libel laws, we invite **you** to send us, with your Entry Fee cheque, and to be received not later than **16th August**, a **brief** (around 50 words) item for publication in the programme, commenting perhaps on the outcome of the 1992/93 season for your 1st XI, and your aspirations for the coming season.

We look forward to hearing from you again, and to yet another enjoyable tournament on 4th and 5th September.

Yours sincerely,

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