



Nunawading Cricket Club

2021/2022 Junior Handbook

Family guide to the Nunawading Cricket Club's junior cricket program
and the expectations of our players, families, and spectators

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About the club

Nunawading Cricket Club (NCC) is a family-friendly club that welcomes all players and families to enjoy cricket, in a safe, fun and community environment. We are welcoming of everyone, regardless of cricket experience, and actively encourage the development of both fitness and cricket skills – whilst still having fun.

The club is affiliated with the Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association (BHRDCA) and Eastern Cricket Association (ECA). Nunawading was formed in 1927 as Tunstall Cricket Club playing at Silver Grove, Nunawading. The club grew and prospered and in the 1940's and changed its name to Nunawading along with the suburb. In 1972 the ground at Silver Grove was acquired by the council to build a recreation centre and the club moved to its current location at Mahoneys Reserve, Forest Hill.

This change of venue, with three grounds on the site and vastly improved clubrooms had a dramatic effect on the club's ability to attract and retain players. By the end of the 1970's NCC and the Nunawading City Soccer Club had built their own social club above the pavilion, further enhancing the professional reputation of NCC. The club was a powerhouse of suburban cricket from the late 1950s to the early 1990s winning several Macintosh Shield Grade premierships (the top grade of the BHRDCA) including multiple premierships in other grades, and, at one point, boasting 8 senior sides and 8 junior sides.

At the turn of the century, the club was impacted by reduced playing numbers, and was struggling both on and off the field. Subsequently, significant effort was put in, to return 'Nuna' to the glory days.

The junior NCC program was restarted 12 years ago and since then great fun and community feel has returned to our club and the junior program has continued to grow and prosper. NCC continues to have success on the field, and just as importantly has become a great place to be.

As a result, 'Nuna' has once again become a club of note - with senior and junior premierships in the last ten seasons. This season, the Club plans to build on recent growth by further improving our training and coaching for all players, on both match day and training nights. This year we will again field five senior teams, approximately 10 junior teams (including an all-girls Stage 1 team) and our ever-popular Friday night Woolworths Junior Blaster program. We are also excited to see how the new kitchen renovations turnout at our clubrooms, which will hopefully be the venue for some great 'Friday nights at Nuna' once again.

NCC's junior program aspires to be a community organisation. The club aims to provide an environment which promotes:

- The opportunity for children to learn about and develop their cricket skills
- Participation in a safe and friendly team environment
- A healthy lifestyle with opportunities and activities which increase fitness
- A social environment for children and their families to enjoy the company of friends
- Opportunities for girls and boys to enjoy playing cricket – and to achieve their best
- Community, supporting each other and overall enjoyment

Given the current environment and uncertainty around so many things due to COVID-19, I want to reiterate our club's commitment to the local community and providing an opportunity for young people to participate in community sport. Like Nunawading Cricket Club did last season, we will continue to be at the forefront of COVID-19 protocols, Cricket Victoria requirements, and State Government regulations - and endeavour to provide a COVID SAFE environment. The Nunawading Cricket Club Committee will be doing everything we can to get cricket up and running and hope that you will be #Committed2Nuna in 2021/22.

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JUNIOR PROGRAM & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Nunawading Cricket Club provides junior cricket programs for children aged 4 to 18. Each level promotes participation and inclusion of all skill levels, providing a safe, fun, and healthy environment for children to participate in sport.

Child Safety

Nunawading Cricket Club recognises the important role that children and young people play within our sport and the special care and attention that they need to feel safe. For this reason, our club committee has endorsed Australian Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People, Australian Cricket's 'Looking After Our Kids' Code of Behaviour and Australian Cricket's Commitment to Safeguarding Children and Young People. These endorsements are part of Australian Cricket's Child Safety Framework, with more information available on our club website (www.nunawadingcc.com).

All Committee members, Junior club coaches, Senior club leaders and other relevant participants will be expected to sign the Australian Cricket's 'Looking After Our Kids' Code of Behaviour. As an additional safety measure, our new Junior club coaches will undergo an application and interview process, which will include the Club Coach, Junior Manager and Child Safe Officer. This season, **Tanya Tynan** has agreed to take on the role of Child Safe Officer. Tanya has a son (Hamish) who plays in our U12 team and has been a registered nurse for the past 30 years. The Tynan family has a long history with the club, with Tanya's brothers (Bobby & Matthew) and uncle (Rob McKenzie) all having played Junior and Senior cricket for Nuna. Tanya will be responsible for championing child safety within our club along with a working group of volunteers who will ensure that child safety remains a top priority. Please reach out if you would like to learn more about how our club is creating a safe environment for your kids.

