



Junior Cricket

Our Set Up & Coaching Philosophy



About Us

Who we are



- One of the older cricket clubs in Middlesex, established in 1888
- Moved to our current home, Paynes Folly, in 1960
- ECB Clubmark accredited since 2007
- We run 15 x Junior teams, 2 x U19/U21 teams and 4 x Saturday league teams, 1 x Sunday league team and 1 x Women's team
- A non profit CASC, run by volunteers for the local community



ECB Clubmark

Accredited since 2007



Clubmark rigorously checks:

- Duty of care & safeguarding of children
- The cricket programme
- Role in the local community
- Club management





Our Story In Numbers

One of the most thriving junior sections in Middlesex

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021	2022
Junior Players	85	151	158	224	275	314	345	217	292	301
Junior Teams	6	7	9	10	11	16	18	11	16	16
Junior Matches	65	75	80	80	109	157	170	88	130	180
Training Sessions	30	34	49	49	56	82	90	57	88	98
Hours Delivered	255	290	335	335	440	645	710	356	534	714
League Titles	0	0	4	2	2	2	5	n/a	4	1
Cups	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	n/a	3	1
UKCC Coaches	4	7	8	9	12	16	17	13	13	11

Our junior membership is now capped at 300
(boys & girls combined)

*2020 : Covid shortened season, all matches played as friendlies



Basic Principles

Our coaches code of conduct



- Consider the well-being & safety of participants before performance
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability & experience
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play)
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body & the club
- Hold the appropriate & valid up to date qualifications



Training Structure

Striving for continuous improvement



- All junior players are coached by qualified coaches
- Our coaching team has well over 100 years combined experience of coaching cricket
- All of our training groups are assembled according to age and ability - planned structured sessions, tailored to the individual and team needs
- Coach support workers are there to support coaches & act as role models



U6-U10 Softball Programme

U6-U10 Philosophy

The underlying principles



- Cricketing and physical skills
- Innovative and engaging
- Problem solving
- Confidence and enjoyment
- Fun in a disciplined & positive environment
- Building a passion for the game, coming from the kids



U6-U10 Philosophy

The approach



- It coaches both generic and then progressively cricket specific skills
- Starts with educating kids in the very basic generic skills – hitting, throwing, movement, balance
- Encourage them to have a go, be positive, and don't worry if they get things wrong
- Is all inclusive and acts as a cradle for both boys & girls
- Progressive 10 or 13 week program in summer. 20 week programme in winter



U6-U10 Philosophy

Multi-tiered works best



- The coaching is based on the understanding that not all kids who participate in cricket will still be playing hardball cricket when older.
- Multi-tiered approach across ages 5~10.
 - Basic, generic movement, balance, catching, throwing, ball striking skills that cross boundaries to other sports.
 - Gradual programme change toward cricket specific and more game based coaching as the players develop.
- Use of tennis balls, incrediballs and hardballs progressively.
- Trying to give a development programme that adapts to individual needs.



U6-U10 Philosophy

Multi-tiered works best



- We have two teams playing in (hardball) leagues. This gives competitive cricket to between 20-30 players. These players are mainly U10 and U9.
- Beneath this we have an U8 'squad' of 20~30 kids, playing incrediball cricket and transitioning to hardball.
- Outside of this we have groups at U6-U8 all still playing softball cricket.
- We are growing options season by season to cater for the progression and development of these players.



Junior Progression U10-U17 A Working Pathway

Progression for junior players

Opportunity for everyone



- We want all players to have the opportunity to achieve, but also to discover a lifelong passion for the game, regardless of ability level
- We set goals for each age group during the upcoming season and make sure that they are appropriate to age, ability & experience
- From Softball to U10-U17 teams, Hurricanes U19-U21, Adults, Borough & County. Opportunity exists for everyone
- There are boys, mixed and girls only teams between U10-U17



Junior titles won recently

MCA Regional & County



2022

- U17 Div 1 League Winners
- U17 Girls Youth Cup Shield Winners

2021

- U14 Div 1 League Winners
- U15 Div 1 League Winners
- U17 Div 1 League Winners
- U17 County Cup Winners
- U17 Middx Youth Cup Winners
- U17 Area Cup Winners
- U12 Girls League Winners
- U12 Girls County Shield Winners

2020

- Covid season – all friendlies

2019

- U10 Div 1 League Winners
- U11 Div 1 League Winners
- U15 Div 1 League Winners
- U15B Div 3 League Winners
- U17 Div 1 League Winners
- U17 Area Cup Winners
- U17 Middx Youth Shield Winners

2018

- U10 Div 1 League Winners
- U12 County Champions
- U15 Div 1 League Winners
- U15 Area Cup Winners
- U17 Middx Youth Cup Winners

2017

- U11 County Champions
- U11 Div 1 League Winners
- U13 Div 1 League Winners

2016

- U11 Div 2 League Winners
- U14 Div 1 League Winners
- U14 County Champions

2015

- U12 Div 1 League Winners
- U13 Div 2 League Winners
- U13B Div 4 League Winners

Recent Junior Honours



Progression for juniors

Player Pathway



Key



Progression to Youth Cricket

U17, U19 & U21 Programmes



- Cricket should not stop at GCSE's
- We run a full U17-U19-U21 programme
- Allows players to continue playing with their friends, whilst concurrently making the step up into adult cricket
- Coloured clothing & pink balls
- T20 & 45 over formats
- Most matches played after exams (mid June - end August)



Progression for colts

Our approach to 3rd & 4th XI Saturday cricket

- The Saturday 3rd & 4th XI's are an important introduction into full adult cricket.
- They regularly feature junior players from the ages of U13-U17s.
- These teams often have senior coaches playing in a mentoring role
- Our best junior players have already played for the 2nd and 1st XI
- Nearly two-thirds of players in our 1st, 2nd & 3rd XI's are homegrown players - having come through our own junior ranks into adult cricket.

Key Goals

Nurturing a successful junior section



- Continue investing in our junior facilities & coaching structure
- Continue bringing junior players through into adult cricket
- Continue building a social and fun environment for all
- Develop our women & girls cricket section further



Getting everyone involved

A club for everyone



- Junior Cricket is something we are passionate about at our club
- We have parents actively involved in running the entire club – over half of our of our Club Executive Committee is made up of junior players' parents
- Assistant team managers, scorers – open for parents active participation



New Member Enquiries

Our membership is capped. We do become full. The best time to join us is before the season starts.

If you are interested in joining us, please complete the new player enquiry form on our website. Somebody from our junior section will then contact you by email.

