



# NORTHWOOD CRICKET CLUB

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## YOUTH SECTION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL PACK 2024

### Dear Parents & Guardians

### Welcome to the Northwood Cricket Club Youth Section - 2024 Season

This Membership Application/Renewal pack describes the coaching and match programme that Northwood Cricket Club (NCC) Youth Section will provide for the 2024 season. It includes;

- ❖ Section 1: Indoor / Outdoor Coaching & Match Play Programme;
- ❖ Section 2: Membership Renewal Package;
- ❖ Section 3: Club Objectives and Standards.

**\*\*\*New for the 2024 Season\*\*\***

### Explanation of Policy - Age Groups & Training:

- Strictly all children will be allocated to the indoor nets sessions per their academic school years.
- The Head Coach (in conjunction with the Lead Coaches) will review the ability of all children during the indoor nets sessions.
- At the end of the indoor nets sessions the Head Coach (in conjunction with the Lead Coaches) will decide if any child needs to relocate to an alternate age group. *Note: This may be younger or older age groups.*
- Parents / Guardians will be notified by the Head Coach if their child(ren) is to move allocated age groups in early April 2024 - ready for their child(ren) to attend the appropriate outdoor training session and be allocated to the correct Teamer Group.
- The Head Coaches decision is final.
- Parents / Guardians are requested not to petition movement of their child(ren) either with the Head Coach, Lead Coaches or Youth Section Secretary.
- The above process is in place for the 2024 season for all children (irrespective of any previous allocations) and is none negotiable.
- In advance of applying for NCC Youth Section Membership, Parents / Guardians should check Section 1 to ensure their child(ren) are free to attend their allocated nets training sessions based on their school academic year group. Movement of age group will not be permitted due to clashes of schedule.
- Politely, if Parents / Guardians do not agree to accept and abide by the above they should seek alternative cricket provision for their child for the 2024 season. This explanation is provided to ensure a consistent and fair approach for all of NCC's youth section cricketers.

**Kit Update:**

The 2024 subscription fee includes provision of a NCC Training Top for all age groups.

*Note: NCC hold a small stock of NCC branded Match Tops which are available to purchase for £25 from the Youth Section Secretary. The wearing of school-logo branded club tops for NCC competitive match play is not permitted.*

**Group Communications:**

For the 2024 season all Coaches will be using Teamer as their preferred method of communication with parents and guardians. All parents and guardians will be required to download the Teamer App, links for which will be provided just prior to the outdoor training sessions commencing (April 2024).

**NCC Youth Section Membership Weekend:**

The NCC Youth Section Membership Weekend will be held in January 2024 (date TBC). All children with confirmed NCC Youth Section Membership (Membership Forms submitted and Membership Fees paid) will be invited to attend and collect their NCC Training Tops in advance of the indoor nets sessions commencing.

**Inclement Weather:**

Indoor (nets) and outdoor training sessions will commence later in 2024 to try and avoid periods of inclement weather that resulted in the cancelling of training sessions at the start of the 2023 outdoor season. However, all sessions will be subject to review by the Head Coach / Lead Coaches and will only proceed if conditions are deemed safe. There will be no refunds provided for cancelled sessions due to inclement weather.

**Parent / Guardian Support:**

In line with the Club Objectives & Standards, Parents and Guardians are requested to arrive at all fixtures 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time (unless notified otherwise by the Team Manager). Parents and Guardians should support the Coaches by helping to set up for match play, scoring etc. and ensuring that, if not staying to watch the game, they arrive in good time to collect their child(ren).

## Section 1: Indoor / Outdoor Coaching & Match Play Programme

### Indoor Coaching – Nets, 2024:

Age Group	U6/U7/U8 Academic School Yrs 1/2/3	U9/U10 Academic School Yrs 4/5	U11/U12 Academic School Yrs 6/7	U13 Academic School Yr 8
Day	Sunday	Saturday	Saturday	Sunday
Time	1-2pm	1-2pm	12-1pm	3-4pm
Dates (2024)	4 <sup>th</sup> February to 24 <sup>th</sup> March	3 <sup>rd</sup> February to 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	3 <sup>rd</sup> February to 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	4 <sup>th</sup> February to 24 <sup>th</sup> March
Lead Coach	Keith Wallis Indy Thavendrarajah Hetal Shah	Kedar Gharpure Satish Halai	Nirav Dumaswala Nigel Hussey Arjun Riyait	Chris Heuston Stuart Hutchinson
Support Coaches	Older Colts	Karun Kapoor	TBC	Shahil Shah Shantonu Chundur Dhaval Soni
Venue	Haydon School - Wiltshire Lane, HA5 2LX			
Age Group	U14/U15 Academic School Yrs 9/10			
Day	Sunday			
Time	2-3pm			
Dates (2024)	4 <sup>th</sup> February to 24 <sup>th</sup> March			
Lead Coach	Richard Rockliffe Ram Nandiraju Pav Birah			
Support Coaches	Amit Kale Kiran Shetty Richard Brooker			
Venue	Haydon School - Wiltshire Lane, HA5 2LX			