Woolworths Junior Blasters Program (previously known as Milo In2cricket)

The Woolworths Junior Blasters program offers children 4 to 8 years the opportunity to kick start their cricket career, learn lots of new cricket skills like batting, bowling, catching, and throwing, as well as social skills allowing them to make new friends and most importantly – HAVE FUN!!

When: Friday Twilight 6.00pm to 7.00pm.

Ages: 4 – 10*

Cost: \$99 includes a kit, shirt, cap, bat, ball, and a backpack.

*Boys & Girls aged 7-10 may be able to play Super 7s or Fast 9s (the next level of Cricket) – or a mix of both. If you are unsure, please contact the Junior Manager or Junior Blasters Coordinator.



Super 7s and Fast 9s competitions

The Super 7s and Fast 9s competition is the perfect way to further develop and prepare children for a higher level of cricket. Whilst the team plays against other clubs from the local area, the focus is on participation and skill development. Both formats have modified rules, which ensure fun and natural development. These formats are non-competitive (i.e. no ladder or finals).

Super 7s - Children are able to bat for a set amount of balls regardless of them being dismissed and bowlers are able to bowl from a closer distance. Full protective equipment is used; however, the ball is not a traditional “hard” cricket ball – and is only slightly harder than a tennis ball.

Fast 9s adopts a slight progression, using a longer pitch than Super 7s, however still not the full length. A hard ball is used, and if dismissed, batters are ‘out’. Adapted rules are still in place however to ensure development and fun. Each progressive cricket stage has been designed by Cricket Victoria to ensure all children can build upon previous skills and develop additional skills in the most appropriate environment. Please reach out to the Junior Manager if you are not sure which stage your child is best suited.

Games: Saturday (start at 8.30am) or Sunday mornings (start at 9.00am)

Training: TBC

Ages: As of 1st September 2021, your child should ideally be under 12 years of age to play Super 7s and Fast 9s competition.

Cost: \$130 + \$5 Cricket Victoria (CV) insurance fee.

Under 12 competition

The Under 12s competition is the first level of junior cricket in which the key competition rules are introduced. The children will feel like they are playing cricket “just like the Seniors” (or their heroes on TV). The Under 12s team plays home and away against other cricket clubs from the local area with matches being scored.

Whilst the core of the competition rules are based on normal cricket rules, the match is played with some modified rules including a maximum number of balls per over, reduced boundaries, and compulsory retirements. Our club philosophy is that all children will get equal opportunity at these younger age groups. The pitch length is the shorter length in U12B (same as Fast 9s), and the ball is 142g.

Games: Friday Twilight 5.00pm – 7.30pm.

Training: TBC

Ages: As of 1st September 2021, your child must be under 12 years of age to be eligible for Under 12s. Girls under the age of 14 on 1 September 2021, are also eligible to play U12 cricket.

Cost: \$130 + \$5 CV insurance fee.

All Girls Competition for 8 to 17 year old girls

Games: Wednesday Twilight 5.00pm – 7.30pm OR Sunday mornings 9.00am-11.30am

Training: TBC

Ages: Various Grades available for all age girls aged 8 – 17 years old.

Cost: \$100 + \$5 CV insurance fee.

This is a great opportunity for girls to play in an all girls team – against other all girls teams. Nunawading has had great success with an all girls team in recent years, and we are looking to register a second all girls team this year (for girls aged 8-12 Years old). All matches again have modified rules (similar to Super 7s and Fast 9s above). This season our Club Coach Robin Ferdinands, will have a leading role in coaching the girls.

Under 14, 16 & 18 competition

Under 14s use a 142g ball and bowl from a full-length pitch. Under 16 & 18 competitions are similar formats with full size cricket balls (156g) and traditional cricket rules being implemented, except for some bowling and batting restrictions. These competitions see children develop their key skills with noticeable differences in batting techniques, bowling styles and their ability to catch and throw in the field as they progress through the age groups.

