



Edinburgh Cricket Club

Juniors Season 2010-2011

Our Aims

- Enjoyable and safe environment in which juniors learn and play cricket under the guidance of accredited coaches and senior players.
- Emphasis on fun, equality and inclusion at all levels of junior cricket.
- Clear, visible and open management structure overseeing the junior cricket programme.
- Good communication between club management, players and parents.
- Encourage parent involvement at all levels.
- Social activities and programmes that contribute to an enjoyable club environment for players and parents.

The Junior Teams

The Club fields teams in the following age groups in the Heidelberg District Cricket Association:

- Under 11 Kookaburras (Development Team with modified rules)
- Under 13
- Under 15
- Under 17

The cut-off date of birth for eligibility for each age-group is 31st of August. *New players are welcome. Extra coaching will be available to help players of any age group who have not previously played competitive cricket.*

Registration Days for 2010-2011 Season

Registration will be by email for returning players and their siblings. There will be two 'Have-a-Hit' mornings where new players can register and returning players can pay and have a hit or a bowl if they want. These will be on August 21st and August 28th, between 10 am and 11 am at the Brunswick St Oval nets (on the Freeman St side of the oval).

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All players returning from last season are guaranteed a place at the club (providing there are enough players registered to field a team in the relevant age group and level) and providing that they return their registration forms by August 6th and pay the fees by the last 'Have-a-Hit' morning (August 28th). This also applies to siblings of present players. In the event that we have more new players registering than remaining places available in the relevant age group or level, a lottery will be held by the club committee as soon as possible after the final registration day. Details of teams will be finalised as soon as possible after the 28th August and players notified before the school holidays.

Registration Fees

Fees are \$175(Full), \$85(Concession) and \$50 (Under 11 Development team). The club does not want financial considerations to preclude any junior from playing so please contact Sally Marsden if the fees present a financial difficulty. There are no additional match day fees.

Training

All teams in a given age group train together. Under 11 and Under 13 teams have one training session per week. Under 15 and Under 17 teams have two training sessions per week and are expected to attend at least one of these. Under 15 & Under 17 players who have difficulty getting to training on time due to school commitments etc are encouraged stay on after the end of junior training and continue their training with the seniors who train directly after the juniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All training is at Brunswick St.

Age Group	Training Day	Training Time
Under 11	Saturday	10.00 am – 11.00 am
Under 13	Wednesday	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Under 15	Tuesday & Thursday	4.30 pm – 6.00 pm
Under 17	Tuesday & Thursday	4.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Matches

Age Group	Match Day	Match Time	Home Ground
Under 11	Wednesday Evening	5.00-7.00 pm	Brunswick St Oval
Under 13	Friday Evening	5.00 – 8.00 pm	TBA
Under 15	Friday Evening	5.00 – 8.00 pm	TBA
Under 17	Friday Evening	5.00 – 8.00 pm	Brunswick St Oval

Team Selection Policy

The Club aims that that junior players will progress through the Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 age levels as relatively stable squads (numbers permitting). The basis of our approach at these age-groups is that all players participate equally with bat and ball in rotating positions. At Under 17 level the teams may take into account that players at this age level are beginning to develop specialist skills. This is in keeping with the Club's policy that *Under 17 cricket is the bridge to senior cricket*. Consequently there may be more flexibility and mobility in team structures and participation, but the emphasis remains on inclusion. Junior coaching policies for each age group are available on the website, along with Codes of Behaviour for players, parents and coaches.

Junior Working/Management Group

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A committee consisting of the coaches and managers of each team, the Director of Cricket, Stuart Whiley, and the Junior Development Coach, Nathan Hudson, will support this group.

Junior Working Group Meetings: These are informal meetings held periodically throughout the season. There is no fixed membership of this group; all parents are welcome to attend when they can. There is an agenda and minutes are taken but the discussions are informal and anyone is free to raise topics or have a say.

Coaching and Team Administration

Coaching: Several years ago, the club instituted a policy of providing an accredited coach for each team. This has been working well and we hope, over the coming years, to build up a pool of accredited coaches within the club. These coaches are senior players and interested parents who have volunteered to coach and who have undertaken, or are undertaking, the Level 1 coaching certification via Cricket Victoria or who have equivalent certification. This year we hope again to have coaches in place for each team by the beginning of the season.

Parental Help at Training: Parental assistance is needed at training to help the coaches. You don't necessarily have to have any cricket knowledge to help out. There are a number of things that you can help with - some as simple as just throwing a ball or helping to rotate the kids taking turns batting in the nets.

Team Management: Each team also needs a parent to act as team manager who is responsible for the administrative details of the team (rostering parents for tasks eg scoring, food etc) and making sure that everyone knows where to go for the match and keeping the scores up to date online. No cricket knowledge is required for this job. The club requires that each team has a team manager in

place before the season starts. The club will not allow teams to go ahead without a manager in place. It is not a very time consuming job and we will give you plenty of support, so if you think that you can do it, please contact Sally Marsden.

Older juniors who wish to play senior cricket. The club has appointed a Junior Development Coach, Nathan Hudson (email:nathan.hudson@dcstrategy.com) specifically to help juniors with their integration into senior cricket. The club has a strong commitment to those juniors who wish to play senior cricket and has established a pathway plan for juniors through to seniors. Part of this pathway is an extensive Winter Coaching Programme involving those juniors who are likely to play seniors in the following season. There is no compulsion to play senior cricket - the club recognises that many juniors would prefer to play only in the junior section.