### Outdoor Coaching – Summer Term, 2024:

Age Group	U6/U7/U8 Academic School Yrs 1/2/3	U9/U10 Academic School Yrs 4/5	U11/U12 Academic School Yrs 6/7	U13 Academic School Yr 8
Day	Sunday	Saturday	Friday	Friday
Time	9.30-11am	9.30-11am	6.30-8pm	5-6.30pm
Dates (2024)	14 <sup>th</sup> April to 21 <sup>st</sup> July	13 <sup>th</sup> April to 20 <sup>th</sup> July	12 <sup>th</sup> April to 19 <sup>th</sup> July	12 <sup>th</sup> April to 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Lead Coach	Keith Wallis Indy Thavendrarajah Hetal Shah	Kedar Gharpure Satish Halai	Nirav Dumaswala Nigel Hussey Arjun Riyait	Chris Heuston Stuart Hutchinson
Support Coaches	Older Colts	Karun Kapoor	TBC	Shahil Shah Shantonu Chundur Dhaval Soni
Venue	Northwood Cricket Club – Ducks Hill Road / Rickmansworth Road, HA6 2NP			
Age Group	U14/U15 Academic School Yrs 9/10			
Day	Sunday			
Time	11-12.30pm			
Dates (2024)	14 <sup>th</sup> April to 21 <sup>st</sup> July			
Lead Coach	Richard Rockliffe Ram Nandiraju Pav Birah			
Support Coaches	Amit Kale Kiran Shetty Richard Brooker			
Venue	Northwood Cricket Club – Ducks Hill Road / Rickmansworth Road, HA6 2NP			

## Match Play:

Competitive (hard ball) match cricket in the Middlesex Colts Association League has been arranged for the 2024 season for the following groups: U10A, U10B, U11, U13A, U13B and U15.

Age Group	U10A	U10B	U11	U13A	U13B	U15
Summer Match Days	Sunday 10.00hrs	Sunday 10.00hrs	Monday 18.00hrs	Tuesday 18.00hrs	Tuesday 18.00hrs	Thursday 18.00hrs
Team Manager	Satish Halai	TBC	Nirav Dumaswala	Chris Heuston	Arjun Riyait	Richard Rockliffe
Venue	TBC – Details will be communicated by the Team Manager via Teamer					

## Section 2: Membership Renewal Package

### Annual Membership Cost:

The 2024 season cost of membership is set out below:

Academic School Year	Years 1/2/3	Year 4	Years 5 to 10
2024 Subscription Fee – Oldest Child	£120 <i>(includes NCC Training Top)</i>	£165 <i>(includes NCC Training Top)</i>	£195 <i>(includes NCC Training Top)</i>
2024 Subscription Fee – Sibling (20% Discount)	£96 <i>(includes NCC Training Top)</i>	£132 <i>(includes NCC Training Top)</i>	£156 <i>(includes NCC Training Top)</i>

Note: The membership fee covers all Indoor Net Sessions, Summer Outdoor Coaching Sessions and all Youth Section Matches. However, please note that Youth members who are selected to take part in Adult matches must pay 50% of the adult match fee for each game they play.

### Making your Application & Payment of Subscription Fees:

Please follow the link below and complete the 'NCC Colts Section 2024 Membership Registration' (hereafter referred to as the 'Application Form'). One Application Form is required for each child.

<https://form.jotform.com/232872108654358>

**Concurrent** with the Application Form submission, payment of Subscription Fees should be made by bank transfer to the Northwood Cricket Club Account as follows:

Sort Code: 40-45-08  
Account Number: 51893734  
Reference: Use Childs Name

#### Notes:

- Once the Youth Section Secretary has received a completed copy of the Application Form and confirmation of received payment an email will be sent, welcoming your Child to the 2024 season.
- Only children who have submitted a complete Application Form and paid their Subscription Fees will be allowed to take part in either the indoor nets, summer coaching and/or match play.
- Personal details contained in the Application Form are only available to the Youth Section Manager and Youth Section Secretary – with an abridged version of critical data provided to individual Lead Coaches. Information will not be given to any other person or body unless the parent/guardian agrees. By completing and signing the form, the parent/guardian authorises the Youth Section Manager to hold those details for as long as the child remains a member of Northwood Cricket Club.

## **Section 3: Club Objectives and Standards**

### **Our Objective:**

In running its Youth Section, Northwood Cricket Club is looking to recruit, develop and retain young cricketers who will eventually play in the club's adult teams. The Youth Section is not operated as a profit-making venture within the Club. Coaches and administrators of the Youth Section give their time voluntarily to enable youngsters to not only develop their cricketing skills but also to learn the importance of team and club spirit.

If as a parent / guardian you are looking for a service provider just to provide cricket coaching for your child and do not wish to get involved in supporting the club's development as well as your own child's development, Northwood is not the most appropriate club for you. If, on the other hand, you are looking for your child to join a club that encourages youngsters to enjoy cricket and the cricket club they have joined whilst respecting opponents and officials, then Northwood Cricket Club will meet your requirements.

