



# MOUNT WAVERLEY CRICKET CLUB

## JUNIOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION SEASON 2022/23



MOUNT WAVERLEY CRICKET CLUB PLATINUM PARTNERS



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**Please note this information is current as at 5 August 2022.** Changes or directions imposed on or recommended to the Club by the State Government, Local Council, Cricket Victoria or one of our affiliated cricket competitions may require changes to be made to the operation of our junior program and in turn impact that information in their handbook.

The Club reserves the right to make changes and updates to this handbook from time to time as required, with material changes communicated where necessary. An up-to-date version of the handbook will be posted on our Club website under the Junior section. Should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at [mwccjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:mwccjuniors@hotmail.com).

## WELCOME TO MOUNT WAVERLEY CRICKET CLUB

The Mount Waverley Cricket Club was established in 1906 and has a proud and rich history. Our club prides itself in the way we play cricket and our junior program plays an important part in supporting the local community, our seniors through the internal development of talent and the future of the club.

Mount Waverley Junior Cricket Club aims to provide a fun and engaging environment that develops all young cricketers and help them fulfil their potential. We are proud to be one of the strongest junior cricket clubs in the region, and within Cricket Southern Bayside (CSB) operate in two of the strongest junior competitions in the country; Inner South East Cricket (ISEC) and the All Girls Cricket Competition (AGCC).

2021/22 was a successful season both on and off the field. We fielded 27 teams, had 15 team play finals and won three premierships. More than 50 junior girls and boys were selected in various representative cricket and had a record number of juniors playing senior cricket, and importantly families and players return to us each year for an excellent cricket experience.

I would like to acknowledge the 2021/22 committee for their leadership. Their legacy and stewardship have placed the club in a strong and enviable position across the South East.

Our priorities include:

- The advancement of girls' cricket through increased participation levels and turf opportunities.
- Working with Monash council on additional facilities for training and matches in line with the number of players and teams we field.
- Support for junior coaches that continues to progress the standard of coaching we deliver and to support, develop and acknowledge the strength of our strong volunteer base.
- Continuing to provide opportunities for senior cricket to those that are developmentally ready.

Run entirely by volunteers, the club prides itself on the opportunities it provides for development and enjoyment of young cricketers. We require the off-field support of all members to function. We are only as good as our volunteers, so if you can assist in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out.

This booklet contains much of the information you will need, including policies for playing and our code of conduct for players and parents. Please read this and keep it as a resource during the season.

In addition to our committee, I would like to acknowledge the coaches, team managers and the many volunteers that enable Mount Waverley Junior Cricket Club to provide opportunities for our juniors to enjoy cricket. When you see them, please take time to say thank you.

We look forward to a happy, safe and enjoyable cricket season.

Trevor Goddard

President - Junior Cricket

Mt Waverley Cricket Club

## HOW DO I CONTACT THE CLUB?

### Contact Details

Email: [mwccjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:mwccjuniors@hotmail.com)

Website: [www.mtwaverley.vic.cricket.com.au](http://www.mtwaverley.vic.cricket.com.au)

### Ground Details

Main Ground & Social Club:

Mt Waverley Reserve, Charles St, Mt Waverley – Melways 61 F12

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## WHO ARE YOUR MWCC JUNIOR COMMITTEE?

The Junior Committee work in partnership with the General Committee to deliver the junior program that in 2022/23 will create the opportunity for close to 300 juniors to take the field in a Mount Waverley team. Our committee members are listed on the junior section of the club website above. If you would like to assist in any way, please speak with or contact any of the committee on the email address above.

## WHEN IS REGISTRATION?

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### INVITATION TO REGISTER

Returning juniors will be invited to register from the start of August, 2022. A link will be sent via email or you can visit [play.cricket.com.au](http://play.cricket.com.au) and search 'Mt Waverley Cricket Club'.

Returning players will have a **priority window to register until 17 August, 2022**. Registrations for new players will then be open – at the same website address – and assessed on the same basis after this date.

Pending demand, registrations will close on **20th September 2022** to allow team selections and grading to occur prior to the commencement of training and our submission on teams that will enable Cricket Southern Bayside to generate fixtures for the season.

With registration being conducted online, new members will be contacted by the club to request proof of age documentation (passport copy or birth certificate extract).

A critical part of our registration process is the commitment of players to their MWCC team. We encourage players to represent their school and understand some players have commitments to Saturday sport. We also recognise that some players choose to develop their skills at multiple cricket clubs. MWCC expects that if you choose to play for our club your commitment extends to each training session and the duration of each match across the entire season, importantly including the possibility of finals. If you play for another team on the same day, then we would expect you to complete your MWCC commitment first and not leave part way or arrive late. There may be some clashes where players have been selected to play representative cricket, and we encourage players to pursue that opportunity in consultation with their coach and coordinator.

**Each player and their parent/guardian completing registration with the club agree to abide by our code of conduct**

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## WHAT WILL MY JUNIOR 2022/23 SUBSCRIPTION FEE BE?

Junior subscriptions are in line with other clubs across the competitions we play in and we do everything possible (including fundraising) to keep them as low as possible. Subscription fees are listed on the registration page.

Payment for an additional (i.e. second) team inclusion is not required on registration however interest should be recorded in the registration form. The junior registrar and committee will follow up once a second placement has been confirmed. We welcome and support players wishing to play within two teams, however will prioritise places to enable as many juniors as possible to have a Mt Waverley

experience.

