



Dear members, a new season of ice hockey is near. We are all very excited to get on the ice as fast as possible. Hereby a newsletter. Enjoy reading!

Start of the season

The first training day will be on Sunday the second of October. On this day we are able to use the ice for the first time. The team captains will receive information about which team will be training on what time. The official start of the season will be in the weekend of Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 October. In this weekend the first competition games will be held. The Dutch Ice hockey Association (Nederlandse IJshockey Bond > NIJB) will give all match details in the first weekend of October. We will keep you updated.

New main sponsors

Leiden Lions found new main sponsors in the two companies BluQ and Beek Container Group. These companies gave (for a small fee) new shirts, pants and hockey stockings to our new teams the Islanders and Youth Recreants and U8 and U10.

Sub sponsors

Finav Vastgoed, van Elewout Compressoren, Dulon, Zeauw en Joor It Leiden are sponsoring Leiden Lions through sponsor invoices.

Members with own companies can use these sponsor invoices. The costs are € 200,- on top of the contribution. But the profit is double-sided! Members can fully get a tax deduction on the contribution and of course Leiden Lions will receive more money as well. Sponsors will get a banner on our website with a link to their homepage.

Current situation Leiden Lions

We now have 140 members which is high for Leiden Lions! The senior teams are almost on the maximum of players. The youth teams are still able to grow a lot more, that is our main goal this season. The new website is giving more and more details in English which attracted quite a lot of foreign players. Leiden Lions is getting international!

Material Management

On the 19th of September some active members of Leiden Lions cleaned up the material storage. We are excited to mention that quite a lot of the materials can still be used. We also received new gear from the Dutch Ice Hockey Association, new skates, pants, gloves, body's etc. Hanneke de Mooij will be renting full gears which allows new players to play this fantastic game as well.

If anyone has some old gear which still can be used. Please donate it to our club. It will help us tremendously!

Teams

There is still room in the youth teams. The classification of the senior teams will be discussed on the 29th of September. All team captains are invited for this evening.

The following senior teams will represent the Leiden Lions on the ice this year in the competition:

Islanders – 2th division (Poule a)

Polar Bears – 3rd division (Poule A)

Tigers – 3rd division (Poule A)

Kings – 3rd division (Poule A)

Arrows - ARHL

Shirts

With the new main sponsors the Islanders and youth teams have been given full a full new dress. The others teams will be playing in the “old” Leiden Lions style. These shirts can of course still be ordered today.

Youth

We are proud that Leiden Lions has again a lot of youth teams, U8, U10, U14 and youth recreants. Youth coordinator is Geoffrey Payne. We hope that Leiden Lions will continue to grow from the bottom up. We hope to make this possible by our efforts in the ice hockey-school and by gear rental.

TapToe

A little bit of history here, short version! Leiden played a very important role in the 80 year during (1568-1648) uprising against the Spanish in the time of the Willem van Oranje, our father of the fatherland. Leiden held the Spanish away from the city for more than a year. In the night of 2 and 3 october 1574 Leiden was freed by the armies of Willem van Oranje who gave us our university for our bravery. This is still celebrated in Leiden on the 2th and 3th of October.

On the 2th of October a TapToe is held. This a joyful procession through Leiden. Leiden Lions will be joining this procession. We will be gathering on the 2th of October on the Kaasmarkt in Leiden at 18:30. The TapToe begins at 19:30. Contact is Geoffrey Payne tel: 06 43 06 44 71 or email:

theabc@gmail.com . Give him a call if you would like to join!

Saturday evening ice

Regularly there is free ice on the Saturday evening. We have some ideas about this free ice. Some members have already given us new ideas to think on. One of the possibilities is a monthly senior practice if there is enough enthusiasm for it. Who would like to take the lead in this event?

Website

The new website is some time in use now. We would like to have team pictures of all the teams. Therefore our question if every team can make a team picture at the start of the season and send it to us. If you have other input or suggestions, feel free to tell us. Keep the website in mind regularly because this is where we put the latest news!

Contribution payment

Leiden Lions embraced Debisport for the contribution payments. Debisport is a professional company which is focused on the contribution collection for sport clubs. We have embraced Debisport because there were a lot of problems recent years on the collection of contribution. This gives us time to spend on other things which are a lot more fun!

Don't forget that the 25th of September is the latest payment date!

Referees

Also this year Hans Verhoog will be in command of the referees. Leiden Lions has very few referees, this is something we would like to change. We seek members who are willing to be a referee occasionally. We will provide a referee course.

Last but not least:

Look what we found in the material storage?! Isn't this a perfect Leiden Lions mascot?



Questions or suggestions? leidenlions@gmail.com

Look at the website! www.leidenlions.nl

Kind regards,

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