As in previous years, Youth Section membership allows the young person

- to participate in weekly coaching sessions run by qualified coaches in both the Spring and Summer terms
- to play in Middlesex Colts Association league matches and in friendly matches organized by the NCC coaches, once the young person is considered by those coaches as being capable of doing so.
- to play in open age (adult) matches, provided he/she is in Year 8 or above, has been deemed by the NCC Head Coach as being capable of playing open age cricket and has the permission of his/her parents/guardians to take part

Membership also allows the young person and members of his/her family to enjoy the facilities available at the NCC clubhouse, during coaching sessions and at all other times when Youth Section or adult matches are being played.

In 2024, Northwood Cricket Club will be providing coaching sessions in the Spring and Summer terms for boys and girls in Year 1 (U6) up to Year 10 (U15).

### **Coaching / Match Programme, Equipment and Selection:**

The provisional coaching and match programme, dates, times and venues for 2024 are shown in Section 2. For our U6/7 groups in 2024, coaching will concentrate on the development of basic skills, teamwork and enjoyment using a softball. No use will be made of protective equipment. For the U8 and U9 groups in 2024, the season will be about the transfer from softball to hardball cricket, development of match awareness and the continued improvement of all aspects of cricketing skills.

For the U9 and above age groups, membership not only involves coaching. It also provides the opportunity to improve skills by playing competitive cricket. Northwood will be fielding the following teams in the Middlesex Colts Association leagues in 2024: U10A, U10B, U11, U13A, U13B and U15.

The U10 teams, who play 8-a side matches, will be chosen from boys and girls in the U9 and U10 age groups plus perhaps one or two youngsters in the U8 age group who have the necessary ability. The U11 side will play 11-a side cricket and will mostly be chosen from that age group. The U13A and U13B sides will be chosen from the U12 and U13 age groups but there will be occasions when younger children are invited to play in higher age group teams. The U15 side will be chosen from Year 9 and Year 10 members with some U13's as well. By invitation, some Youth members may be invited to play in U17 and U19 matches.

We encourage children of match playing age to get their own kit (pads, gloves, helmet, bat etc). Boys who take part in cricket using a hard ball (U8 and above) must have their own box.

## **Coaching / Match Programme, Equipment and Selection Ctd:**

There will occasionally be youngsters in the U8 and above age groups, be they newer or existing club members, whose cricketing skills are such that participation in hard ball cricket might be dangerous. Where the Level 2 coach sees this, the young person will be removed from hard ball coaching. Depending on the circumstances, this might mean the individual joining a younger age coaching group until the coach determines that the youngster will be safe in a hard ball coaching environment.

Northwood Cricket Club's team selection policy aims to strike a balance between winning matches and leagues and giving the widest opportunity for members to play in matches. Young members eligible for U10 and above teams will not be selected to play in matches until they are able to consistently bowl a six ball over which includes at least four legitimate deliveries, i.e. not wides or no balls. Those who meet that standard will be given the opportunity to experience match play but better players will inevitably get more match exposure than less capable players.

## **Standards:**

Northwood Cricket Club works hard to maintain its Clubmark status, first awarded in 2012. This was awarded by the England and Wales Cricket Board in recognition of Northwood providing the right environment for the development of cricketers of all ages. The Club wants all young people who join the Youth Section to be able to develop their skills in a safe, friendly and supportive environment. To help ensure this, the club has fully adopted the England and Wales Cricket Board Safe Hands Policy for the Safeguarding of Children and implements the Northwood Cricket Club Safeguarding Policy Statement, a copy of which is available on the club website [www.northwoodcc.co.uk](http://www.northwoodcc.co.uk)

Coaches will do everything they can to enable youngsters to have fun and enjoy both cricket and the cricket club they have joined. However, Youth Section Members, their parents/guardians and any guests they bring to the club also have important roles to play if every young cricketer is to enjoy his/her cricket experience. A copy of Northwood Cricket Club's Code of Conduct for Members and Guests is available on the club website [www.northwoodcc.co.uk](http://www.northwoodcc.co.uk). An application for Youth Section membership or renewal of membership requires the applicant and his/her parent/guardian to acknowledge that they will abide by that Code of Conduct.

Playing matches against opposing teams in a competitive but respectful way is a vital part of the Northwood Cricket Club ethos. Just as there is a Code of Conduct for adult playing members, so there is a Code of Conduct for Youth Section Playing Members. We expect all Youth Section members to abide by this Code of Conduct whenever they are playing cricket matches. This includes:

- Getting to matches at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start time;
- Ensuring the child does not cry off at short notice, i.e. less than 48 hours, except in in emergency circumstances;
- Congratulating good play of both Northwood and opposition cricketers; and
- Acting respectfully when Northwood or opposition cricketers make errors.

A copy of the Code of Conduct for Youth Section Playing Members is available on the club website [www.northwoodcc.co.uk](http://www.northwoodcc.co.uk). and parents must make sure they and their children are aware of the content and abide by it.

Failure to comply with the Codes of Conduct described above could lead to members being excluded from coaching sessions and/or matches.

Parents must also be aware that Middlesex Colts Association Rules do not allow children who wish to play league cricket to belong to two cricket clubs at the same time. Northwood Cricket Club cannot offer membership to a child who is already registered with another club, no matter where in the UK that club is.