



Junior Cricket

2024 Junior Handbook

Welcome to the 2024 season with Edgworth Cricket & Recreation Club.

Having endured such a wet winter and spring, I'm certain everyone is longing for some sunshine and cricket.

As we look forward to the season, the club's junior section continues to flourish. We have more competing teams than ever before at ECRC, & more than any club within the local area.

This season the club has entered two teams at u9's, u11's, u13's, u15's & an u18's team, this will allow children of all ages & abilities to enjoy the sport.

The girls division is a huge source of pride for the club, a lot of effort and resource has been provided to support this section, with three age groups (u11's, u13's, u15's) all now with competitive league fixtures, we can say with confidence, we are the local hub in the area for girls cricket.

Throughout the summer, Friday evenings (6.30pm – 8pm) at the club cater for families. Juniors receive expert tuition from coaching staff, team managers and senior players, whilst parents can enjoy a drink and a pizza. It can get very busy, so get down early!

Allstars is back on the outfield for children aged 5-8 yrs, it continues to be very popular. Allstars is generally, a child's first introduction to cricket, most of our current junior players started the game by attending allstars on Fridays. We highly value this introductory programme, it is the foundation block into cricket that can shape a child's love for the game of cricket.

We are of course a Clubmark affiliated club.

Clubmark is an accreditation scheme for cricket clubs which demonstrates that a club is sustainable, well run & provides a great environment for its members.

It also means it is a safe, rewarding and fulfilling place for every age group, it should provide you with confidence that you & your family will have chosen the best cricket experience possible.

Without volunteers to help manage teams, allstars & coaching sessions the club would struggle to create this environment, we are so grateful for everything they do.

If your child is involved with one of our teams, you may be asked to help in some way, particularly on match nights, there is a lot to do for managers on these occasions, they are all volunteers, please be patient, considerate, and if possible helpful.

We are always looking for team scorers, umpires and support with transport, contact your child's team manager if you feel able to contribute.

Finally, could I remind both parents and players, we expect the very highest standards of behaviour both on and off the pitch, please read our players & members code of conduct, every member, player & spectator represents ECRC, the spirit of cricket comes before any result or action.

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I'm sure you & your family will enjoy the 2024 season with us.

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ECRC Junior Chairman.

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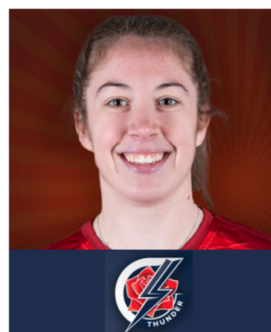
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Junior Teams

<u>Team</u>	<u>Programme Lead/ Coaches.</u>
All Stars	Programme Lead: Lee Walmsley (07921 003958)
Under 9 Bashers & Smashers.	Manager: Gail Whitlock (07977 800120)
Under 11	Team Manager: Dave Parkinson (07793 388403)
Under 11 B	Roger Tart (07738 134642) & James Thompson (07762 427974)
Under 13 A	Team Manager: Lee Walmsley (07921 003958) & Dave Parkinson (07793 388403)
Under 13 B	Team Manager: Chris Poole (07973 521108)
Under 15 A	Team Manager: Rob Winser (07872 675246)
Under 15 B	Team Manager: Dave Parkinson (07793 388403) & Denver
Under 18's	Team Manager: Chris Poole (07973 521108)
Girls Cricket	Team Manager Dave Parkinson (07793 388403) and Danielle Collins and Olivia Thomas

There will be two Under 11 teams , two Under 13 teams two Under 15 teams given the number of junior players in these age groups. One team for each age group will be more performance focused with the other teams having a greater focus on development. There will be One U18 team.

Selection for each match will be based on performance in previous matches and training as well as commitment, attitude and development. The Junior Committee and Managers will review selection periodically during the season.

We will be using the TeamApp as previous seasons to check availability and WhatsApp groups to confirm selection, venue and timing. If your child's availability changes, it is important that you let the team manager know as soon as possible.

Changing Facilities

When mixed gender junior teams are playing matches, young people will be required to change into batting gear within the segregated changing areas provided, e.g. umpire room etc. The team rooms will be used as the communal area for team briefing, storage etc.

Cancellations

Bad weather may occasionally cause practices and matches to be cancelled.

We will notify you as early as possible when this is the case and will try our utmost to get training and matches on.

Friday evening training may be delayed starting or cancelled due to the pitch and facility conditions. Parents and guardians are asked to make their own decisions on visiting the club, if they feel the conditions are not suitable for their child's participation.

Pathway into senior cricket

From Allstars, right through to representative cricket, senior League cricket and beyond, ECRC is motivated to provide all the necessary support and coaching any young player would need to progress to a level they feel is achievable.

