

NEWCASTLE
VIKINGS
HANDBALL CLUB



Newcastle Vikings Handball Club
Youth, Junior and Mini Vikings
Welcome Pack 2025/26



Welcome to the Vikings!

A warm welcome to all members of Newcastle Vikings Handball Club, whether you are a continuing past member or are newly joining our friendly multi-national club!

Please take the time to read through this Welcome Pack and complete the online Membership Form carefully, even if you have filled in a similar form in previous seasons.

NVHC was established in September 2012, the first developmental community handball club in North East England. We are a fully constituted amateur club, and welcome beginners and experienced handballers of all ages as we work to grow and develop handball in and around Newcastle and the wider North East region whilst contributing to community development through sport. We are affiliated to both the England Handball Association (EHA) and Scottish Handball Association (SHA) and have teams playing in league and cup competitions. Our long-term goal is to be more than a handball club, establishing sustainable handball teams in different age groups and genders to take part in the leagues while enhancing our community links.

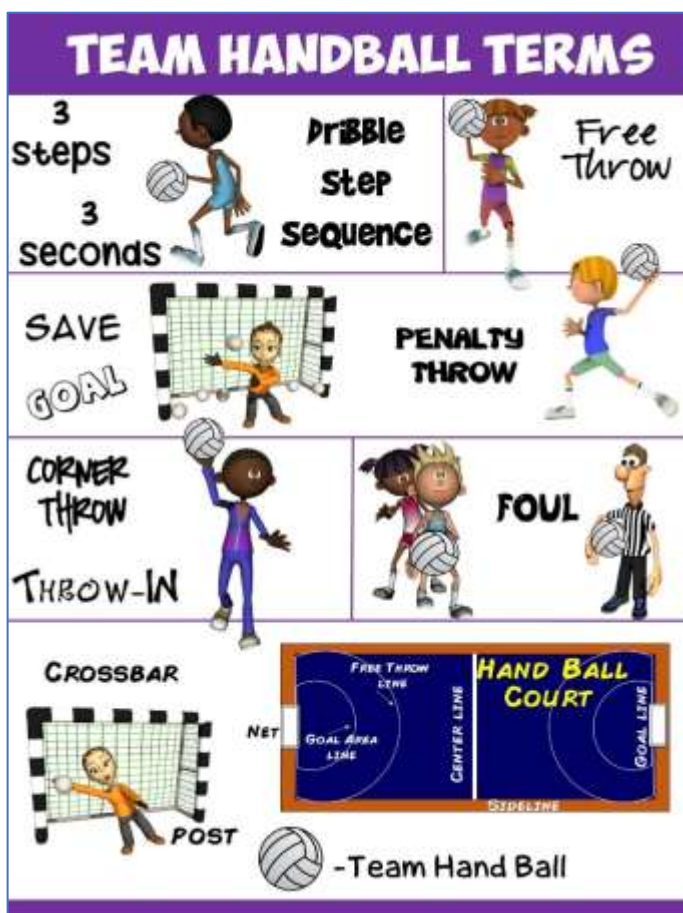
Youth/junior handball for boys and girls, together with our fun mini Vikings sessions for the little ones, is a great way for kids to get active, being an exciting and different way to encourage children's physical development, improving coordination, essential motor skills and teamwork.

What is Handball?

Handball is an action-packed, high-scoring Olympic sport and the fastest team ball-sport in the world!

Indoor handball is a 7-a-side team game involving a goalkeeper and six outfield players with rolling substitutions, while under-14 and mini handball is played 5-a-side. There's also summer beach handball which is a brilliantly fun 4-a-side version with rush keepers and full of acrobatic trick-shots. Goals are scored by passing the ball around the team to make space to shoot into the goal at the opposite end of the court.

So come and Try Handball with the Vikings!



Training Sessions for Juniors and Mini Vikings

Our youth/junior and mini-Vikings handball sessions take place from September to June during school term times – see our website [Training](#) page for venue location maps. Please wear suitable clothing for indoor sport (t-shirt, shorts/leggings and trainers), no jewellery, long hair tied back, and bring a water bottle. In the summer we continue to have lots of fun outdoors playing beach handball, usually at Sandhaven Beach in South Shields.

