



Chingford Cricket Club

Colts Membership Information Pack

Season 2023





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1. Introduction

Chingford Cricket Club is proud to be a family friendly inclusive club with a passion for developing youth cricket in the local community. The Club plays at the highest amateur level in the Hamro Foundation Essex Premier League. Our aim is to give as many young people as possible the opportunity to grow and develop as confident young people through learning and playing cricket in a safe and encouraging environment.

The Club has a well-established Colts section, with a long, successful and proud history. In recent years, the Colts section has seen a significant growth. This Colts Membership Information Pack seeks to provide parents and carers with all the information needed to join the Club for the 2023 season.

Many people are involved to ensure that the Club is run in a professional manner. The Club have a team of ECB qualified and dedicated coaches which aims to inspire and teach your child(ren) the great game of cricket. The coaching team is supported by a Colts Committee, which is made up of parents and other volunteers who assist with the overall running of the Colts section.

The Club is accredited as a Clubmark club by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and it also abides by the ECB's 'Safe Hands' safeguarding policy, which demonstrates that the Club takes the issue of child welfare seriously.

The Club is extremely proud that in recent years former Colts Members have progressed to playing cricket at the highest international level. For example, Dan Lawrence has recently represented England at Test level, while Beth Macgregor has represented England Woman.

After a long winter, the Club is looking forward to another successful Summer of cricket in 2023.



2. What Chingford Colts Section Offers?

The Colts section offers cricket training and matches to children from age 7 (school year 3) to 16 years old (school year 11). The Club enters at least one team at U9, U11, U13, U15 and U16 age groups. Depending on ability and confidence, from the age of 13 (school year 8), Colts can also progress to train and play for the Club's adult teams. Matches are a mix of league games, cup competitions and friendlies. During the winter, the Club also enters teams into indoor leagues.

For children under the age of 11 (school year 6), the Club also runs the All Stars and Dynamos programmes during the middle part of the Summer (<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>). These are 'beginner' courses, with the focus on basic cricket skills aimed at introducing children to cricket. While run by the Club's coaching staff, these courses are separate from the Colts section and you will need to sign up via the web address above for these courses. However, the aim is for children to progress from these courses to join the main Colts section. Please contact Mark Campbell (see section 11 – Key Club Contacts), for more details if All Stars and/or Dynamos may better suit your child.

The Club may arrange Cricket Camps for all age groups and abilities during school holidays. Cricket tours may also be organised.

As Colts Members, the Club's training facilities are available for use throughout the year, which extend to the outdoor and indoor nets to the rear of the Clubhouse. Outside of formal Club training sessions, there is a small charge for use of indoor nets (to cover the cost of heating/lighting) and use is subject to availability and by appointment only.

The Club has seen recent growth in girls playing cricket, attracted through the All Stars and Dynamos programmes. Girls can and have successfully played alongside boys in mixed teams. In formal competitions girls are allowed to play in age groups two years below their actual age (e.g. an under 13 year old girl can play alongside under 11 year old boys). The Club recognise that this is not for everyone and we provide and cater for differing requirements. The Club offers separate training for girls and enters girls teams into various female only tournaments throughout the season to further add to their development.

The Club prides itself on being a social, friendly and family orientated club. As part of your child joining as a Colts Member, parents and carers will also get free social membership to the Club. The Club organises a range of social events throughout the year. Further information on events will be provided throughout the season.



3. Our Club Philosophy to Youth Cricket

The Club believe that our Colts Members are an essential part of our Club and are vital to both its present and future success.

The Club aims to do all we can to encourage our Colts and make them feel a valued part of the Club, irrespective of their age, race, gender, religion or level of ability.

The Club expects that Colts should be able to enjoy their cricket and develop their abilities to their full potential in a safe and encouraging environment. The Club wants our Colts to develop a lifelong love and passion for cricket.

The Club wants the skills that our Colts Members learn playing cricket to also help them develop as confident young people. The Club wants our Colts to build strong friendships with fellow Colts Members and the wider Club community.

At U9 and U11 age groups, teams are selected on a rotational basis, depending upon availability, ensuring that as many Colts Members as possible experience regular competitive cricket. The aim is to play friendly cricket so that our Colts Members can experience game situations and develop their skills and knowledge of cricket. From U13, depending on availability, individual performances are also taken into consideration when selecting teams for league and cup matches. Winning isn't everything, but we want our young players to be able to take pleasure in success.

The Club's aim is for Colts Members to progress through the various age groups and eventually play for one of our six adult teams. Our track record shows that if your child demonstrates a high level of ability, the Club will identify this and provide pathways towards potential District and County representation. Several of our current Colts play at District and County levels, as well as representing the Club.