Our investment in coaching and facilities are unrivalled locally, this, together with the commitment of our club to produce "home grown" players, ultimately to achieve a self-sustaining pool of local players, should instil confidence that any player, of any ability, age or gender can be as good as they want to be.

The club's recent junior successes over the last few seasons, twinned with our coaching support and management structure, suggest ECRC is the best place for young players with the potential to progress into the Inter-League and County team.

VISION/ VALUES/ SAFEGUARDING

Edgworth CRC's vision, values and approach to safeguarding are in line with the English Cricket Board

A generation inspired to say "cricket is a game for me".

Stronger As One Team – We are stronger together. We allow for individual strengths and beliefs, but head in the same direction. We respect, support and really listen to each other along the way.

Push New Boundaries – We are bold, brave and curious. We challenge and don't settle. We forge the future while remembering our roots.

Be The Best In the Game – On and off the pitch. – We train hard. We strive to be our best to help the team be the best. We celebrate our victories and learn from our let downs.

Passion For Play – We are here to inspire and be inspired. We are serious about what we do, but don't take ourselves seriously. We enjoy the journey and have fun.

Safeguarding Mission

We want everyone involved in the game to feel inspired to say "cricket is a game for me". We will continue to create an environment where children and adults can safely access and engage in cricket throughout England and Wales and ensure the robust and professional management of safeguarding concerns. The England and Wales Cricket Board has a legal duty to safeguard children and adults at risk. We recognise these groups have additional vulnerabilities that require a safeguarding framework to support them.

Our Key Principles of Safeguarding Strategy



In addition, the club has an anti-bullying policy shown on the following pages.

Please share any worries or concerns you have in any of these areas with the Club's Safeguarding Officer: Emma Walmsley safeguarding@edgworthcc.co.uk

Anti-Bullying

Statement of intent

ECRC is committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our children so they can train, and play, in a relaxed and secure atmosphere.

Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at our club. If bullying does occur, all children should be able to tell, and know, incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively. We are a TELLING club. This means anyone who knows bullying is happening is expected to tell someone who can do something about it.

What is bullying?

Bullying is the use of aggression with the intention of hurting another person. Bullying results in pain and distress to the victim.

- Emotional: being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting (for example: hiding kit, or making threatening gestures)
- Physical: pushing, kicking, hitting, punching or any use of violence
- Racist: racial taunts, graffiti and/or gestures
- Sexual: unwanted physical contact or sexually abusive comments
- Homophobic: because of, or focusing on, the issue of sexuality
- Verbal: name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours and teasing
- Cyber: bullying behaviour online or via electronic communication (email and text, social media etc) Misuse of associated technology, such as camera and video facilities.

Why is it important to respond to bullying?

Bullying hurts. No one should be a victim of bullying. Everyone has the right to be treated with respect. Children who are bullying also need to learn different ways of behaving. Cricket clubs have a responsibility to respond promptly, and effectively, to issues of bullying.

Objectives of this policy

- All adults and children at the club should have an understanding of what bullying is
- All officials, coaching and non-coaching staff should know what the club policy is on bullying, and follow it when bullying is reported
- All children and parents should know what the club policy is on bullying, and what they should do if bullying arises
- As a club, we take bullying seriously. Children and parents should be assured they will be supported when bullying is reported
- Bullying will not be tolerated

Signs and symptoms

A child may indicate, by signs or behaviour, that he or she is being bullied. Adults should be aware of signs and investigate if a child:

- Says they are being bullied
- Changes their usual routine
- Is unwilling to go to the club
- Becomes withdrawn anxious, or lacking in confidence
- Comes home with clothes torn or belongings damaged
- Has possessions which are damaged or go missing
- Asks for money or starts stealing money (to pay the bully)
- Has unexplained cuts or bruises
- Is frightened to say what's wrong
- Gives improbable excuses for any of the above

In more extreme cases, the child:

- Starts stammering
- Cries themselves to sleep at night or has nightmares
- Becomes aggressive, disruptive or unreasonable
- Is bullying other children or siblings
- Stops eating
- Attempts or threatens suicide or runs away
- These signs and behaviours could indicate other problems, but bullying is a possibility and should be investigated.

Procedures

- Report bullying incidents to the Club Welfare Officer
- In cases of serious bullying, the incidents will be reported to the ECB Safeguarding Team for advice via the County Welfare Officer
- Parents should be informed and invited to a meeting to discuss the problem
- If necessary, and appropriate, police will be consulted
- The bullying behaviour or threats of bullying must be investigated and the bullying stopped quickly
- Attempts will be made to help the bully (bullies) to change their behaviour
- In cases of adults reported to be bullying cricketers under 18, the ECB must always be informed and will advise on action to be taken.