### **An ISEC umpire fee will also be payable prior to the commencement of the season for juniors playing on turf only (approx.\$50)**

If teams make finals, there is an **additional charge of approx. \$10 per player per day** for each final to be paid to the team manager for payment of umpires and for ground hire costs.

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### IS THERE PRESEASON TRAINING?

For returning players, pre-season training commences on Sunday 7 August, 2022 from 4-6pm at Topline Sports (1/31-35 Burgess Rd, Bayswater North). These sessions will continue each Sunday for 6 weeks through to Sunday 11 September, 2022 inclusive.

The Mt Waverley junior program has exclusive use of the indoor centre, with eight nets available, so plenty of room for all age groups.

Returning players are encouraged to register prior to attending training for insurance purposes. No unregistered players will be permitted to attend from week 3 (Sunday 21 August), unless a specific exemption is provided. New players will be able to attend upon their registration.

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### WILL I NEED A UNIFORM?

Yes. Mount Waverley Junior Roos train in blue and play in white. All players are required to purchase and maintain club uniforms (shirt, training shirt and playing cap). These will be available to purchase prior to the season. Please see our weekly email newsletter for further information.

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### WHY IS PAYMENT IMPORTANT?

It assists us confirm numbers. We kindly ask that subscriptions are paid as soon as possible. Teams will be selected **ONLY FROM FULLY PAID UP PLAYERS** unless other arrangements have been made with the Club.

We recognise that cricket is not a cheap sport. Should you require financial consideration, please contact the Junior Secretary via [mwccjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:mwccjuniors@hotmail.com). A confidential conversation may enable the possibility of a deferred payment or a payment plan that enables you to participate in the season.

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### IS THERE A REGISTRATION NIGHT FOR NEW MEMBERS?

No, registrations are conducted online and should you require information about registration that is not covered in this handbook, please contact the Junior Secretary via [mwccjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:mwccjuniors@hotmail.com).

We do intend to host a parent / team manager information night prior to the start of the season where more information will be shared around the conduct of in-season training sessions and match days.

There will be age group and program specific information sessions aligned with weeks 5 and 6 of the pre-season program at topline to provide the opportunity for parents/guardians and players to meet and have Q&A with the coordinators and a committee member.

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### CRICKET BLAST

Junior Blast programs are for girls and boys aged 5-10 years old. Many of our current players have benefitted from the skill development the program has offered. Further information will be available on our website in October, in the weekly newsletter and on social media.

The Blast program is managed by parents with the support of the club, similar to the AFL Auskick program. Volunteers are needed for this excellent program and many parents in the past have enjoyed being involved in their young children's development of the game. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer please send an email to [mwccjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:mwccjuniors@hotmail.com)

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## WHAT AGE GROUP WILL I PLAY IN?

Cut off for age groups is 31 August each year. Use the table below to establish the correct age group for a player in coming season:

- ▶ Under 11s born on or after 1 September 2011
- ▶ Under 13s born on or after 1 September 2009
- ▶ Under 15s born on or after 1 September 2007
- ▶ Under 17s born on or after 1 September 2005
- ▶ All-Girls Under 16 born on or after 1 September 2006

For young girls playing into the ISEC mixed cricket competition, they are able to play up to 2 years ahead of the calculations above. Mt Waverley has a successful mixed program and we encourage you to explore this option and seek guidance from the girl's coordinator and the junior committee.

We encourage Juniors to play in their correct age group to promote team development, individual confidence and representative cricket opportunities. Requests to play above or below an age group may be considered and must be made in writing to the Junior Secretary at [mwccjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:mwccjuniors@hotmail.com) at the time of registration.

Decisions by the club are final and refunds will not be available to a player who does not play as a result of not being granted permission to solely play above their age group. All age requests are subject to CSB and their subsequent ISEC and AGCC By-Laws.

**Please note:** Juniors are required to have turned 8 years of age to formally register into the Cricket Australia system and be covered by insurance to play a game within our registered competitions. MWCC welcomes 7-year-old friends of players (and particularly brothers and sisters) to explore cricket at a training session just prior to their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please contact your age group coordinator across the season for advice and to assess for appropriateness and safety.

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## WHO ALLOCATES ME INTO A TEAM?

Team allocations need careful consideration which accounts for our early registration. Allocations will be discussed by our lead coordinator age group coordinators to ensure continuity, balance, availability, skill level and development for all players and allows us to take into account age groups with graded competitions.

Whilst every effort will be made with regard to friendships, as teams will normally be capped at either 12 or 13 players this may not always be possible and balancing skill levels will take precedence, particularly in the older age groups.

Requests for friendship will be considered by coordinators and coaches. The requests need to be made on your registration form (under the 'additional comments' section) and ensure you are selecting the same preferences for playing days.

Registration **does not** guarantee a place and some players unfortunately may not be successful in being allocated a team. This may occur where we have sufficient registrations to form three teams but not enough for four. Where there are insufficient numbers MWCC will look to players who have indicated on their forms a preference for second day plays to build complete teams. **In the unfortunate circumstance where we cannot field a team, players whom have played previously at MWCC will receive placement preference.** We will notify all players of the status of their application during late September. If we are unable to include a player in the final list, their proof of age copy will be returned, together with a refunded registration fee.

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## ALL GIRLS CRICKET

For girls who would like to play in the all-girls cricket format MWCC will field teams in the U/11, U/13 and U/16 AGCC competitions this year.