4. The Club's Expectations and Code of Conduct

The Club expect Colts Members and parents (and their families) to behave in a reasonable and sociable way when at or when representing the Club. On joining the Club, Colts Members and parents sign up to the Chingford Cricket Club Colts and Parents Code of Conduct set out below. Please take the time to read through this section with your child to ensure they are clear on the Club's standards.

- Colts Members and parents/carers must respect officials (league, board and Club), coaches and team representatives and their decisions;
- Colts Members must play within the rules of the game, and play the game in accordance with the MCC 'Spirit of Cricket';
- Colts Members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of age, race, gender, religion or level of ability;
- Colts Members should treat their coaches with respect and are expected to listen and behave responsibly during training and matches;
- Colts Members must respect their teammates and opponents. Verbal abuse, taunting or any other form of bullying or violence is not acceptable;
- Colts Members should keep to agreed timings for matches and training or inform their coach and Team Representative in good time if they are going to be late or are unable to attend;
- Colts Members must pay any membership or training fees promptly;
- Mobile phones should not be used during training sessions or matches. Mobile phones should be stored in a safe and secure place whilst on Club premises. The Club are not responsible for any loss or damage to mobile phones (or similar devices);
- Colts Members are not allowed to smoke on Club premises or whilst representing the Club;
- Colts Members are not allowed to consume alcohol or illegal drugs of any kind on the Club premises or whilst representing the Club;
- Only alcoholic drinks purchased from the Club's bar can be consumed on the premises. Parents/carers are expected to drink alcohol responsibly;
- Drinks in glasses/glass bottles should not be taken onto the playing area and should remain outside of the boundary fence;
- Parents/carers of children under the age of 11 are expected to stay on site during Colts training or nominate another responsible adult (notifying coaches of this);
- Parent/carers should communicate on the team WhatsApp groups (and other social media formats) in a polite and respectful manner and respond to requests for information promptly;



- Parents/carers of children under the age of 11 are expected to accompany their children to matches or nominate another responsible adult (notifying coaches/Team Representatives of this, whether playing at home or away);
- Parents/carers of children under the age of 9 are expected to remain close to the area where their children are being coached/playing;
- Parents/carers are responsible for arranging transport for their children, should this be necessary;
- Exterior equipment at the Club is not to be played on at any time (e.g. sight screens, mobile nets, outdoor nets, roller);
- Family members are very welcome at the ground during matches and training, but young children not participating in training are the responsibility of parents/carers and are expected to abide by the same rules;
- Dogs are also welcome on Club premises. However, owners are responsible for their behaviour, including clearing up of dog mess. Dogs should be strictly controlled at all times on Club premises, particularly around young children.
- The nets need to be treated with care. Full safety playing equipment should be used at all times in the nets, when using a hard ball. Colts must not be in the nets unaccompanied, parents/coach must be present at all times. When using the nets outside Club training times, the Club takes no responsibility for your child's safety. Chingford teams and coaches have first call on the lanes.

In order to support the coaching staff at the Club, parents and carers are encouraged to:

- Learn the laws/playing conditions of cricket;
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials;
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results;
- Never force your child to take part;
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all;
- Publicly accept officials' judgement;
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their cricket; and
- Use correct and proper language at all times.

In line with ECB policy, all coaches will hold a valid DBS check, First Aid certificate and will be trained in the safeguarding and protection of children. Other members of the Club who have regular contact with youth members will also hold a valid DBS check.

Parents/carers are asked to ensure that coaches are made aware before coaching sessions or matches of any medical condition which might affect their child's performance or which might require specific attention (e.g. asthma), or of any injury which may prevent a child from taking part in elements of coaching (e.g. sprain).



5. Matches and Training Sessions

Each age group/team will be assigned a qualified team coach to focus on developing individual players skills, team tactics and team spirit. Team coaches will lead on team selection, in consultation with the Head Coach. Each age group will also have a Team Representative (see section 11 – Key Club Contacts), who are volunteers to help with team administration and communication.

Matches are generally played on Sunday mornings each week from end of April – early September, 9am for a 9.30am start. Games are played both home and away. Home games are generally played at Chingford Cricket Ground or Parmiters Sports Ground. Away games are generally within the East London and West Essex area (e.g. the furthest we travelled last season was Hornchurch). Matches generally last 2 – 2.5 hours. Scorecards and results of matches are posted on www.chingford.play-cricket.com.

Due to the increased number of Colts and the need to provide more playing opportunities, matches will also be arranged on Wednesday evenings during high summer. Further details will be provided during the course of the season.