Prevention

We will use 'Kidscape' recommended methods to help children prevent bullying.

- Developing a children's code of conduct (see guidance in 'Safe hands')
- Agreeing behaviour contracts
- Having discussions about bullying and why it matters

Additional volunteer roles and responsibilities

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For the cricket section to function effectively, the following roles must be filled:

Foundation coaches;

umpires;

scorers;

Junior team managers and adult team captains.

The ECB provide insightful and thought-provoking courses that are accessible and not onerous to complete.

Please contact juniorcricket@edgworthcc.co.uk if you are interested.

With seven league playing sides, we still require more to join our ranks. The roles are rewarding and you will be giving back to a thriving club and be an integral part of your team.

Even if you are not able to take on one of the above roles, we would encourage parents/carers to help out on match days by supporting the team manager with the following:

- Removing and replacing pitch covers
- Setting up the boundary and wicket
- Assisting and supporting the scorer

Junior Committee

The Junior committee consists of: Denver Thornton (Chair), Jon Gosling, Dave Parkinson, Emma Walmsley and Rob Winser

Club feedback policy

The club welcomes feedback which the Junior Committee will regularly review.

If you would like to give or ask for specific feedback, the player/parent/guardian may contact the following:

In the first instance, your relevant team manager, followed by juniorcricket@edgworthcc.co.uk

Player's code of conduct

Please can parents/carers read the following player's code of conduct, discuss this with their child and support them in maintaining this.

The purpose of the code of conduct is to establish a common understanding for young players, parents/carers, coaches and team managers with regard to expected player behaviours, and the actions that coaches, officials and team managers may take during training and match days representing Edgworth Cricket Club.

All young players attending training and matches are expected to:

- Arrive and depart on time
- Sign in and out with the relevant team manager
- Focus on the cricket
- Remain on and around the pitch or clubhouse for the duration of training or matches. The adjacent woods and park are strictly out of bounds during these periods
- Listen attentively to the instructions and safety advice offered. It is disrespectful to the coach, team manager and other players if a player talks over or interrupts while instructions or coaching is being given
- Perform the warm ups, drills, exercises and games, as instructed by the captain, team manager or coach. This extends to batting order, bowling order and field placement during match days
- Help to set-up the field pre-game and clear away when requested
- Be polite to, and respectful of, all players, parents/guardians, team managers and coaches
- Display respect to match officials, the rules of play and encourage fair play
- Voice any worries or concerns that they might have to their coach, team manager, to juniocricket@edgworthcc.co.uk or the Club's Safeguarding Officer: Emma Walmsley safeguarding@edgworthcc.co.uk
- Abide by the club's anti-bullying policy.

Parent's/Carer's charter

At Edgworth Cricket Club, parents/carers play an important role in a young player's cricket development. Our coaches strive to create a rapport with parents and support their child's needs as best as possible.

Please read the statement below for guidance on how best to support the cricketing development of the team, your child and the club.

We ask all parents/carers to:

- Encourage your child to learn and play within the rules and the spirit of cricket
- Ask your child how you can best support their development regularly
- Accept and encourage mistakes, allowing the player to think independently
- Help your child to recognise good performances by all team members
- Publicly accept the judgements of the officials
- Don't compare
- Use correct, proper and constructive language at all time
- Endorse feedback from the team manager and coaches on player development

Membership Details for 2023

The club charges membership fees to provide opportunities for all people to play cricket. The membership fee contributes to the running costs of the club including training and matches. The membership rates are as follows:

All stars: £20 - paid through ECB website

Juniors (summer) 10-19: £50

Juniors (winter nets and summer) 10-19: £75

Girls winter nets: £25

Net Bookings

Maximum Net Numbers

Based on our risk assessment and guidance from the ECB, the club will have the following maximum number of participants in coaching sessions:

New Nets: 6 in each lane

Astroturf Nets: 10 on each artificial wicket

Open Space: 16

Reserved Nights

Mondays: Amal's training sessions (from 6pm)

Tuesdays: Senior, U18s, and U15s squads (from 5pm)

Thursdays: Girls team and Taverner's team (from 6pm)

Friday: Junior Cricket practice (from 6pm)

Bookings

Occasionally, ECRC coaches will book the nets outside the usual 'reserved nights.' When this happens, the coach's session will have priority.

If it is not a 'reserved night' or coach's session, the nets can be used on a first come first serve basis by members and players of Edgworth CRC.

For coaches who wish to use the nets and are not affiliated with the club, there is a £30 booking fee (plus £10 for use of our bowling machine.) To book, please arrange with the club.