



## Junior Cricket

# 2023 Junior Handbook

# Welcome

Welcome to Edgworth Cricket & Recreation Club (ECRC).

We are very proud of our club, its history, its achievements and our position within the local community.

Cricket is obviously at the forefront of what the club is about, but more than that, we like to think we are a hub for the local people of Edgworth.

With the adventure park, multi-use games area, nature trail, bowling green, bar and pizza hut, the club offers a unique setting for families to enjoy.

The club was established in 1902, the junior section arriving some 80 years later.

In those intervening years we have become a local centre of excellence for young cricketers to hone their skills and develop a love for the game, in a safe, friendly environment.

This season we will have over 120 children playing in ten junior teams, competing in local leagues in age groups from 9-15.

The role of the junior section is to allow children to enjoy cricket by creating an environment that is;

**Inclusive** - cricket is a game for everyone

**Fun** - cricket is enjoyable

**Team** - cricket is a team sport

**Develop** - cricket challenges you to improve

The club is Clubmark approved.

Clubmark is an accreditation scheme for cricket clubs which shows that a club is sustainable, well run and provides the right environment for its members. Clubmark accreditation also means the club is recognised as a safe, rewarding and fulfilling place for participants of all ages, as well as assuring parents and carers that they are choosing the right option for their young people

The junior section of the club is largely run by volunteers together with professional coaches. Our volunteers spend many hours of their own time helping the development of cricket, young people and the club. Please bear this in mind, and if possible, get involved or help when you can, you'll probably find it very rewarding.

If you do find an issue that you think needs addressing, contact me at [juniocricket@ecrc.co.uk](mailto:juniocricket@ecrc.co.uk)

Lastly, win, lose or draw, enjoy the cricket season with us, let's hope the sun shines.

Denver Thornton – *Junior Cricket Chairman ECRC*

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# Junior Teams

<u>Team</u>	<u>Programme Lead/ Coaches.</u>
<b>All Stars</b>	Programme Lead: Lee Walmsley (07921 003958)
<b>Under 9 Bashers.</b>	Manager: Roger Tart (07738 134642)
<b>Under 9 Smashers.</b>	Manager: James Thompson (07762 427974)
<b>Under 9's</b>	Coaching Programme Lead: tbc
<b>Under 11A</b>	Team Manager: Dave Parkinson (07793 388403)
<b>Under 11 B</b>	Team Manager: Lee Walmsley (07921 003958)
<b>Under 11's</b>	Coaching Programme Lead: tbc
<b>Under 13 A</b>	Team Manager: Rob Winser (07872 675246)
<b>Under 13 B</b>	Team Manager: Dave Parkinson (07793 388403)
<b>Under 13's</b>	Coaching Programme Lead: tbc
<b>Under 15</b>	Team Manager: Warren Bainbridge (07599 278569)
	Coaching Programme Lead: tbc
<b>Under 18's</b>	No U18 for 2023 season
<b>Girls Cricket</b>	Team Manager Dave Parkinson (07793 388403) and Danielle Collins Lead Coach: tbc

There will be two Under 11 teams and two Under 13 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.

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

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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

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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

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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 which is available on the club website.

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](mailto:safeguarding@edgworthcc.co.uk)

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:juniorcricket@edgworthcc.co.uk)

# Player's code of conduct

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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](mailto:juniocricket@edgworthcc.co.uk) or the Club's Safeguarding Officer: Emma Walmsley [safeguarding@edgworthcc.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@edgworthcc.co.uk)
- Abide by the club's anti-bullying policy.



# Parent's/Carer's charter

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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

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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

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### **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.