The Club will also run a 5th XI, which will be a Colts development team. This team will play at adult level, but will be a mix of adult and older Colts players. It will act as a ‘stepping stone’ in a Colt’s development towards adult cricket. Colts (aged 13 and older) will be selected for the team based on ability and commitment in consultation with head and team coaches and the Club’s Chairman of Cricket.

U9

U9 matches are played with a soft ball and are 8v8, with each side bowling a maximum 16 overs. Each player bowls a minimum 2 overs.

At U9 all matches are friendlies played using ‘Terriers rules’. These rules basically mean that each team starts on 200 with the aim to score as many runs as possible. Batters are paired and bat for a maximum 4 overs. If a batter gets ‘out’ during their four overs, they do not leave the field, rather they switch ends with their batting partner and continue to bat. However, each ‘out’ results in the team being deducted 5 runs. Wides and no balls count as two runs and are not rebowled (other than in the final over). The format is designed to enable all players get a fair go at batting, bowling and fielding during each match. It should also be noted that there are no LBWs in Terriers format.



U11

U11 matches are played with a hard ball and are 8v8, with each side bowling a maximum 16 overs. Each player bowls a minimum 2 overs. Friendly matches are usually played using 'Terriers rules' (see above) and may involve more players per side. U11 play in a league competition during June and July. These matches are played using traditional rules i.e. when you're out, you're out. However, a batter must retire if they score 25 runs (but can return if the team is bowled out). Wides and no balls count as two runs and are not rebowled (other than in the final over). Should the team be successful and finish in the qualifying positions, they will progress to the final 'knock out' stages of the tournament which is played in September. If the team is unsuccessful, friendly fixtures will be scheduled instead. It should also be noted that there are no LBWs in either Terriers or U11 League format.

U13

U13 matches are played with a hard ball and are 11v11, with each side bowling a maximum 20 overs. Bowlers can bowl a maximum of 3 overs each. Batters will retire at 30 and cannot return. Coaches may retire batters before this in order to give other players an opportunity. Friendly matches are usually played using 'Terriers rules' (see above) whilst league matches are played using 'traditional rules', (other than wides and no balls counted as two runs and not rebowled). The LBW rule is applied at this level.

U15/U16

U15 matches are played with a hard ball and are 11v11, with each side bowling a maximum 20 overs. Bowlers are permitted a maximum of 4 overs. Batters retire at 30 and do not return. These conditions may be varied in friendly matches by agreement. Otherwise 'traditional rules' apply. U16 are entered into a 40 over competition during mid to late summer.

Summer Outdoor Training

The Head Coach will lead and oversee Colts training and deliver it with the Club's coaching team. The Colts train as individual squads every Wednesday and Friday evenings at the Club. These sessions should be attended as often as practically possible, as they are a key part of the team's development. Summer outdoor training will start on Friday 22nd April 2022 and continue through to mid September.



Friday - Training Times

U9, U11 and U13 - 5.45 pm – 7pm.

U15/U16 – 7.15pm – 8.30pm

A second training session at the Club will take place on Wednesday evenings starting Wednesday 27th April 2022.

Wednesday - Training Times

U11 and U13 – 6 pm – 7 pm.

U15/16 – 7 pm – 8 pm.

All training sessions are led by the Club's Head Coach Hassan Malik and the Club's qualified coaching team. The cost is £5 per child per session and is paid on a pay as you play basis. If it rains before or during the session, whilst not ideal, sessions may be moved into the indoor cricket nets at the rear of the Clubhouse.

Hassan Malik also provides private coaching sessions. If you are interested, please contact him for further information (see section 11 – Key Club Contacts)

The Club will communicate Winter training plans at the end of the season.



6. Player Availability

As cricket is played over the Summer months, players availability can vary, particularly during the holiday periods. The Club hope to be able to have squads large enough at each age level to be able to cover absentees, so that we can successfully field a team each weekend.

At the start of the season, the Club will ask you to provide details of your child's availability throughout the Summer (as far as is possible). This will enable us to manage squads over the course of the season. While the Club appreciates that availability can change, it is extremely helpful if parents are able to advise on unavailability well ahead of scheduled matches to minimise potential cancelation of fixtures.

Depending on squad numbers, we may need to rotate players from time to time, to ensure each Colt Member gets sufficient game time to enable them to develop and improve their cricket skills over the course of the season. The aim would be to marry squad rotation with planned absentees/holidays etc, so Colts Members can play in as many matches as possible.