Youth/Juniors

Wednesdays: 6:00-8:00pm Benfield Centre for Sporting Excellence, Benfield Road, Newcastle NE6 4NU

Mini Vikings

Wednesdays: 6:00-7:00pm Benfield Centre for Sporting Excellence, Benfield Road, Newcastle NE6 4NU

Club Membership 2025/26

For new players to the club, your first 2 ‘taster’ training sessions will be FREE! We then have a choice of club membership options to suit your circumstances. Your membership fee will depend on which training group session is attended: Youth/Junior or Mini. Please complete our [Membership Form](#) online[#].

Annual	Pay once and be worry free! Due by 10 October 2025. Attend all training sessions, matches and beach handball – indoors training season is 10 months September to June.	Youth/Junior - £130 Mini - £110
	Discounted annual membership: 15% off for children who have a close family member also playing for the club, or other special dispensation (eg. child in care) at the club’s discretion.	Youth/Junior - £111 Mini - £93
Termly payment plan	Spread your membership cost over 3 termly payments - due by 10 October 2025, 31 January and 30 April 2026. Includes match days and beach handball sessions. <i>Please speak to our Treasurer for alternative payment arrangements.</i>	Youth/Junior - 3 x £53 Mini - 3 x £47
	Discounted payment plan membership: 15% off for children who have a close family member also playing for the club, or other special dispensation (eg. child in care) at the club’s discretion.	Youth/Junior - 3 x £46 Mini - 3 x £40
Casual per session	Pay for training, matches and beach handball – by bank transfer or card reader at each session. No cash please!	Youth/Junior - £7 Mini - £5
Vikings Crew	For non-playing club members regularly coaching, officiating, volunteering or on the club Board. Ideal for those regularly helping with club activities.	£5

New players joining mid-season – a pro-rata amount of the termly payment plan option will be agreed with our club Treasurer.

Please ensure you pay us on time and by bank transfer (state the player’s name in the payment reference) or by using our card reader at training sessions, so we don’t have to chase up late payments:

Account Name: Newcastle Vikings Handball Club Sort Code: 20-59-43 Account No: 40016276

Payment queries? Contact our **Treasurer**, Andrea King: 07940-568131 / newcastlevikings@gmail.com

All membership fees go towards the club’s running costs, hall hire and handball equipment, as well as to cover some of the match day costs. We will also cover the costs of EHA/SHA coaching and refereeing courses (where not covered by your EHA membership), plus DBS, child safeguarding and first aid qualifications, if you remain coaching/refereeing/volunteering with the club for at least a further year.

Pro-rata membership refunds, based on a 10-month season September-June, only apply if handball is cancelled on health and safety grounds for one month or more by the EHA/SHA or imposed by national Government or local authority lockdowns. Otherwise membership fees are non-refundable.

ENGLAND HANDBALL Register with the England Handball Association

All players, coaches and volunteers MUST also be individually registered with the EHA for public liability and personal injury insurance purposes, and to take part in competitions – £15 fee, includes free Level 1 refereeing and table officiating courses, plus 40% discount off Kempa products. Click on Membership at www.EnglandHandball.com to go to their [GameDay Membership](#) portal.

Supporting You and Your Interests

By joining and becoming a member of Newcastle Vikings Handball Club, you agree to abide by our Code of Conduct, rules and regulations and other policies. You can view these important club documents under the 'About Us' section of our website <http://newcastlehandball.co.uk/club-documents/>.

- Club Constitution
- Rules and Regulations
- Fair Play Code of Conduct
- Equity Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Appropriate Communication Policy
- Social Media Policy
- GDPR and Media Consent Policy



NVHC is an EHA-accredited Pro-Active Handball Club, recognising our high quality standards in club management and promoting best practice in coaching and child welfare. Awarded by the sport's national governing body in 2019, England Handball's Pro-Active Club Award superseded the former Sport England Clubmark accreditation that we achieved in 2015.

How Else Can I Get Involved?

Join Our Vikings Crew!

Handball is a developing amateur sport in the UK and our club is only run by volunteers, so we appreciate all the help and assistance we can get from all our players and supporters. We hope you can help us grow handball here in the North East, and if you can spare some time to get involved and help us out we offer various opportunities to volunteer with our club, whatever your skills and interests!

- Coaching and refereeing (EHA qualification courses available through your EHA membership).
- Table officiating (scoring and time-keeping) at home matches and local schools competitions.
- Photographers and video producers to promote the club across our social media and in the local press.
- Sports journalism to help with writing articles for our club website and local newspapers.
- Sports marketing to raise community awareness of handball and securing funding and sponsorships.

