



BIG HITTERS



Weybridge Cricket Clubs Big Hitters section.

Many Cricket clubs do not offer any sort of coaching for very young children with very good reason. Concentration spans are short and cricket can be a frustrating game for children who are still growing. Bats and stumps can easily become lightsabres and injuries are common. Add to that the coordination required to throw, catch, bowl & bat and Cricket can be tough to master which is why many clubs only start at 7.

History - We started Big Hitters as we had a number of siblings on the green waiting for older players to finish sessions. From lending some equipment out for parents to entertain children, we found a few keen dads and made it into a more formal offering. It works well as an introduction to the sport and our U6 & U7 levels are now very strong.

Cost – We have made Big hitters our only pay and play section as we are seeking to introduce youngsters to the sport. Each session is just £5 per week.

To make it work - Big Hitters has to have parental involvement to make it a success. We cannot justify qualified pro coach so need keen parents to help along with some of our U10 players. We know the drills that work and have invested in equipment and allocated space. But to make sessions work Coach to player ratios need to be around 1 - 5 so to have a successful session Big Hitters relies on parents making the group a success. All it takes is patience and enthusiasm. Big Hitters should not be seen as inexpensive childcare on the green, a chance to stand back and watch.

How to join - use our on line registration site, either click <https://membermojo.co.uk/weybridgeecc> or look at the link top right of the clubs website <http://weybridgeecc.co.uk/> . All players must be registered with the club and parents must remain in attendance. By registering you receive club communications and early notice for when memberships for next season open (this is key as places are limited and we do have to turn new players away).

Can I leave the children – No. None of our sessions are drop and go. Our Cricket ground is open to the public with roads on three sides. Our coaches cannot take responsibility to deliver quality training and keep eyes on all the children all the time. Parents are welcome to ask a friend to keep an eye but someone present has to have responsibility.

The future – Big Hitters will give your child a great start in learning cricket – our U6's, U7's and younger girls are more advanced than usual having a solid skills foundation thanks to the work of previous years. The club will see the real benefit when players progress to representing the club in matches at U8 level.

Big hitters is held every Sunday at 9am right by the clubhouse.