



## Welcome Pack

Welcome to Spencer Cricket Club Juniors section. This guide for parents and guardians is designed to help you understand how the club runs, what you can expect from us and what we expect from you and your sons and daughters. It won't necessarily have the answers to all your questions but hopefully you will either be able to find them on the website or from one of the people listed below, who can be contacted via the website.

### Objectives of the Juniors Section

Spencer Cricket Club is a community-based club and while we want to have competitive league teams, we want to provide children with the opportunity to try the game of cricket, to have fun and, if the game is for them, to reach their full potential whether this is playing for Surrey or in a Sunday morning friendly for Spencer. The focus is on all the children not just the ten or eleven playing in the age group's 1<sup>st</sup> XI.

Our objectives are:

1. To ensure every Junior has an enjoyable cricketing experience at Spencer
2. To ensure every Junior is given the opportunity to develop their skills and to achieve their playing potential
3. To have a team in each age group that challenges for league and cup honours
4. To be a Centre of Excellence for Juniors development in the region including broadening access to the game to all parts of the community
5. To provide the stepping stone to senior cricket at Spencer/county level
6. To ensure Spencer Juniors demonstrate the Spirit of Cricket

### Organisation

The club is run by volunteers who give up their time to provide boys and girls with the opportunity to play cricket. The majority are, or have been, parents of boys or girls in the Juniors. Many but not all have qualified as coaches.

In addition, we have a roster of professional coaches that assist on Sundays to ensure that we have the appropriate level of coaches to children.

All Age Group Managers, Coaches and League Team Managers have had a DBS check.

The club has been awarded Clubmark status.

Clubmark accreditation was introduced by Sport England in 2002 and is awarded to clubs that comply with minimum operating standards in four areas:

1. The playing programme
2. Duty of care and safeguarding and protecting children and young people
3. The club and its community
4. Club management

### **What your child will receive:**

The main session of the week is either a Saturday or Sunday depending on the age group. For the U8s upwards, there may be league matches. For children not involved in matches, the session at Fieldview will be taken by qualified coaches.

A typical Morning Coaching Session could be:

- Start Register
- 10 minutes Warmup
- 23 minutes Skill development in small groups
- 40 minutes Game based session to build on Skill learned or Match
- 10 minutes Warm Down and Recap of what learned

In addition to Sundays or Saturdays, there are additional mid week net practices for U9s upwards. Before the season starts there are also “pre-season” indoor sessions, typically on Saturdays, starting at the end of February for 5-6 weeks.

Other opportunities to develop cricketing technique are the Winter Nets run at weekends from November to April in Spencer’s Indoor net and holiday courses during school holidays and half terms. Details are published on the website.

The number of league teams increases as the children get older but the younger age groups have a programme of internal matches and friendlies with other clubs to ensure boys get the opportunity to play matches.

### **Expectations of Parents and Guardians**

We expect that you will:

1. Encourage your child to learn the laws of cricket and play within them.
2. Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
3. Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
4. Never force your child to take part in sport.
5. Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
6. Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
7. Publicly accept officials’ judgements
8. Support your child’s involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
9. Use correct and proper language at all times.
10. Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.

### **Expectations of Boys and Girls**

We expect members:

1. To play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
2. To respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
3. To keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
4. To wear suitable kit (trainers or cricket boots and whites or tracksuit) for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
5. To listen to and respect the coaches
6. Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
7. Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.

### **Etiquette at the Club**

Please do not walk on the Square at any time

If a match is in progress, please do not walk behind the bowler when he is about to start his run up. Wait until the ball has been bowled or preferably to the end of the over.

Dogs are currently permitted into the grounds on leads but should not be allowed on the outfield. Do not allow them to foul the grounds.

### **Teamer**

Many of the sections use Teamer ([www.teamer.net](http://www.teamer.net)) to send out team notifications. Your Age Group Manager will provide more details if this is the case.

### **Website**

Please register with the Spencer website which is: [cricket.spencerclub.org](http://cricket.spencerclub.org).

The website contains a wealth of information, such as match results and fixtures, and is also used to communicate if Sunday training is cancelled due to the weather.

By registering you will receive a weekly update of news from the club.

### **Volunteering**

In order to run a successful age group, we always need volunteers. Please do not be shy about coming forward. Unless we have parents willing to help then we cannot put out teams as we need help with scoring and umpiring. Coaches will always welcome assistance to help run drills.

Regular volunteers at the club who have contact with children (those under 18) are required to have a criminal records bureau check. This is a relatively straight forward process requiring completion of a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) form, available from [ecb@tmgcrb.co.uk](mailto:ecb@tmgcrb.co.uk), which is then verified along with the necessary ID by the Club's Welfare Officers

Umpiring and scoring evenings are held in the season so no experience is necessary and age groups have other roles such as Friendly Fixtures Secretary, Website Co-ordinator etc.

The club will also reimburse the cost of taking ECB Coaching qualifications.

Please contact your Age Group Manager for more details.

### **Clothing and equipment**

Cricket whites are encouraged for U8s and above and required for league matches. Spencer cricket shirts can be bought from AJ Sports.

All boys require an abdominal guard or box in order to play or practice with a hard ball. This is usually U9 upwards. It is strongly recommended for boys playing with an incrediball.

Boys U9 upwards should have their own hard ball for net practice. These should be marked with their name.

All other equipment will be provided, although many boys have their own bats and as appropriate pads, helmet and gloves.

Most clubs, schools and leagues including Spencer CC require all young players to wear a helmet in all junior matches.

Helmets with a faceguard or grille must be worn when batting against in hard ball cricket matches and as well as in practice sessions.

Young players should regard a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting, together with pads, gloves and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box)

Wicket-keepers taking part in a hard ball match must wear a helmet with a faceguard and a box (boys).

Financial Assistance for kit is available from the Joe Pearce Willis Fund (details available on the website).

## Membership

Membership needs to be renewed each year. You will be notified when it opens up for the relevant age group. Renewals are on a “first come, first served” basis and so membership in one year does not automatically guarantee a place in subsequent years.

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