### 11s and under

**This stage 1 format cater for all levels of skills and experience. All matches are played on Wednesday evenings (proposed 5pm – 8pm), with training proposed for Monday evenings**

### 13s and under

There are two stages to cater for all levels of skills and experience. All matches are played on Wednesday evenings (proposed 5pm – 8pm), with training proposed for Monday evenings.

### 16s and under

All matches are played on Sunday mornings (proposed 9am – 12noon). Training date TBC.

AGCC and ISEC registration processes run in tandem at MWCC, enabling female players to register and participate in both competitions. We welcome and encourage this as part of our inclusion policy. If you have any questions or wish to be placed on the notification list when registration opens please email [mwccjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:mwccjuniors@hotmail.com).

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## WHERE WILL I BE PLAYING?

MWCC works with ISEC and AGCC to schedule games based on access to grounds as controlled by Monash council. Grounds are allocated to teams at the commencement of the season taking into account the fixture, usage/traffic, and competing ground requirements.

We ask that parents support us by helping us keep all ground and the associated facilities neat and tidy. Assistance with ground set up and pack up are required for every home game to ensure our continuing access to these facilities is an important part of the team manager role. This MWCC commitment by our players, families and supporters makes a valuable contribution to maintaining the excellent relationship MWCC has with Council.

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## WHERE ARE THE SYNTHETIC GROUNDS?

MWCC does not have a licence at any synthetic grounds so we work with Monash council to access grounds to support junior cricket. These grounds are allocated by Monash Council and are made available to us for the duration of the season (we are a guest of the club which has a licence at the ground). As part of the arrangement we do ask that parents help by ensuring that the facilities are maintained, and any issues are immediately reported to the team manager. MWCC asks all players and parents to remember that we are guests at all grounds and are fortunate to be able to use the facilities.

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## WHERE ARE THE TURF FACILITIES?

As a sub-district club MWCC has access to turf wickets with the active support of Monash council. As we have limited turf facilities and need to consider the maintenance need of turf pitches, MWCC may need to cap numbers of teams on turf to ensure that games can be undertaken. Should this be required MWCC may hold trials prior to the season for the relevant age groups (ISEC u15/u17 and AGCC u16). Selection will consider (in no order) ability, team balance, family contribution to MWCC, and MWCC games played. Coaches may limit teams to twelve players maximum and teams named will be final.

Wherever possible players not selected will be provided with the opportunity to play on synthetic, and should the opportunity arise during the season - fill in on turf for absent players. Registration fees will be partially refunded to reflect the fee difference between synthetic and turf competitions.

In recognition of the status of the ISEC junior turf competition ISEC will continue to provide impartial umpires for turf cricket formats. **An additional fee will be payable to the umpires each week. You will be notified, on selection, whether this fee is to be paid through the registration portal or via your team manager at the start of the season.**

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## IS THERE A SEASON LAUNCH?

Given the limitations imposed due to COVID-19 protocols we have not held a Season Launch in the last two seasons. Pending no imposition of similar restrictions and demand from the parent and player group, we will plan a Season Launch prior or at the time of season starting.

Should you want to support the conduct of this event or any social event, please register your interest with our Junior Secretary via [mwccjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:mwccjuniors@hotmail.com).

Fixtures are generally released by ISEC and AGCC on the eve of the first week of competition and based on the submissions made by clubs in mid September. Competitions are drafted to commence post October School holidays. With team grading an important part of the fixtures process to ensure both a competitive and enjoyable experience, it is important you note MWCC absenteeism requirements within our code of conduct: do not let your team and coach down. A full season calendar will be available when season training commences and your team manager will share this information with you.

## TRAINING AND PLAYING AT MWCC JUNIORS

### CODE OF CONDUCT

Respect for the game and the conduct of our members is of high importance at MWCC. The club requires you to read and abide by its code of conduct to ensure that players, coaches, umpires, club officials and parents/guardians can enjoy a great season of cricket played in the spirit of the game. All players, and parents/guardian by nature of completing the registration for Juniors, agree to abide by this code of conduct and recognise the rights of the Mount Waverley Cricket Club to suspend or cancel membership for severe breaches of behaviour.

All coaches will have current Working With Children Checks (WWCC) and are supported by the club in completion of community cricket coaching qualifications. They give their time voluntarily and we are grateful for their continued support in developing the cricket skills of our children and fostering a respect for the game. MWCC is a signatory to the Cricket Australia Commitment Statement for safeguarding children and young people and we refer to the Cricket Australia policy for safeguarding children and young people to our guide programs.

The MWCC Child Safety Officer is appointed to the MWCC Junior Committee and is our nominated representative with Cricket Southern Bayside who oversee the ISEC and AGCC competitions. If you have questions or would like further information please don't hesitate to contact us via [mwccjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:mwccjuniors@hotmail.com).

### WHEN IS MY TRAINING DAY?

Training is held across Mount Waverley Reserve and our other home grounds and times are dependent on the availability of the coach. Training times will be advised via email by coaches in late September based on the coach's availability. Traditionally training nights are (to be confirmed):

- ▶ Under 11 Monday
- ▶ Under 13 Wednesday
- ▶ Under 15 Tuesday
- ▶ Under 17 Thursday (and with seniors 6:00pm – 8:00pm)
- ▶ All-Girls 11,13 & 16 under Mondays
- ▶ All-Girls Turf TBC

All players are required to attend scheduled training on time and with the correct training attire. Players should give good notice to their team manager of non-attendance or if they need to leave early. Players who do not advise the manager of any absence or regularly do not attend training may at the Clubs discretion have reduced match playing opportunities.

