

# NCHC Women's Devs Mentor Scheme



## Why is our mentor scheme important and how does it work?

Most devs girls join women's hockey at 13/14 years of age. This is often a big step up in hockey standard and they are often amongst many older players in a team.

Each team's devs mentor will be the devs player's main point of contact for all things NCHC.

This player will also be the mentor for any new team member to the team as it requires similar support.

Each team's devs mentor will be DBS checked.

## What will a devs mentor need to do?

**Contact** – mentor to arrange an initial introduction chat with dev player and parent/guardian and arrange best form of contact between them. It is always good to get the parents email and cc the dev player about any arrangements/details.

**Kit check** – number, shirt, skort – whilst most have stick, gum guard and shin pads, quite a few don't have correct kit initially and may have to borrow whilst ordering new kit.

**Availability** – Mentor to show/talk through dev player and parents how to upload and amend their availability on the website. Any unavailability must be communicated to the mentor (and therefore the captain via the mentor) as soon as possible. The importance of communication re availability does seem to be a big step up for dev players. They need to get used to the formal procedures so help in the beginning here will reap rewards later.

**Info check** – Mentor to make sure that the parents and dev player are aware of all training and match info.

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