Under 14s

Games: Friday Twilight 5.00pm – 7.30pm

Training: TBC

Ages: As of 1st September 2021, your child must be under 14 years of age to be eligible for Under 14s.

Cost: \$180 + \$5 CV insurance fee.

Under 16s

Games: Friday Twilight 5.00pm – 7.30pm

Training: TBC

Ages: As of 1st September 2021, your child must be under 16 years of age to be eligible for Under 16s.

Cost: \$180 + \$5 CV insurance fee.

Under 18s

Games: Friday Twilight 5.00pm – 7.30pm

Training: TBC

Ages: As of 1st September 2021, your child must be under 18 years of age to be eligible for Under 18s.

Cost: \$180 + \$5 CV insurance fee.

Family Discount

Two or more children playing Junior Cricket (excluding Woolworths Junior Blaster) qualify for a family membership. Please contact Andrew Siebel for more details.

Representative Cricket

The Nunawading Cricket Club encourages all junior players to participate no matter what their level of skill, however we also encourage Juniors to dream of one day pulling on the baggy green and leading the country out onto the MCG!

Cricket Australia and Cricket Victoria have developed junior pathways to ensure talented young cricketers have the opportunity to be recognised and have a clear pathway to higher levels of cricket. Nunawading Cricket Club can assist talented young junior players to move through Cricket Australia's Pathway program. For more information on representative cricket and opportunities for junior players, please speak with your team coach and/or the Junior Manager.

How to Register

Given the strict COVID-19 restrictions we encourage all parents to get online to register. This can be completed via the following link:

[Click here to register your child for Nunawading Cricket Club](#)

JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY

At this stage we plan to hold our junior registration day at our Mahoneys Reserve, Forest Hill clubrooms on **Saturday 28th August 2021 (9.00am – 11.00am)**. iPads/tablets will be made available at the club on the day if anyone requires assistance to perform the online registration process. Whilst we encourage everyone to register online prior to this date if possible, this will be an opportunity to discuss the season ahead with coaches and Junior Committee, ask any questions you may have, and purchase apparel. Accepted payment methods are cash, cheque, credit card, debit card and direct transfer.

The club will continue to monitor COVID-19 restrictions and may be required to hold our registration day as a virtual event, where parents and children can ask questions of the Junior Committee. Please follow our Nunawading Cricket Club Facebook page for important updates and club news.

We understand that COVID-19 has created challenges for many families. If you would like to discuss the fee structure, having difficulties with the online registration process or money is an issue, please discuss this with Andrew Siebel (juniors@nunawadingcc.com.au; 0402 260 545). No child will miss out on playing cricket at Nunawading due for financial reasons.

Under the circumstance that the season does not proceed, the club are committed to refunding any paid registration fees.

Volunteers

The Nunawading Cricket Club is run by a volunteer committee and each team is managed and coordinated by volunteer coaches and team managers. Without the assistance of volunteers to coach, umpire, score, organise drinks, etc. then junior cricket would not exist. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the Junior Manager or your team coach to discuss. Nunawading Cricket Club encourages active parent participation in their children's sport and provides training and guidance for parents in order to allow them to enjoy the experience along with their children.

Please note that Nunawading Cricket Club requires at least one parent who is responsible for their child to be present at training and game days. Where this is not possible (or a parent has to leave temporarily) the coach, team manager or another parent is to be informed and assume responsibility for that child.

Club Communications

The club uses email as the primary communication channel with all parents to provide important information such as change of fixtures, abandoned matches due to weather and reminders of important dates. It is therefore important to ensure that the club has your current email and mobile phone contact details. If your details change or you are unsure if we have the correct details, please email the junior manager with your current details juniors@nunawadingcc.com.au.

Nunawading Cricket Club also uses Team App, Facebook, WhatsApp, and Twitter as secondary communication means.

Training Sessions

The club uses the nets most nights of the week for training. Junior players who wish to train with senior players need to have approval from both their junior coach and the senior coach (See **Juniors Playing Senior Cricket** below). It is advisable to make sure junior players also bring along a water

bottle, hat, and sunscreen (during the warmer periods) to all training sessions. It is crucial that if players are unable to attend training sessions to inform your coach prior to the session. If it is raining and/or the training facilities are unsafe then training sessions may be cancelled. When possible, the individual team manager will endeavour to notify parents via email of cancelled sessions.

