

GREENMOUNT CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR INFORMATION BOOKLET

2024 SEASON



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WELCOME TO OUR CLUB

Thank you for joining Greenmount Cricket Club, this information pack has been created to help give you some information about the club, teams, leagues and how the club will engage with your children during the cricket season (and beyond).

Our Vision:

To provide a safe, secure and friendly environment in which young people can learn and play the game of cricket and develop their skills. To promote a welcoming atmosphere, on and off the field of play for players, families, friends and the local community.

We are a ECB Clubmark club and adhere to the 'Safe Hands' Policy for Safeguarding Children in Cricket. All of the adults at the club who work with children and meet the necessary criteria are checked and vetted by the ECB.
www.ecb.co.uk/safeguarding/policy-and-procedures

Our Junior Section:

Role	Name	Email	Contact No
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U15s	Mark Crowther	markcrowther99@gmail.com	07734 435261

Practice:

Throughout the summer, junior practice takes place on Friday evening between 6-7.30pm.

During the winter months indoor practice sessions will be provided with details released nearer the time.

You will be required to sign your child in and out of training sessions.

Safeguarding:

The Club Safeguarding Officer for Children and Vulnerable Adults is **Leigh Dickinson** who can be contacted on **gccjuniorwelfare@gmail.com** or **07793 289166**.

The club has the following policies, procedures & consent forms which can be found online at www.greenmountcricketclub.com or obtained from your team manager or Club Safeguarding Officer:

1. Welcome Pack – including code of conduct agreements & consent forms
2. Safeguarding Children Policy
3. Safeguarding Referral Form
4. Anti-Bullying Policy
5. Whistle-Blowing Policy
6. Equality and Diversity Policy
7. Social Media Policy
8. Photography and Video Policy

If you have any concerns that a child or vulnerable adult is at risk of abuse please make contact with Leigh, or any of the coaches or a member of the Board.

You can also contact :-

- Bury Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Team on 0161 253 5678
- The Emergency Duty Team on 0161 253 6606
- Greater Manchester Police on 101
- Greater Manchester Police on 999 if the situation is urgent
- The Lancashire Cricket Board Safeguarding Officer, Mike Buckley on 0771 042 1231 or mbuckley@lancashirecricket.co.uk

General:

The function room is available to hire, and throughout the year the club host a number of social events such as New Year's Eve, presentation evening and sponsors days.

Food is available on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays courtesy of Harrisons at the Log Cabin.

The club is volunteer run, with coaches, committee, administrators and fund raisers working tirelessly to offer the thrills and spills of the beautiful game to hundreds of youngsters.

There are plenty of positions available for our parents to become involved in, such as coaching, administrative support for teams, co-ordinator for age groups, social committee, and main committee posts.

Should you be able to provide any support volunteering please complete the attached form and pass back to your coach. Any kind of sponsorship is also most welcome.

Please find attached with this letter a member & player code of conduct. Can you please sign the member code of conduct and go through the player code of conduct with your child to ensure they are aware of what is expected from them. Please ensure your child signs the player code of conduct and either email back to gccjuniorwelfare@gmail.com or pass back to your coach.

So enjoy your time with Greenmount Cricket Club. Join in, cheer when we win, support when we don't but most of all have fun.

Greenmount Cricket Club Board

Below are the details of Greenmount Cricket Club Board. If you have any problems, suggestions, offers of help or information to share, please contact any of the board who will put you in touch with the right person to deal with the enquiry.

Finally, just a reminder that board members are volunteers. Therefore, we thank them for everything that they do to promote quality cricket within the club and the league.

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Parent Code of Conduct

Members and Guests of Greenmount Cricket Club are required to abide by the provisions of this Code of Conduct and any subsequent updates as may be in force from time to time, and by their presence on club premises or at club events or activities are deemed to have accepted and to abide by the provisions of this Code and any other relevant Codes of Conduct, Rules or Regulations the Club has adopted.

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure – winning is only part of the fun. Help your child recognise enjoyment, not just results.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performance of all.
- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Accept officials' judgments and do not argue with officials, team managers and coaches.
- When attending coaching sessions or matches, learn to distinguish between encouragement and instruction. Do not encroach onto training or playing areas.
- Support your child's involvement with encouragement, but do not give instructions to players, either verbal or non-verbal, once they are taking part in a coaching session or match.
- Do not make disparaging remarks about players or officials.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Display control and respect towards all involved in cricket. This includes opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, other parents and spectators. Encourage your child to do the same.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Signed: _____

Printed: _____

Date: _____

Code of Conduct / Set of Rules for Young People

As a member of **Greenmount Cricket Club** you are expected to abide by the following junior code of conduct:

- All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit – for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.

Signed: _____

Printed: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Player Information

Friday Night Practice:

Friday is Junior Practice Night.

U9s and U11s will train from 6pm to 6.45pm, whilst U13s and U15s will train from 6.45 to 7.30pm. When the 8 week All Stars sessions start in May, they too will train from 6-6.45pm.

Friday night practice is subject to the vagaries of the British climate and might sometimes be called off if the outfield is unsafe. If the Friday night practice is called off a message to that effect will be put on our various social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) as well as on our website at www.greenmountcricketclub.com.

On occasion during the season we do have to cancel practice to allow for T20 matches, these are great evenings and suitable for all the family to watch some great cricket and socialise with other members.