Correct training attire for all players includes;

- ▶ MWCC blue training shirt
- ▶ shorts / cricket trousers / tracksuit pants
- ▶ MWCC non-playing cap / MWCC baggy blue / wide brimmed hat
- ▶ sunscreen
- ▶ water bottle

Junior players are required to bring their **own cricket ball** for training which should be clearly marked with the player's name. Due to the large variation in the construction and behaviour of cricket balls

we recommend that players train with cricket balls which are similar to those used in competition:

- ISEC U11's and AGCC U/11 and U13 (stage1) – Kookaburra (CA official U11 format ball – less than \$15)
- ISEC and AGCC U13's (stage2) - Kookaburra Kooka Practice 142g ball (usually about \$25)
- AGCC U16 - Kookaburra Kooka Practice 142g ball (usually about \$25)
- U15's and U17's - 156g Kooka Colt ball (usually less than \$30)

If in doubt please seek advice from your coach or coordinator as there is a large variation in quality across ball brands.

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## TRAINING ATTENDANCE

Wherever possible players should make themselves available for team training. Team training in the nets and on the outfield helps build team spirit and familiarity – critical elements to any team sport. At older age groups (Under 15 and 17) junior cricket is very competitive, so preparation is paramount. It is required that players attend training each week unless special circumstance occur (see absenteeism). Where players are continually not available for training, the coach may limit opportunity and provide reduced match opportunity on the centre wicket.

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## CRICKET EQUIPMENT

Due to the variety of cricket equipment and the increasing personal preference of players for specific types of equipment most players choose to have their own cricket equipment. However, if equipment is needed for U11's or U13's the Club can look to supply a basic kit on loan with bats, gloves, leg pads, helmet etc to a player who needs cricket equipment (excluding personal protector). Should you need loan equipment please send contact us via [mwccjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:mwccjuniors@hotmail.com).

The wearing of a helmet whilst batting and wicket keeping is compulsory at all MWCC training and also games for U/11 and U13 players.

At under 15, under 16 and under 17 wearing a helmet whilst batting is still compulsory at both training and games, but wicket keepers only need to wear helmets if keeping up to the stumps.

If buying cricket equipment or clothing, the following stores have a good range:

- TNF Cricket (Tails Never Fails) an MWCC partner [www.tnfcricicket.com/](http://www.tnfcricicket.com/)
- Topline Sports, 1/31-35 Burgess Rd, Bayswater North
- Greg Chappell Cricket Centre: 1708 Princes Highway, Clayton (in the process of relocating as of August 2022)

If you are seeking specific cricket advice on equipment size, quality, value etc... it is recommended that specialist stores are in the best position to assist and further club merchandise is available to purchase through TNF at: <https://www.tnfcricicket.com/mount-waverley/>

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## RULES OF CRICKET (ISEC & AGCC)

As with the senior levels of the game, cricket by laws and rules are continually changing to reflect commitment to player enjoyment and development, spectator interest, player safety and to project the integrity of the game.

This is even more so at the junior level of the game where there is ongoing balance and focus on, participation and enjoyment, skill and personal development and the pursuit of cricket pathways across the club and representative competitions and to satisfy all aspirations at the elite and social levels.

As ISEC and AGCC confirm changes for the 2022/23 season at August planning days and through other committee structures, MWCC will ensure, through your coordinators, that you have links to the rules and regulations that will guide your season.

- ISEC league and are subject to the laws of cricket and the [by- laws of the competition](#). Additional information about ISEC is available from the league website (<http://isec.vic.cricket.com.au/>).



- Information of the All Girls cricket rules can be found at <http://www.allgirlscricket.com.au/>

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## PLAYING TIMES

The start of the season for juniors is currently yet to be confirmed (traditionally it aligns with term 4 at school). CSB have various junior leagues which give teams the opportunity to play either Wednesday nights, Friday nights, Saturday mornings or Sunday mornings and afternoons. **Please indicate your preferences for playing days on the registration form.** Whilst we cannot guarantee a particular playing day, it helps us in allocate teams.

All players are required at their match at least 30 minutes before the start of the game. Please let your coach / team manager know if you're unavailable for a game (in the week prior if possible) so a fill in player can be secured;

- ▶ AGCC: Wednesday evening matches start at 4:30 pm. (game starts 5:00pm.) and finish around 8 pm.
- ▶ ISEC: Friday night matches start at 4:30 pm. (game starts 5:00pm.) and finish around 8 pm.
- ▶ ISEC: Saturday morning matches start at 8.15 am. (game starts 8:45 am.) and finish around 11.45 am.
- ▶ AGCC & ISEC: Sunday morning matches start at 8.15 am. (game starts 8.45 am.) and finish around 11.45 am and we have some turf competitions that may be required to play into a Sunday afternoon slot from 12.30pm onward.

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## WHAT SHOULD I WEAR ON MATCH DAY?

All Junior Roo's players are expected to wear long white or cream pants, a Mount Waverley logo playing shirt and an official club playing cap (u11s & u13s) or baggy blue cap (u15s, u16s & u17s) or a broad brimmed white hat.

