

WADAC JUNIOR SECTION
JUNE NEWSLETTER

Update

It has been absolutely amazing how successful this year's summer training has been. We now have over 70 children registered which is way beyond our wildest expectations. We truly believe that this surge of enthusiasm provides a great base from which to build Junior Athletics in Winchester for the foreseeable future. We have only been able to cope with this rise in numbers through a number of parents stepping forward to help – Thanks to them for making this possible.

Club Website – Junior section

The club website has recently been updated to reflect the growth and success of WADAC. There is now a **dedicated JUNIOR SECTION**. Because of the large number of children we will use this as our main means of mass communication. Check out www.wadac.org.uk for all our news, results, events and updates. If you have any suggestions or would like to add anything contact webmaster@wadac.org.uk

ALTON SPORTS

Alton Sports are our official club kit sponsor and supplier. You will have noticed that they have been bringing the van down to Pilgrims field. Please use this facility to buy your kit. You can even pre-order and get kit brought down. Just contact Toby or Vicky on www.cautionrunners.com. You will also have noticed that some of us are now wearing some real cool WADAC Nike kit. This has recently been upgraded and is only available from Alton Sports.

The next time you need kit – WHY NOT MAKE IT WADAC?

PARTY IN THE PARK – July 19th

The last day of training will be Thursday July 19th. We would like to celebrate the success of this year's summer training by having some special training events followed by some nibbles and drinks. Please try to make this evening – adults welcome.

Weekly Registration

Given the large number of children we have training, remember for you child's safety **ALL CHILDREN** must be signed in to the register by an adult each week.

Summer Training Fee – NOW REDUCED TO £5 for new joiners as we near the end of term

WADAC Membership

All children are encouraged to become members of WADAC. The forms can be downloaded from www.wadac.org.uk and we will also bring some along to training (see Joy). Benefits include: **club vest** when you join, (club vests are only sold to club members!) entry to competitions and a discount from kit sponsors Alton Sports. Membership year runs until X and so will include this winters x-country events.

Up and Coming Fixtures

27th June evening open meeting at Southampton

8th July FUN RUNS River Park in assoc with AAIR/WADAC

15th July Wessex U11s Quadkids final at Tidworth (members only)

22nd July Young Athlete League, Portsmouth (members only)

26th July Open meeting Portsmouth

2nd September Woking Open meeting

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Details for all these fixtures are on club website under Juniors section

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Parent Help – Young Athletes need Adult Volunteers – AN URGENT PLEA

With a view to the track being completed in spring 2008 it is essential that we build the parental support for the Junior Section of the club. Without your help young athletes will not be able to train or compete – see below for how you can help.

What can you do?

Coaching: either informal help or the **club will even pay for you to attend a coaching course**. Ask any of the coaches how rewarding this can be. Contact secretary@wadac.org if you would like to do a Level 1 course (takes only 1 day)

Administration: there are many things that you can do to help (especially if coaching is not your thing). Don't be shy. Every task shared helps the kids and their sport. Step forward and ask to help.

Officiating: YES OFFICIATING. Athletics events are run by volunteers. Unlike Football this requires **many** people to help out in differing roles. This can either be as an informal volunteer or again the club will pay to attend a short course.

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For more information on any of the above, contact volunteer@wadac.org

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