We are always open to new ideas too, so if you are passionate about sport, proactive, enthusiastic and want to try something new, please don't hesitate to get in touch!



Easyfundraising with your Online Shopping

Help us raise **FREE** funding donations for NVHC whenever you go shopping online with many popular retailers at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/newcastlevikingshandballclub/>.

Simply select to raise funds for Newcastle Vikings Handball Club and then go via the Easyfundraising website to link to the retailer websites that you wish to buy from, and they will gift a small percentage of what you spend to the club. Find out more on our website [Fundraising](#) page.

We're a Friendly Bunch! Who Will You Meet?

Marlen Slinning Goulty, our Chairperson and Head Coach, is the founder and driving force behind the club. Hailing from Norway with years of experience playing and teaching handball, she is passionate about developing young people in the art of handball. Marlen is supported by our enthusiastic team of Board members (our club committee) and qualified handball coaches, as well as a growing mix of volunteer helpers.

If you have any queries or any issues regarding the welfare of any player, or of the club, please contact our **welfare and Safeguarding Lead officer** Fabian van der Velden 07498-205004, or e-mail safeguarding.newcastlevikings@gmail.com. Holding DBS, safeguarding and medical certifications, they are also responsible for ensuring that all club coaches and activators hold the necessary qualifications and certifications too.

If you have any general queries about the club, please contact Marlen Slinning Goulty via our main club e-mail address or phone number.

Introducing our Coaches, Safeguarding Lead and Other Volunteers



**Marlen
Slinning Goulty**
Club Chairperson and
Head Coach
(Women and Minis)



Adam Batley
Coach (Youth/Junior
and Senior Men)



Aaron Edmundson
Coach (Youth/Junior)
and Social Media



Charlie Emmet
Goalkeeper Coach
(Youth/Junior)



Ginette Cass
Youth/Junior/Minis
Coordinator



Rohan Perkins
Young Leader



Brendan Fisher
Young Leader



Oli Cass
Young Leader



George Archer
Young Leader
and Social Media



Sandra Christke-Lamb
Club Secretary
and Coach



**Fabian
van der Velden**
Safeguarding and
Welfare Lead



Andrea King
Treasurer
and Media

Club Shop – Get Kitted Out Vikings Style!



Club kit and merchandise are available to buy from us, including our Newcastle Vikings logo-branded t-shirts, track-suits, hoodies, baseball caps, beanie hats, bags and wristbands.

If you would like to buy any of our club kit, please get in touch with either club secretary Sandra or head coach Marlen at training, or contact us at newcastlevikings@gmail.com for an order form.



Keeping in Touch

You can contact us via our website, or by e-mail or phone:

www.newcastlehandball.co.uk

newcastlevikings@gmail.com

07838 - 542601



Download the Spond app which is our main communication tool for keeping in touch with club members, parents and volunteers – get it on your mobile phone or at www.spond.com. Please keep a regular check for information posts, messages, events and polls, and notify us ASAP if you will be attending training/matches by accepting/declining each event on Spond.

Our end-of-season **Annual General Meetings** are also a great opportunity for you to find out more about our club, look back at what we've achieved over the previous year and ahead to the forthcoming season. The AGM is also when we elect our club Board, the committee who oversee the running of the club. If you are interested in getting involved on the Board or in any other way please don't hesitate to contact us!

Follow Us on Social Media



Newcastle Vikings Handball Club



[newcastlevikingshandball](https://www.instagram.com/newcastlevikingshandball)



[@NVHandball](https://twitter.com/NVHandball)

If you have any **Media enquiries** relating to the club, please contact newcastlevikings@gmail.com.

Sponsor the Vikings

We are keen to secure more [Club Sponsors](#), whether on our club playing kit, brand-naming tournaments, players of the match, etc. Please contact Newcastlevhcsponsorship@gmail.com for further details.

Vikings History

Newcastle Vikings Handball Club was established in the immediate legacy of the London 2012 Olympic Games. Our debut 2013/14 season saw our senior men's and women's teams compete in the Scottish Handball leagues, before joining the England Handball regional leagues from 2014/15. Our Tyne & Wear girls team made their debut in the English under-16 regional league in 2017/18, while our under-14 boys/mixed team made their English league debut in 2021/22. Our senior women's and men's teams won their first English Regional League North titles in 2017/18 and 2018/19 respectively. Find out lots more about our Vikings history, successes, player stats and more on our website [About Us](#) pages.