7. Membership Fees and Instructions for Joining

Colts membership of Chingford Cricket Club costs £85 per child per year (16 years and under – up to school year 11). This fee includes membership of the Club, the cost of matches (excluding indoor matches in the Winter) and a club training shirt.

Training sessions are an additional cost, as set out in section 5.

Indoor matches played during the Winter are £5 per child per match.

As part of your child joining as a Colts Member, parents and carers will also get free Social Membership to the Club.

All Colts Members should sign up and pay fees before or on 22nd April 2022.

Please note that Colts Members will not be selected for matches or receive the training kit until the Club has received formal payment.

You can sign up and pay your membership directly to the Club, through the website using the following link:

<https://membermojo.co.uk/chingford>

If you have more than one child per family signing up, the Club provide a sibling discount. The discounted fee for siblings is £60 per additional child. You must have one signed up 'full paying' child to qualify. Please sign up as normal using the Membermojo link above. However, please 'tick' the sibling discount option on the Colts membership form. When it comes to payment, please select 'Pay Offline' or 'Pay Cash' options. An administrator will check the details and apply the discounted membership fee where it is clear a 'full paying' sibling has already signed up. You will then be able to make payment using any of the options available. Please note that you will need to use a different email address per sibling when signing up, which is an unfortunate quirk of our system.

Training fees can be paid online by using the following details:

Sort Code: 20-52-74
Account Number: 53361063
Name: Chingford Cricket Club

Please reference your child's name so that the Club can identify your payment.



Cash and card payments are also accepted and should be paid at the beginning of each training session when registering your child's attendance.

The Club relies heavily on payment of training fees to help fund the Colts cricketing activities. The Club will keep a record of training payments. Please make every effort to promptly pay your child's training fees each time they attend.

The Club wishes to ensure that the cost of membership is not an obstacle to anyone who wishes to play cricket. If your child(ren)/someone in your household is receiving certain benefits, the Club has a fund which may entitle your child(ren) to receive support in payment of membership fees, match fees, training sessions and cricket kit/equipment. The application form provides more details of the necessary requirements and selection criteria. Application forms have been emailed to all existing Colts Members parents/careers and can also be found in hard copy in the Clubhouse.

If your child(ren)/someone in your household is receiving certain benefits, please complete the required application form and provide the required evidence to demonstrate how you qualify. Please sign up as normal using the Membermojo link above, but when it comes to payment, please select 'pay offline' or 'cash'. Then, upload your application form and supporting evidence to your Membermojo account on the 'Your Membership' page. The Club will then review your application and if successful credit your Membermojo account as appropriate.

Please note that applications for concessionary memberships must be received by the Club no later than 31st March 2023. Funding is limited, so late submissions may result in applications being unsuccessful.

If you have any questions regarding applying for discounted memberships, please liaise in confidence with Anita Murphie either via the Colts email address chingfordcccolts@gmail.com or Tel: 07837642675.

The Club reserves the right to restrict numbers within age groups to ensure that the coach to children ratio is adhered to and the Club reserves the right to refuse admission to new Colts Members at any point during the season. The demand for Colts Membership is growing across all age groups. Therefore, please sign up at your earliest convenience to enable the Club to be able prepare sufficiently for the new season and enable us to be able manage and allocate resources to meet demand and avoid potential disappointment.



8. Kit, Equipment and Safety

All Colts Members should wear whites for matches. Unfortunately, due to rising costs, the Club cannot provide a set of Club whites on signing up this year. It is the Club's strong preference that Colts wear Club whites. Club whites provided or purchased in previous years can still be worn this year. However, new Club whites can be purchased through the Club's website or by following the link below:

<https://www.kitlocker.com/ccshop/club/chingfordcc>

Nike is the Club's new kit manufacturer. Please note that purchasing through the Club's website (or link above) means that you will receive a 20% discount on the original price. Please note that youth sizes are cheaper than the prices first shown on the website. The prices will lower when selecting youth sizes. The Club is advised that orders take approximately 3-4 weeks to arrive, so please bear this in mind if ordering kit ahead of the new season.

Club training kit (a Club training shirt is provided on signing up as Colts Members) and other non-whites sportswear can be worn for training sessions.

U9

U9's play with a soft ball. However, it is recommended that Colts Members bring their own bat, batting gloves and abdominal protector (box).

U11, U13, U15, U16

All of the above age groups play with a hard ball. This means Colts Members will be required to wear the appropriate protective equipment. Protective equipment should include bat, leg pads, thigh pad, abdominal protector (box), batting gloves, helmet. This is best contained and transported in a cricket bag/coffin.

