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Overview -The aim of the Juniors is to introduce Boys & Girls to Cricket. We use drills and play games that teach key Cricket skills but that also bring smiles to faces. The squad should go home excited about cricket and keen to come again next week. From U8 players play matches using a softer 'incrediball' progressing to hardball at U10's and then depending on ability, the right level of competition for their playing squad.

Our Mission - To attract young cricketers to WCC and help them enjoy Cricket, have fun, develop their talents and graduate into a lifetime of Cricket enjoyment – ideally progressing to play for the club at senior level.

Our Ethos We aim to create an environment where the emphasis is on enjoyment and doing our best.

- We let the players make mistakes to help them learn.
- We try to give equal time with everyone.
- We focus on helping the players learn to enjoy playing sport.
- We never forget we are coaching children – not mini adults.

About our set up –

Over the past 5 years we have focused on growing our junior section with the aim of getting more home-grown talent into our senior squads in time for the clubs centenary in 2024. We now have over 400 players at under 15 level all receiving professional coaching. We enter teams in the local west surrey league competitions at performance, league and development level playing against other local clubs. In recent seasons we have won several divisions and 60% of our teams achieve a top 4 finish in their leagues. We have a thriving girls section with over 100 players and across the club have players passing the assessments and representing the club in the Surrey cricket development program. In 2016 we were awarded the Nat West OSCA - Outstanding Services to Cricket Award for 'getting the game on'. In 2017 we were one of the first clubs to introduce coloured playing kit across our all junior teams.

Our cricket club becomes the social hub of Weybridge through the summer with matches and training sessions taking place every day. All junior parents receive social membership of the club as part of their membership package entitling them to drink at member prices at our bar on the green and attend the club social events. We host regular barbeques on the green through June & July, a season opening sporting dinner in March, our presidents day in August and in 2017 hosted top level Twenty 20 cricket with Surrey taking to the green in an exhibition match featuring many international players and a stunning 6 sixes in one over from Tom Curran.

Where do it all take place ? – At Weybridge Cricket Green, Hanger Hill, Weybridge KT13 9DA.

Who delivers the coaching? - The coaches we use are paid professional coaches, at least ECB level 2 qualified from Twenty20 cricket assisted by the team managers and volunteers, usually keen dad's or ex-players. All coaches are DBS checked and first aid qualified. If you played any level of cricket, have enthusiasm patience and good humour come and join the team. We are very popular so really do welcome help.

What age can play? – We run 14 Junior squads, split by age. U9 and younger, train on Sunday morning with the older age groups training and playing matches in the week. Age groups are as follows –

Age group	Birth Date range	Birth Date range	School Year	Training times
Girls U7	01/09/2010	31/08/2012	Y1 & 2	Sun 9:00 start – 10.15
Girls U9	01/09/2008	31/08/2010	Y3 & 4	Sun 10.30 start - 12.00
Girls U11	01/09/2006	31/08/2008	Y5 & 6	Thur 18.30-20.00
Girls U14	01/09/2003	31/08/2006	Y7, 8 & 9	Thur 18.30-20.00
Big Hitters	01/09/2012	31/08/2013	Recep	Sun 9.00 start - 10.00
U/6	01/09/2011	31/08/2012	Y1	Sun 9.00 start - 10.15
U/7	01/09/2010	31/08/2011	Y2	Sun 9.00 start - 10.15
U/8	01/09/2009	31/08/2010	Y3	Sun 10.30 start - 12.00
U/9	01/09/2008	31/08/2009	Y4	Sun 10.30 start - 12.00
U/10	01/09/2007	31/08/2008	Y5	Mon 18.15-20.00
U/11	01/09/2006	31/08/2007	Y6	Mon 18.15-20.00
U/12	01/09/2005	31/08/2006	Y7	Tue 18.15 - 20.00
U/13	01/09/2004	31/08/2005	Y8	Tue 18.15 - 20.00
U/14	01/09/2003	31/08/2004	Y9	Tue 18.15 - 20.00
U/15	01/09/2002	31/08/2003	Y10	Wed 18.15-20.00
5th XI	01/09/2001	31/08/2002	Y11	Wed 18.15-20.00

When are the sessions? – The younger groups start at 9.00 right by the clubhouse, please to aim to arrive in good time to allow for parking / registration. The older Juniors sessions are later on a Sunday and from U10 as they progress to hardball during the weekday evenings. The Juniors season runs from Sunday 15th April (first Sunday after school Easter holiday) to Sunday 22nd July (15 weeks). Session last 90 minutes to just under 2 hours depending on age, enthusiasm and weather.

Can we try it a few times and see if he/she likes it? - Yes, you can try for 2 weeks if we have capacity in the age group for £20 but after that you need to commit. Capacity is limited in each squad to ensure a quality experience for everyone.

What is the cost? - Full 2018 Juniors season ranges from £145 - £175 depending on age group. We aim to offer a quality cricket experience so limit numbers across all the squads. Over the course of a season it breaks down to less than £6 per hour and remember all junior memberships include social membership for parents and all match fees.

How do I join? - Use our on line registration site, either click <https://membermojo.co.uk/weybridgecc> or look at the link top right of the clubs website <http://weybridgecc.co.uk/> .

What should players wear? – Trainers, Shorts/ Tracksuit bottoms, top, sweatshirt, windproof layer depending on weather. Please be ready with hats and sunscreen for when the weather hots up. Please – no football tops, this is cricket. We sell our unique purple playing kit from the club.

For match playing squads club purples are essential. A bat, box, batting gloves and Wicketkeeper gloves are recommended for 'incrediball games' (up to U9), for hard ball games(U10 and older), pads and a helmet are required. Current guidance on headgear and an approved list of helmets can be found on the ECB website - [here](#)

Anything else I should bring? - A top for afterwards if required, a water bottle, some money, any medication that may be required (inhaler, hay fever tablets, epi pen etc). Many parents spectate from a foldaway chair or rug, munching a bacon roll and drinking coffee with the Sunday papers.

Are there toilets? - Yes in the club house.

How long are the sessions? – Session last 90 minutes to 2 hours depending on age group , enthusiasm and weather. We start at 9.00 and aim to finish the first session for around 10:30, Then the older 'harder ball' groups from 10:45 to 12.00 as we usually have to be off the pitch with all equipment packed away to allow the afternoon seniors games to commence.

Are there matches? – For U8's and up yes. We play in the west Surrey league with development, league and performance squads. Matches can be home or away. We avoid hardball home matches on a Sunday morning so we have space to concentrate on building skills for all squads on the green and play softball 'Incrediball' matches. Most games are at 9:30am on weekends or 18:30 in the week. We do not charge Match fee's unless we need to cover pitch hire or game coaches. The format is pairs cricket (set overs per pair and per bowler, losing runs for wickets) progressing to hard ball variants from U10 (i.e. when you are out you are out). Hardball home matches are generally Sundays at St Georges college

Can I get something to eat/ drink while watching? - Yes, you can get tea coffee, bacon rolls, muffins etc. from the Clubhouse, of course the bar will open later in the day. Juniors have a small sweet shop on Sunday's. Please support the club – every penny spent goes back into cricket.

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.

Can I get involved in any way? - Yes – we always need volunteers whether to help coach, score, run the sweet shop or help with registration. Just ask and you will be warmly welcomed. The club is run solely by volunteers who give their time freely to help local cricket.

Can I bring my dog? – Yes, but please keep away from the cricket and pick up.

Any further questions? – Contact the Juniors Chairman – Simon Rider (simonrider@hotmail.com) 07739 935422 or ask at the club.