

Penkridge Cricket Club – Junior Welcome Letter

Dear Parent / Carer,

Penkridge Cricket Club welcomes you and your children to the club. We hope that your child(ren) will enjoy being a club member and will enjoy the cricket coaching, training, and matches, as well as the social interactions available at the club. The aim of this letter is to provide information that may be helpful to you as new members.

The club is run by a number of volunteers. We welcome offers of help from all members, and hope that as you feel part of the club you will feel able to get involved.

Our aim is to ensure all children who take part in Cricket, have a safe, positive and fun experience, whatever their level of involvement. Cricket is a good way of encouraging children to pay outdoors and make new friends in a wi-fi free zone.

Listed below are Junior Coaches for the 2018 season. A full list of committee members can be found on the notice board in the Club House.

U9's & u10s – Paul Szewczyk & Thomas Porter U14's – Richard James U17's – Kev Baker

The minimum age to participate in junior cricket is 8 years old. All Stars Cricket is for children 5-8-year olds.

We are a 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 vetted by the ECB. This includes the enhanced DBS and 'Barred List' check (formerly known as CRB checks). 'Safe hands', ECB's Policy for safeguarding Children in cricket, is available to view online at <u>www.ecb/safehands</u>, or a copy is available at the Club House.

Whilst we hope your child will be happy and content at the club, we understand that sometimes questions, concerns or difficulties may arise. Please feel able to raise these as soon as possible, so we can rectify things at the earliest opportunity. If you have a question regarding coaching, please approach the coach in the first instance.

However, please do not interrupt coaching sessions, especially nets practice, as this may distract the coach when he or she needs to be supervising the children. Our coaches will be happy to speak to you before or after training, or at another convenient time.

Junior Training Sessions

Training Night: Fridays (April – Aug) – 6:15-7:15pm £25.00 registration fee & £15.00 for siblings Cost of training: £3.00 Match day subs: £3.00

Please sign your child/children into the training session and pay the appropriate fee. You are responsible for the collection of your child after the training session finishes.

Parents/Guardians of junior members must complete a Junior Player Registration form.

Under 11s are not required to wear cricket clothing to training sessions. Any clothing is fine as long as it's comfortable for the child to enjoy playing the game.

Over 11s – this changes once a hardball is introduced. Appropriate clothing must be worn for all training sessions. Boys who are playing hard ball cricket must wear pants rather than boxer shorts, or cricket shorts that will support a cricket box. The coaches will not allow any boy to bat against a hard ball unless they can do so with a box held safely in place. The club has all playing kit available but for hygiene reasons it is suggested boys playing hard ball have their own cricket box.

Junior Squad Selection

If your child is selected to play for Penkridge in a cricket match, there is a £3.00 charge which will be collected by the Coach on the day. For children playing in adult cricket the cost is £10 for Saturday's & £5.00 for Sunday fixtures.

Please note the club cannot accept responsibility for getting your child to away matches.

Would you like to get involved?

The Club is always looking for parental help – please do consider helping out if you can. A volunteer form is enclosed at the back of the welcome pack and on the Welfare Notice Board in the Club House.

Finally, all members are reminded of the club's code of conduct for members and guests and code of conduct for young players. These are available on the notice board and available on the website - <u>http://www.penkridgecc.co.uk/</u> along with all other policy and procedures.

We do hope that you and your child(ren) enjoy being a member of the Penkridge Cricket Club.

Yours sincerely

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