Most Colts prefer to use their own equipment. However, the Club understand that a full set of equipment can be expensive and we do not want potential players being put off by this expense. The Club will therefore provide a spare set of equipment (except for whites and abdominal protector) for each age group so that individuals can use as necessary. Spikes (cricket shoes/trainers) are also recommended. As games start early, overnight rain/morning dew can make the outfields wet and therefore slippery. Spikes help to avoid slipping.

If you have any questions or need any advice on equipment, please don't hesitate to ask either the coaching team or a Team Representatives (see section 11 – Key Club Contacts).



9. Volunteering, Parents/Carers Support and Fundraising/Sponsorship

As with all well organised sports teams, parents/carers help and support is vital. While it is important for you to help your child through the emotional highs and lows of the season, in practical terms, the Club also needs help to ensure the season runs smoothly. The Club always welcomes additional help with running the training sessions, organising matches or other social events. Indeed, the Colts section would not be able to function without parent involvement.

For example, the Club need to provide one umpire and scorer for each match. For home games, the pitch needs to be set up and marked out (and packed away after). Players may need a lift to games from time to time.

If you are able or willing to score or umpire in particular, please let us know. If you are a novice or need a refresh, the Club are happy to provide help and support. For example, the Club will run free training/refresher courses for parents/carers over the season.

The Club also frequently needs volunteers on Friday training evenings to collect monies, assist with barbecue duty or running the Club bar.

If you are interested in helping with coaching, please contact Head Coach Hassan Malik (see section 11 – Key Club Contacts). The Club can provide help and support if parents/carers are interested in gaining formal cricket coaching qualifications.

The aim would be to have as many volunteers as possible, so that responsibilities and tasks can be shared. Therefore, please contact the Colts Committee Chairman, a Team Representative or any of the coaching team if you can help in any way (see section 11 – Key Club Contacts).

All help and support, no matter how small, is valued and welcomed!

Fundraising and Sponsorship

The Club is always seeking to fundraise and generate sponsorship to develop and improve the Colts Section. If you have any fundraising ideas or are willing to sponsor an aspect of the Colts Section, please contact the Colts Committee Chairman or a Team Representative (see section 11 – Key Club Contacts). The Club will provide details and updates of fundraising events and activities which require support throughout the course of the year.



10. Social Membership

As part of your child joining as a Colts Member, parents and carers also get free Social Membership to the Club. The Club appreciate that joining is a major commitment for both Colts and parents/carers. Given this, the Club aim to create an environment where parents/carers also enjoy coming to the Club as much as their children. To facilitate this, the Club organise a range of social events throughout the season for new and existing Colts Members.

Events can vary from BBQs, to quiz nights, to watching major sports events in the Club bar and parent/carers vs kids matches etc. Further information on events will be provided during the course of the season. Any ideas about different events you would like to see are more than welcome.

However, the main social event is the Friday club training night. The Club bar is open and parents and carers can enjoy some peace and quiet with a drink (hopefully in the warm sunshine) while their child plays cricket. This is very popular and a great way to get to know fellow parents and relax with friends at the start of the weekend.

There are competitive adult matches every Saturday and most Sunday afternoons are you are more than welcome to come along to support the Club or simply appreciate some sporting action in pleasant surroundings.

If you are interested in playing cricket (perhaps after many years!), the Club also welcome new playing members. The Club run six adult teams, so if you are interested playing competitively or would prefer a more social game, the Club can cater for all needs. Please contact either Hassan Malik or Mark Campbell for more information.



11. Key Club Contacts

Head Coach - Hassan Malik - Tel: 07951242393

Coach – Mark Campbell – Tel: 07958021005

U16 Team Representative Ronak Shah – Tel: 07846209960

U15 Team Representative: Mark Campbell – Tel: 07958021005

U13 Team Representative: Candice Smith – Tel: 07548268168

U11 Team Representative: Altus Basson – Tel: 07922863519

U9 Team Representative: James Pilley – Tel: 07787191667

Other contacts:

Colts Committee Chairman: Ian Butcher – Tel: 07763174391

Club Safeguarding Officer: Mark Campbell – Tel: 07958021005

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Website: <https://chingford.cricketclubwebsite.co.uk/default.aspx>

Twitter: @Chingford_CC

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/chingfordcc/>

Club Tel: 020 8529 5849

Home Grounds: Forest Side, Kimberley Way, E4 6DE or Parmiters Sports Ground, 102a Nelson Road, E4 9AS

Team Representatives will usually communicate with parents and carers via individual team WhatsApp groups in relation to fixtures and team specific matters. The Club also have a Colts Members WhatsApp group for more general communication. The Club will also issue Colts Newsletters during the season providing regular updates, Club news and highlighting future events.