White ONLY windcheater or cricket vest/jumper can be worn in colder weather and while mainly white 'normal' runners or cross trainers are acceptable, rubber soled cricket shoes are encouraged for junior teams to minimise the likelihood of injury.

In particular, synthetic pitches and runups can be sandy and slippery and cricket shoes provide the best level of grip for these surfaces. Cricket shoes with spiked rubber soles or metal spikes are particularly encouraged for turf teams in U15, U16 and U17. Vans or Dunlop Volley type footwear are not appropriate on the field. Players should wear sunscreen and must bring their own water bottle to games & training.

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## PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES

Cricket is a team sport and as a community club we aim to offer development for all players who are keen to play cricket, give their best and want to have fun. It is important for parents to encourage extra practice between training and matches to develop skills and complement coaching. As your team develops across the season we find this is an excellent way to socialise across the club and for parents to develop the skills and comfort level to step into a coaching and managing role in the next season.

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## CRICKET BLAST (5-10 YEARS)

The primary focus at this age group is to provide a positive, enjoyable introduction to the game of cricket using a variety of activities which develop basic cricket skills, physical fitness and encourage social interaction and team building.

Specific skills include holding the bat, catching, throwing and basic bowling and batting techniques. Children are encouraged to practice at home, to watch cricket and learn a basic understanding of the game. Details of registration for this program will be available on our website in October and promoted through our newsletters. We encourage you to assist us promote this program across your family, friends and the broader Mount Waverley community.

### Stage 1 ISEC (U11) and stage 1 AGCC U11 and AGCC (U13)

Stage 1 play in a synthetic league where there are no finals or season ladder. Matches are non-competitive and involve limited overs per side where batting and bowling will be rotated to ensure equal opportunity for every team member irrespective of talent.

Stage 1 involves skill development including a focus on reducing wides and no balls, running between wickets, rotating the strike, scoring, fielding techniques, developing greater concentration and game plans.

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### UNDER 13 AGCC (stage 2) and ISEC U13

Under 13s play in a synthetic league and finals are generally played between the top four teams. During the season matches will consist of one and two day games. For all grades batting and bowling will be managed each week to ensure every team member has the opportunity to contribute either with bat or ball.

Opportunity to play in all roles may not always be available in all games due to game circumstances, however will be balanced across the course of a season.

Under 13s at this level involves players having the opportunity to develop a more defined role in the team whilst improving skills as a fielder including greater concentration, reflex and anticipation. Running efficiently between wickets, scoring runs and using more complex game plans will also be a focus. Players who are interested may also be given leadership roles.

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### UNDER 15 (ISEC) / UNDER 16 (AGCC)

These groups play in a synthetic (ISEC Friday) or turf (AGCC Sunday) league and finals are played between the top four teams. At Under 15 and 16 coaches guide the team (particularly at training) but have limited opportunity to intervene and adjust game strategies during play, depending on current ISEC and AGCC by-laws. In these circumstances the captain is required to ensure that the style and method of play is adjusted as needed. Parents and players are asked to respect this dynamic of the game.

In the interests of maintaining player interest across the cricket season, circumstances may dictate that on occasion, coaches will utilise the player talent at their disposal to the best advantage of the team effort. Every effort will be made to expose players to a variety of roles within the team. However, player attitude, particularly toward their own development as cricketers through commitment to training both at scheduled sessions and away from the club and their demonstrated level of improvement throughout the season, may influence a coach's decision on the roles perceived to be within the realms of that player's ability. By the Under 15/16 stage of a cricketer's development, most have started to show a tendency toward a particular role(s) within the team structure. On and off field leadership will be strongly encouraged and developed, and captains in particular will be given a lot of decision-making opportunity.

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### UNDER 17

Under 17s play in a synthetic (Friday) or turf (Sunday) league and finals are played between the top four teams. U17's desiring to play senior cricket should indicate their interest as part of the registration process.

This is the final stepping stone on the path of the junior cricketer toward Senior Cricket at the Club. In preparation, a sense of competitiveness is instilled in each player. Whilst coaches will concentrate on ironing out any deficiencies in a player's game, and in developing team plans, players are required to take ownership of their own personal development by way of extra practice and implementation of team plans. At this level, players are expected to know their role within the team, and work toward fulfilling that role consistently and to the best of their ability.

Some players may have experienced Senior Cricket by this time, or will have the opportunity to do so during the course of the season. It is incumbent on those players to share their senior experiences with other team members for their preparation into senior cricket.

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### GRADING

With the exception of stage 1 teams, age groups are graded by ISEC and AGCC and club

assessments of teams. MWCC's own team selection will recognise the desire to have competitive teams on the field where possible, and we will grade at a team level and not at an individual level. This approach ensures that we can provide the greatest opportunity for all players regardless of ability. Note that grading requirement is more stringent as players progress in age groups.

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## ABSENTEEISM

It is normal that over the period of a season some players will be unavailable for various reasons. In summary where a player chooses to be unavailable then the player should be unavailable for the whole match if fill in players need to be secured to ensure the team can play. Where players are absent due to sickness, representative cricket commitments or extra-curricular successes the coach will work with the fill in players to set the correct expectation so that the absent player can resume when available. If a player is expected to be absent for one or more games and/or training sessions please advise your coach and team manager as early as possible.

For more information on absenteeism please approach your coach, team manager or a committee member.

