

Alton Hockey Fantasy League

Dear members, friends, associates of Alton HC and anyone else who wants to take part...

If you have never played a game off fantasy sport before then here is your chance. It is brilliant fun.

Essentially you get to select and manage your very own 11 players from the talent pool that is Alton Hockey Club. **For the novice managers all you need to do is pick a team, making sure you have at least 4 men and at least 4 ladies** – the rest you can learn along the way. It really is very simple. It only costs £5 and if you are the top manager in any week then you get your money back. You may even win the Fantasy Trophy at the Dinner!

All your players score points when playing in a Saturday league adult fixture (Men's 1-5 and Ladies' 1-3) - see the points breakdown below.

Each player has a value and you have a budget of £55m to buy your initial 11 players. There are some preset rules in addition to our "local" rule of mixed teams. You must select 1 x goal keeper, you may then select up to 5 x defenders, up to 5 x midfielders and up to 4 x forwards (you must select a minimum of 1 in each position).

Points are scored as below:

	Starter or Sub	Green Card	Yellow Card	Red Card	Man of Match	Goals Scored	Assists	Clean Sheet	Goals Conceded
GK	3	-2	-5	-35	5	10	8	10	-1
Defenders	3	-2	-5	-35	5	6	6	8	-1
Midfielders	3	-2	-5	-35	5	5	5	3	0
Forwards	3	-2	-5	-35	5	4	4	2	0

Please note all players and subs who take part in the game will receive the "3" appearance points (unlike the stated rule on the web site)

In addition we have some local rules for points:

A player who is part of a winning team extra 3 points

A player who is part of a drawing team extra 1 point

Every GK who plays full game will get an extra 1 point

A penalty-flick save will earn the GK an extra 8 points

A penalty-flick miss by the striker is penalised with -5 points

Clear OG scored by an outfielder -5

A player that umpires a Saturday league adult game 3 points

An assist is defined as the last person from Alton to touch the ball (with their stick) before the goal scorer strikes/deflects the ball. Except in a penalty flick / penalty corner scenario (or set of penalty corners) then the assist goes to the person who was instrumental in drawing the foul / winning the penalty corner. If an Alton player forces an OG then that will also count as an assist not a goal.

You can select a captain who will earn double points each week. You may change your captain each week if you wish. Each week you can make 1 free transfer (please remember to retain at least 4 men and 4 ladies otherwise you will be penalised points!). You can also make other transfers for a penalty of -10 points for each one.

Game week starts each Friday midday so you have till then to make your transfers for the weekend. You are permitted to select one transfer wildcard per season, which will allow you to make free, unlimited transfers for one week only. (Don't use this up too early!). Once in the season, and for one week only, you can play your joker and boost your captain to receive triple points.

Players values will increase and decrease through the season depending on performance. This gives you a chance to increase your transfer budget (probably only for advanced fantasy managers – novices, please don't worry about this nuance as it makes little difference to the outcome; some sad fantasy managers like to try to grow their budget rather than win points! 😊)

I hope that there are no issues but if there is then the league administrator's decision is final (a bit like the umpire 😊) I will be relying on the captains / nominated player from each game to report points and I will take that as the correct version of events. The league starts on the 24th November- **all transfers are free until that time** so please get your teams in early - you can select your team from now.

The last and most important rule is that this has been set up as a bit of fun for everyone along with a chance to get to know, and take an interest in, other sides within the club. **So please sign up, enter a team and have some fun.**

Any questions please email me mgreen@thornsds.co.uk - I'm very happy to help out your grannies if they are struggling to know when to play their joker or who to select as their captain.

A short note to players – if I have selected you in an incorrect position then please accept my apologies; I have tried to sense-check the data with the fonts of knowledge across the club. If you are really aggrieved, then please let me know and I may be able to make changes – if you let me know quickly!

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