Protective Equipment and Apparel

During matches junior players are required to wear the compulsory club “logo shirt” and club cap, white pants and appropriate footwear. Shirts and Caps can be purchased from our apparel manager at apparel@nunawadingcc.com.au.

It is compulsory to wear correct protective equipment, i.e., helmet, groin protector, pads etc at all training sessions and games. The club provides full club kits for juniors to borrow helmets, pads, gloves and bats during training and matches (COVID-19 precautions and hygiene requirements permitting). This equipment is the property of the Nunawading Cricket Club and must not be taken home by players. For hygiene purposes it is strongly recommended that each child has their own protector, which can be purchased from most good sporting stores for around \$10.

Club Rooms

Our club rooms are located at Mahoneys Reserve, Mahoneys Road, Forest Hill, and this is where all junior training sessions and our Woolworths Junior Blaster program are conducted. Home games will be fixtured to play on one of the three grounds at Mahoneys Reserve, Super 7s through to U18 teams will also be required to play away matches against clubs throughout the local area.

Fixtures and Results

The Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association is responsible for creating all the fixtures for Super 7s - U18s, these are published on the Box Hill reporter website www.bhrdca.com.au and via the MyCricket App and the Eastern Cricket Association is responsible for creating all the fixtures for the Girls competition, these are published on the ECA girls website www.iegc.com.au and via My Cricket.

You can download a free APP on your smart phone – “MyCricket” which is the best resource to find out where teams are playing, check results and ladders. Fixtures can alter very late, however your team manager will keep everyone well informed.

All scores including individual batting and bowling statistics are entered onto MyCricket by the team manager. These scores are automatically updated for players, family and friends to keep an eye on performances.

Juniors Playing Senior Cricket

This season, we will be asking all parents with Juniors wanting to play Senior cricket to complete and sign this [NCC Consent Form](#). Please do not hesitate to contact either the Junior Manager or Senior Coach for any clarification or if you have any concerns.

Club Policies

The remainder of this document outlines our club policies regarding what you should expect from the club and its conduct and importantly what is expected of players, their parents and spectators. All families agree to abide by these policies upon registering their child to the Nunawading Cricket Club. Please take the time to read these policies, understand the expectations and actively support and promote behaviours within these policies. Cricket is a great game, let's enjoy it together.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

This Code of Behaviour aims to set out the minimum standards for anyone involved within the Nunawading Cricket Club. It will apply when playing, training or taking part in club-sanctioned activities.

- Act within the rules and spirit of Cricket.
- Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treat each person as an individual.
- Show respect and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.
- Display appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Display responsible behaviour in relation to the consumption of alcohol.
- Act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
- Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.
- Abide by government smoking laws – including those which prohibit smoking at junior sporting events.

Players

- Give your best at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Play by the rules and show respect for other players, coaches and officials.

Coaches

- Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
- Help each person (player, official, etc.) to reach their potential. Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.
- Ensure that any physical contact with another person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.

- Have Cricket Victoria accredited coaches.
- All Coaches, Team Managers and Committee members have Working with Children Checks.

Umpires & Scorers

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- Ensure all players are included and can participate, regardless of their race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Be consistent, impartial and objective when making decisions.
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for other players and officials.

Administrators

- Ensure quality supervision and instruction for players.
- Support coaches and officials to improve their skills and competencies.
- Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
- Ensure that any information acquired, or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
- Conduct club responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.

Parents

- Ensure that a responsible adult is in attendance at all training sessions and game day matches
- Encourage your child to participate, do their best and have fun.
- Focus on your child's effort and performance, rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Help out the coach or officials at training and games, where possible.
- Model appropriate behaviour, including respect for other players and officials.

Spectators

- Respect the effort and performances of players and officials.
- Reject the use of harassment, bullying or violence in any form, whether by other spectators, coaches, officials or players.

What we ask you to do

- Help create a positive atmosphere for players, officials and other spectators by showing respect for players, officials and other spectators.
- Abide by our club's Code of Behaviour and refrain from using bad language, harassing or ridiculing others or behaving in a threatening or violent manner.
- If you are aware of inappropriate spectator behaviour and you feel confident to do so, speak with the person and ask them to stop. If there is a ground official or committee member present, ask for their assistance.

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