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## FILL IN PLAYERS

Players asked to fill in will be given every opportunity to feel part of the team and to bat and or bowl as the circumstance allows, and not just be asked to field for the whole day. However dependent on the grade, it means they may not bat or bowl at all, like regular team members. They will be rewarded for helping the team out by doing our best to give them a good chance whilst not significantly reducing the opportunity of existing team players.

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## PLAYING IN MORE THAN ONE TEAM

Should a player be interested in playing in more than one team this should be indicated in the online registration form using the 'additional day play' option. During the registration process we will try and place players who wish to play in additional teams once all players have been provided their first or alternative preference. Due to ground, coach, and team limits we may not be able to place everyone – so if you can assist please let us know as part of the registration comments.

When playing in more than one team it is critical that the player and both coaches have a clear understanding of the priorities for playing and training. This means that training and playing commitments are understood and adhered to. Coaches will be mindful of any playing restrictions as per CA junior guidelines and that the role the player undertakes in each team balances the development of the player and both teams.

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## FINALS

In the case of a team consisting of the more players than wickets which may fall during the match, all players may not get the opportunity to bat. Players must meet By-Law guidelines to be eligible to play in finals and the junior committee and coordinators will assist with assessing qualifications for finals at the mid-point in the season to ensure teams have every opportunity to be successful.

As our teams will be limited to the maximum players, team selection for finals should not be problematic. However, should there be any change to League rules and that a number of less than the maximum number of players can participate, the coach will decide who plays. In deciding the team make up, the coach may take into account a number of considerations including a child's attendance at training during the season, the child's presence at club functions, a child's adherence to the coach's directives during the season, and ability. Where a player does not bat due to the loss of all wickets the coach will endeavour to ensure that the player has significant opportunity during the bowling innings (where available).

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## DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MWCC Juniors caters for all abilities. Playing at MWCC provides opportunities for selection in the VSDCA Craig Shield U15 Turf Competition, and some players are invited to try out for Cricket Victoria Pathways, School Sport Victoria, ISEC and MISE for their representative teams. MWCC has had many players in the Pathways Program, and generally over 40 in total playing some form of representative cricket in any one season. For more information on Cricket Australia's pathway

program see their website <http://www.cricketaustralia.com.au/cricket/pathway>. if you have any questions about this side of our program please reach out through [mwccjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:mwccjuniors@hotmail.com) and we would be delighted to support your cricketing endeavours.

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### CAN I PLAY SENIORS?

Juniors who are deemed capable and where there is a need; may get approached to play for one of the senior teams. Senior cricket is performance oriented and as such in-game opportunities do not operate in the same way as junior cricket. Opportunity in senior cricket is driven by performance, plan execution, on-field concentration, in-team flexibility, and will be limited by game conditions and availability of roles. It takes patience and persistence to transition in a sub-district team. The club senior coach and female program leadership group regularly review, watch and are in contact with the junior coordinators to assess where these opportunities may become available and they will reach out as required.

Getting down to Mount Waverley Reserve or Pinewood Reserve on a Saturday afternoon to watch our senior men's groups play and watching our Female team on Sunday are both fantastic ways to understand senior cricket. Wear your uniform down and cheer on the Roo's!!

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### SOCIAL MEDIA

In addition to email, Mount Waverley Cricket Club uses social media to keep players and parents informed about club events and updates across the season. Please follow Mt Waverley Cricket Club so that you can share in the broader experiences and successes of the club:



[@mtwaverleycc](https://twitter.com/mtwaverleycc)



[@MtWaverleyCC](https://www.facebook.com/MtWaverleyCC)



[@mtwaverleycc](https://www.instagram.com/mtwaverleycc)

All posts must adhere to the Mt Waverley CC Social Media policy:

<http://mtwaverley.vic.cricket.com.au/files/120/files/social%20media%20policy.pdf>

Any personal posts should only include your own children unless you have the explicit approval of the other people contained therein. For more information please refer to our Social Media Policy.

## BEING INVOLVED AND INFORMED

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### VOLUNTEERING: PARENT ASSISTANCE AND INVOLVEMENT

MWCC Juniors has a strong and proud tradition of parent engagement, with all our roles taken on in a voluntary capacity to ensure our junior boys and girls enjoy the game of cricket.

We ask families to **volunteer for at least one role for their child's team:**

- ▶ **Team Manager** - organise roster of parent help on match day, inform parents of social events, match day/training details, answer queries, enter scores on MyCricket if coach prefers.
- ▶ **Scoring** - to be on a roster of scorers for your team. Training on scoring or having a scoring buddy/mentor is available.

- ▶ **Ground set up** - to be on a roster to mark out the boundary from the wicket with cones, set up scorers' table, scoreboard, tea table, checking kit is complete at the end of the match.
- ▶ **Umpiring** - when needed as directed by the coach. Know the laws and specific rules for your age group, (+ when necessary, be able to give your own child 'out!')
- ▶ **Training** - assist with training activities (as directed by the coach)
- ▶ **Uniforms** - help with the ordering and distribution of club uniforms
- ▶ **Social & Fundraising** - social & fundraising efforts to promote the junior club and keep costs low

Traditionally home teams have been required by the League to provide morning/afternoon tea for both sides, however this was paused due to COVID-19 protocols – at this stage the competitions will continue with this and players will be required to bring their own food/drink for game breaks.

The club would look to hold several junior social functions per season where families may be asked to provide a salad and/or assist with the organisation of the event.