Spond:

We have previously had a number of ways in which we communicated within the junior section, but we are trying to consolidate this into a single place using the "Spond" app which you can download from the app store for Apple phones or Play Store for Android.

Once installed use this code to join the Greenmount group:
<https://group.spond.com/YQFKF>

Spond is how we invite members to attend matches as well as general updates on special events like the T20's.

Playing in Matches:

Kit and protection:

For your first match cricket whites are required, this does not have to be the Greenmount match kit (but it's great if it is) For U9's a box and gloves are essential (and a bat of course) Helmets and pads are only needed for U11s and above. Kits are available to purchase from SK Kits
Ian Senior - Mobile 07960 137232 Email ianssen@aol.com

Our vision for Greenmount is to be a family club and give every Junior member a chance to play match cricket as soon as possible but there are obviously some challenges to achieving this so here is how we attempt to keep everyone involved.

All Stars: (<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>)

All Stars Cricket is the England and Wales Cricket Board's entry level participation programme, aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket.

For all boys and girls aged five to eight, eight 45 minute sessions held over eight weeks across May and June. The emphasis is on fun and being active with a focus on developing your child's movement skills.

Safe and fully accredited, valuable time with your kids – mums, dads, grandparents and guardians are an integral part of the session, with one adult supporting the child through a bulk of each session. Every child that is registered with the ECB will receive a backpack full of goodies including a cricket bat, ball, activity book, personalised shirt and cap.

Under 9s: (*U9 is any child in Year 4 or below at school for boys and year 6 or below for girls*)

We encourage all children to join from around the age of 6 years old – younger children are best trying our "All Stars" group. From ages 5-6 it is unlikely your child will be able to participate in matches as their skills needed to bowl, bat and field in a match won't be developed yet (but that's what we are here to help them with of course)

From around age 7 (Year 2) we will endeavour to get your child ready and invited to matches. How many matches will depend on the number of children we have each year, where possible we will look to run more than one team to give everyone a chance to play.

Under 11s: (*U11 is any child in Year 5 or 6 at school for boys and years 5 - 8 for girls*)

Under 11s cricket is played with a hardball (corky) and as such we cannot automatically allow children that join to play in U11 matches until we have assessed their ability at the Friday night practices.

As with U9s we want all juniors to play matches, the only challenge to this is if we feel that they are not at a suitable level of ability which will keep them safe.

Where this is the case, we will work with the junior to get them ready for matches and keep you informed on progress on Fridays.

Under 13s: (*U13 is any child in Year 7 or 8 at school for boys and years 9 – 10 for girls*)

At U13 and higher the game changes again, U13 cricket follows the full rules as senior cricket but with reduced overs and a maximum number of runs allowed before they have to retire.

We follow the same approach at U13s as we do at U11s, safety concerns will be the only reason your child cannot play but we will work hard to get them up to a suitable standard.

Under 15s: (U15 is any child in Year 9 or 10 at school for boys and year 11 or 1st year of 6th Form for girls)

U15 cricket follows the full rules as senior cricket but with reduced overs and a maximum number of runs allowed before they have to retire.

Under 18s: (U18 is any child in Year 11 at school and both years in 6th Form for boys and 2nd year of 6th Form for girls)

U18 cricket follows the full rules as senior cricket but with reduced overs and a maximum number of runs allowed before they have to retire.

Final note:

Whilst we try and include all players to play matches in their own age group, we will balance the teams based on ability as well - so some players may get more games than others if they excel.

This is a delicate balance of course; we want the teams to win games (not much fun losing every week) but not to the detriment of individuals.

This is a challenge for all clubs, and we do our best to get it right. If you have any concerns throughout the season, please come and speak to us.

Presentation Evening:

At the end of each season we have a presentation evening to recognise and reward the players from all age groups.

This is a great night and all players that have been in past years look forward to seeing who has won best batter, bowler, fielder and the much sought-after manager's award.

Winter Nets:

Unfortunately, the cricket season is short, so we do training sessions and sometimes competitions in the winter months to keep up the standards and prepare for the summer. These sessions vary in format year to year, so details are communicated when they start – usually in October.

There will be an additional cost for winter nets, this will be communicated nearer the time as cost will be dependent on venue & number of children attending.

Get Involved:

As with all club level cricket Greenmount is run by volunteers, pretty much everyone involved has a child playing in one of the age groups. Without volunteers there is no club, so if you can spare any time to help out no matter how small please do, it will be greatly appreciated.

Subscriptions:

For 2024 season

Child born before 01/09/2014	£60.00
Child born after 01/09/2014	£30.00

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Greenmount Cricket Club needs volunteers, coaches, assistant coaches, fund raisers, committee members, organisers etc.

Without volunteers nothing would get done and we would not have a club.

Volunteers can do a little or a lot, but even a little can go a long, long way.

So if you are prepared to offer a little (or a lot) of your spare time for the benefit of your son/daughter and help with our cricket club, please indicate below, where you may be able to offer support and return it to your team coach.

Coaching
Safeguarding
Financial Issues
Administrative issues
Fundraising
Maintenance / groundwork

Thank you for your offer, please provide your name, email and telephone number below and someone will be in touch with you soon

Name:.....

Telephone:.....

Email address:.....