

Stalbridge Cricket Club

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Junior Cricket Newsletter 2007

Dear Parent / Young Cricketer

Junior cricket coaching and practice sessions for the 2007 season soon begin again in The Park, and will start (weather permitting!!) on the following dates:

Under-8s / 11s (< yr 6)	Sunday 22nd April	10.30am – 12.00	and every Sunday
Under-13s (yrs 7,8)	Thursday 26th April	6.15pm – 8.00pm	and every Thursday
Under-15s (yrs 9,10)	Monday 24th April	6.15pm – 8.00pm	and every Monday

For the under-15s and under 13s, there will also be a pre-season indoor net session to be held at Sturminster Newton Leisure Centre. These sessions will be held on:

Under-13s	Sunday 22nd April	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Under-15s	Sunday 22nd April	3.30pm – 5.00pm

Even if the weather is poor, we can still use the first outdoor sessions to sort out membership and registration. However, don't worry if you cannot come to the first sessions, everybody is welcome to join in at any stage, and even if the sessions are not at a convenient time for your family, please let us know as you can still be involved in the Club.

A 2007 membership form is enclosed. If you would like to join the Club this season, please complete your form and return it to one of the Club's Junior Coaches/Managers at the sessions in the Park, along with your £5.00 membership fee. This fee is payable by May 10th and will cover all coaching and practice sessions for 2007 and full supervised use of the Club's facilities.

Teams for the Under-11s, -13s and -15s begin their North Dorset Cricket Association league matches in May, and full SCC fixture cards will be available shortly. Due to demand last year, this season we will be running two Under-13 teams, giving more young cricketers the chance to play regularly in league matches. We will again be holding basic coaching and fun cricket sessions on Sunday mornings for boys and girls aged from 6 – 8 years. Though there will not be an official Under-8 team or league games for this age group, some informal matches will be arranged.

Team managers & assistants for 2007 are shown below. Nonetheless, the Club is always looking for volunteers to help out with the Junior section, so if you're a parent who's willing (even with no cricket experience yourself), please let us know. The Club has eight Level I qualified ECB Coaches, and all of our junior coaches/managers have undertaken Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) checks as to their suitability to work with young people.

Under-8s	Ian Moore	01963 362703
	Matt Chant	01963 363757
Under-11s	John Dike (team manager)	01935 816013
	Phil Calcott, Howard Batten	
Under-13s(A)	Colin Moore (team manager)	01963 364251
	Reece Wilson	
Under-13s(B)	Jon Fryer (team manager)	01258 473827
	Phil Calcott	
Under 15s	Simon Miles (team manger)	01963 362140
	Chris Hedges	

Clubmark Accreditation

One important development for the Club since last season is that we have achieved ECB Clubmark Accreditation. In being granted this status, Stalbridge CC has been judged by the ECB to operate its junior section according to important core standards. This includes providing a good quality cricket programme for young people in line with 'Safe Hands', the ECB's Welfare of Young People in Cricket Policy. It also means that the Club has adopted written policies on issues such as child protection, equity, accidents & incidents, and codes of conduct for players, coaches, volunteers, club officials and parents – some of which we are required to distribute with membership details!! This accreditation is important for the Club and its members – it is about doing what we do in the correct way, but it also enables the Club increased access to funding opportunities from the ECB.

Short Course for Parents/Coaching Assistants

The North Dorset Cricket Association will be holding a 3 hour one-off session aimed at providing interested parents, volunteers and coaching assistants or helpers with a few basics for coaching cricket to young players. The date and venue are yet to be finalised, as the NDCA is hoping to gauge the level of interest first. However, it will be held locally on a week-day evening, probably in April. The cost will be nominal, but would be paid by the Club. If you are interested in principal in taking part (subject to date, time etc..) please contact Colin Moore (01963 364251 / 07731634206), so that we can let the NDCA know some idea of numbers.

Club Shirts

This season, we are planning to obtain Club shirts for the Junior Section, similar to those worn by the senior teams. More details of prices and sizes available will follow at the start of the season, but the Club will definitely be subsidising the cost in order that the shirts can be offered to junior members at a greatly reduced rate.

Pre-season Club Events

Before we reach the start of the season, SCC will be holding a number of events. On Sunday March 25th, Reece Wilson, Howard Batten, Rob Burfitt, Chris Warne and Hayden Williams are swimming in the Blackmore Vale Lions Charity Swimmarathon, to raise money for local charities, as well as for the Club itself. It's for very good causes, and all our swimmers are looking for sponsors to pledge them a few pounds, so don't be shy!

On Sunday April 1st, we will be taking part in the ECB 'CRICKETFORCE DAY'. This involves holding a working party to help the Club get ready for the season. Starting at 10.00am in the Park, the Club needs as many volunteers as possible as we aim to put in place 'Waddy's Bench', continue work on the nets, paint the sightscreens and scoreboard, and start preparing the pitch for the season.

On Sunday 8th April, we are holding a fund-raising Pub Quiz at 8.00pm in the Stalbridge Arms. We hope to get good support for the evening, so come and take part if you can. You might win a prize or two!!

Finally, we would like to give a plug to our website at www.stalbridgecc.co.uk. Its another good way to keep up with what's happening in the Club, and you can already check out the 2007 fixture list for all teams. It only remains for us to wish everybody an enjoyable spring and summer (when it arrives!). We hope that you will want to be involved with the Club in 2007.

Stalbridge Cricket Club
Junior Sub-committee

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