Should you want to support the organization social events, please register your interest with our Junior Secretary via [mwccjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:mwccjuniors@hotmail.com).

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## CLUB SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors are crucial to our success and we remain keen to work with all existing and potential sponsors. They are acknowledged in our club emails and we encourage you to support them.

MWCC welcomes all forms of sponsorship including packages incorporating any combinations of money, product or services. If you are involved in / own a business which would benefit from exposure to our hundreds of members please reach out to one of the committee members. As part of your sponsorship, we will include details of your business on a directory appearing on our club website. The website will acknowledge the support of your business on the main page and a link to your website can be secured.

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## GRIEVANCE POLICY

If you have concerns regarding your engagement with the club it is important to communicate with your coach who should be able to answer your questions. Let the coach know that you want to talk to them, and set up a time to discuss; try and avoid times during games or training as the coach will generally be busy working with the players. Should you feel that further focus is required any issues should be raised with the coach in the presence of the Team Manager (if appointed). Should you need further assistance, please contact any member of the committee directly.

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## PRIVACY POLICY

The Club respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal information. Please refer to the website for our Club's policy on how we manage personal information.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

Registration at MWCC includes the granting of permission to include photos / videos of players on its website and social media (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook) channels. Photos of players may be used individually or as part of a team photo and no individual names will be published (only team names) unless to celebrate a milestone (where only first names will be used). We ask parents to be mindful about the content of their posts, gain approval from people referenced, and abide by the clubs Social Media policy. As with all our Club programs we revert in the first instance to our commitments to the Cricket Australia Policy for safeguarding children and young people.

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## HOW WILL THE CLUB COMMUNICATE WITH ME?

Most communication will be through email. It is important you inform the club of changes to your contact details. For questions related to cricket at Mount Waverley please contact the Junior Secretary at [mwccjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:mwccjuniors@hotmail.com) and ensure that you add us to your address book to limit the chances of us not reaching your inbox. This will be our primary club communication, however across

the season each of our teams will look to communicate with their parent groups across a number of different platforms to keep updated weekly about training and game day issues and for the young people in their team to stay socially connected for those outside of club training get togethers!!

## CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

We endorse Cricket Australia policies through our commitment to child safety and our club supports;

- [Australian Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People](#)
- [Australian Cricket's Looking After our Kids Code of Behaviour for Affiliated Associations and Clubs](#)
- [Australian Cricket's Commitment to Safeguarding Children and Young People.](#)

Mount Waverley has a Child Safety Officer, Mr Choong Chin, should you have any questions or concerns please contact Choong or a representative of the committee via details on the club website.

## THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET AT MT WAVERLEY CRICKET CLUB

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it is expected to be played not only within its laws, but also within the **Spirit of the Game**. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself and the standing of the Club within the wider community.

The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- ▶ Your opponents
- ▶ Your team
- ▶ The umpires
- ▶ The game's traditional values

It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- ▶ To question an umpire's decision by word or gesture
- ▶ To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- ▶ To indulge in cheating or any unsportsmanlike practice, e.g.
  - Appealing, knowing that the batsman is not out
  - Advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
  - Seeking to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of your side.
- ▶ There is no place for any act of violence on or off the field of play.

Our club prides itself on playing competitive cricket within the rules and Spirit of the Game.

## BEHAVIOUR

- ▶ Players must not swear or use any language intended to be discriminatory or overtly intimidating
- ▶ Players should never engage in physically aggressive behaviour towards any other participant on the ground (player or official), regardless of any provocation.
- ▶ Players must not mistreat equipment (e.g. throwing bats) under any circumstances, regardless of whether the equipment is theirs or the Clubs.
- ▶ Players are encouraged to interact with the umpires, but where they have a complaint and/or want to question a decision they should direct that communication through their captain/coach.

## VERBAL & BODY LANGUAGE.

- ▶ We always aim to maintain positive momentum in the game, regardless of the scenario and our verbal and body language is a major driver of this.
- ▶ Players should always aim to be positive in their verbal and body language.

## FAIRNESS & INTEGRITY.

- ▶ All players and teams are expected to play the game within its specified rules and should not seek to take advantage of those rules in order to gain an unfair advantage.

## STICKING TOGETHER.

- ▶ We expect all players to show respect for their teammates.
- ▶ On-field players should always be positive to each other (as above) and after a wicket all players should get together to show their support for the wicket taker.
- ▶ On-field players should applaud excellent play regardless of which team it comes from.
- ▶ When batting, all players should sit together to: 1) support their team-mates on field; and 2) get to know and interact with their teammates.

#### OFF-FIELD

- ▶ Post-Game: Players should always acknowledge the umpire and other team positively.
- ▶ All parents and players are asked to use the internet and social media responsibly in line with our code of conduct.

#### CODE OF CONDUCT

The Club expects its coaches, officials, players, spectators, and parents/guardians to adhere to a code of behaviour. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the players, and at junior levels, their parents.

Breaches of the MWCC 'Code of Behaviour', 'Spirit of Cricket', or ISEC Parent or Player Code of Behaviour Bylaws may be subject to Committee and / or league review. The review may include the requirement to addend a club and/or league tribunal. Finding subject to the tribunal may include fines, suspension and/or de-registration of either of both the Parent and Player subject to the incident.

