



Penkrige Cricket Club – Junior Welcome Pack

Dear Parent / Carer,

Penkrige 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 play outdoors and make new friends in a wi-fi free zone.

Listed below are Junior Coaches for the 2017 season. A full list of committee members can be found on the notice board.

Paul Szewczyk

Richard James

Matthew Jones

Pete Price

Jon Price

Dave Smith

Matthew Jenkinson

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 www.ecb/safehands, 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.

Cricket Bats

If you wish to buy your child a new cricket bat, make sure that it is the correct size and not too heavy. It is a common mistake that bats are purchased that are too big and heavy for the child, possibly on the belief that they will 'grow into them'. This results in the child being unable to control the bat or execute good batting shots which is frustrating for them and forms bad habits which are difficult to correct.

The following is a simple and general guide when buying a bat:

The bat handle should be no higher than waist level when the bat is resting on the ground
Ask the child to hold the bat vertically with the top hand in position only, for 15 seconds. If it drops it is probably too heavy.

Height	Size
1.75m & Over	FULL SIZE
1.68m to 1.75m	ACADEMY
1.63m to 1.68m	HARROW
1.57m to 1.63m	6
1.50m to 1.57m	5
1.44m to 1.50m	4
1.37m to 1.44m	3
1.29m to 1.37m	2
0.00m to 1.29m	1

Use of Nets

Penkridge Cricket Club will not accept responsibility for any injuries sustained by juniors using the net facilities when unsupervised by an authorised coach. Juniors must note that full protective gear must be used when using a hard ball.

Juniors may not practice with a hard ball in the practice nets, unless they are supervised by a Level 2 coach. Juniors practising in the practice nets without the supervision of a qualified coach do so at their own risk.

Junior Training Sessions

Training Night: Fridays (April – Aug)

Cost of training: u9's £3 (1 hour) & £5 for all other age groups (1.5 hours)

New members – first week is free to new members (please share with friends)

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/carers of junior members must complete an application 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 this 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, which is included as an attachment and also available on the Club House Welfare Notice Board.

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

Yours sincerely

Leisa Wyllie - Club Welfare Officer - Penkridge Cricket Club

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Photography

The club will make all reasonable efforts to prevent unauthorised or inappropriate use of photography. However, current technology (camera phones and very small cameras) means it is impossible to guarantee this.

The club may wish to use photos and or video to promote the club and participation in cricket and may also use video to assist in player development. When official club video/photos are to be taken the club will use its best endeavours to make you aware in advance. However, as a member of Penkrige Cricket Club we will assume that you are happy to participate in such photography unless you advise us otherwise. If you do not wish to be involved then please notify the club

As a general rule photography is not encouraged but the club understands that parents may at times wish to take photos/video of their children playing cricket. Please make a Club Official aware when you are doing this in order that other parents and teams can be advised.

Consent in connection with club photography/video policy

I DO consent to the club photographing or videoing my involvement in cricket under the terms and conditions in the club photography/video policy.

I DO NOT consent to the club photographing or videoing my involvement in cricket under the terms and conditions in the club photography/video policy.

Signed:

Print Name:

Date of signing:

Club Code of Conduct for Young Players

Penkridge Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members.

Penkridge Cricket Club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/carers or guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with Jon Price Chairman, or Leisa Wyllie, Welfare Officer.

As a member of Penkridge 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.