#### GENERAL CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

As a member of the Mt. Waverley Cricket Club, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by Cricket Victoria, a member association or an affiliated club and in any role you hold within Cricket Victoria, a member association or an affiliated club:

- ▶ Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others
- ▶ Conduct yourself at all matches involving the club with an open and mature mind
- ▶ Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example
- ▶ Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible
- ▶ Refrain from any form of harassment of others
- ▶ Refrain from any behaviour that may bring the Mt. Waverley club into disrepute
- ▶ Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured
- ▶ Remember junior sport is not for your satisfaction but that of your child.

#### SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR MOUNT WAVERLEY GAMES

As a spectator in any activity held by or under the auspices of the Mount Waverley Cricket Club, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity or event:

- ▶ Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same
- ▶ Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational
- ▶ Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, coaches, officials or players
- ▶ Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game
- ▶ Do not use violence, harassment or abuse in any form (that is, do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators)
- ▶ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- ▶ Do not drink alcohol at a junior match.
- ▶ Do not smoke near players or spectators or within 10 metres of a council managed building.

#### PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

In addition to the General and Spectator code of behaviour as a parent/guardian of a player/participant in any activity held by or under the auspices of the Mt. Waverley Cricket Club, you must:

- ▶ Not force an unwilling child to participate in Cricket.
- ▶ Remember, children are involved in Cricket for their enjoyment, not yours.
- ▶ Encourage your child to play by the rules at all times.
- ▶ Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- ▶ Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Positive comments are motivational.
- ▶ Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all participants.
- ▶ Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- ▶ Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise. If you disagree with an umpire or coach raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question their judgement and honesty in public.
- ▶ Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- ▶ Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- ▶ Be courteous in communication with administrators, coaches, players and umpires. Teach children to do likewise.
- ▶ Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.
- ▶ Do not undermine the efforts of coaches.
- ▶ Encourage junior players to participate in the sport of cricket in a safe manner.

## WEATHER POLICY

Cricket Victoria provide heat guidelines which the league ByLaws take into account.

### HOT WEATHER

Unless instructed, please assume that the game is on.

All clubs have a hot weather policy for training sessions, game day and Cricket Blast sessions.

These policies are formulated not only by experience but also by ISEC's heat rule which states:

16.5 (i) The heat rule for under age matches shall be as follows -:

(a) No scheduled morning match will commence if the temperature has reached 32° Celsius by 8.00 a.m. (Refer ISEC Heatline for details)

(b) No scheduled evening match will commence if the temperature has reached 35° Celsius by 4.00 p.m. (Refer ISEC Heatline for details)

(i) The temperatures on Bureau of Meteorology website will be taken as the official temperature for the purposes of By Law 14.1.

(ii) Each ground will be allocated to a relevant Bureau of Meteorology weather station for the purposes of By Law 14.1 and Clubs notified prior to the start of the season by the General Secretary.

For details please refer to the ISEC Website: <http://isec.vic.cricket.com.au/> – see under rules, forms and policies/rules and bylaws. A message may also be posted on their website under 'forum' link.

See the BoM towers for allocation of grounds to weather stations

(<http://isec.vic.cricket.com.au/files/2063/files/Heat%20Rule%20-%20BOM%20Towers.pdf>).

### TRAINING

If the Temperature exceeds match conditions the coach must cancel, suspend, or continue with a modified training program. This is age dependent as older players are less susceptible to the effects of heat due to greater mass. Advice will be provided by the age group and/or girls squad coordinator

### FRIDAY NIGHT MATCHES



If the temperature is 34 degrees at 4p.m. according to Bureau of Meteorology at the nominated measuring station for each ground (See ISEC Website for more details), team managers or coaches may advise their respective teams that the match or training is cancelled on that night. Given that players are at the ground for 4.30 p.m. you may hear the decision at short notice.

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#### SATURDAY MORNING AND SUNDAY MORNING MATCH DAY

Saturday/Sunday mornings - if it is 32 degrees at 8 a.m. on Saturday/Sunday morning according to Bureau of Meteorology at the nominated measuring station for each ground (See ISEC and AGCC Websites for more details), your coach/team manager **will contact you** if a game is cancelled. If you have not been contacted, you must turn up to the ground as usual.

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#### CONFIRMATION OF CANCELLATION

To confirm that the League has called off the day's play, team managers and/or coaches will need to check the temperature at the relevant weather station using the BoM website for the time specified. Details on the rules and regulations are available on the ISEC and AGCC websites (<http://isec.vic.cricket.com.au/>). Parents will have the final say on whether their son/daughter plays, although you should first contact the coach if you need some guidance.

A final decision on whether to play should not be made until game day **and as a club we look to a competition wide decision from CSB, through ISEC and AGCC in the first instance**. If playing on hot days, coaches may look at starting earlier/later, reducing number of overs and/or additional drinks breaks. Importantly, they will need to liaise with and obtain the approval of the coach of the opposition team to agree to such changes.

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#### WHAT HAPPENS IN WET WEATHER?

In wet weather a game may be called off or play suspended. Slippery conditions particularly with bowlers' run ups are taken into account when considering whether a game will begin or proceed. The whole team must be present for a match to be cancelled, otherwise the game is forfeited and the other team gains an easy 6 points! **As a club we look to a competition wide decision from CSB, through ISEC and AGCC in the first instance.**

In extremely wet weather, coaches/team managers will try to contact the other team in advance and **will contact you** via the teams agreed method if a game or training session is cancelled. Unless instructed, please assume that the game is on.

THANK YOU

