

ECC Colts Newsletter

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First Colts Newsletter of the Year

Welcome to our first Egham Cricket Club (ECC) Colts Newsletter of 2017. We are thrilled to be opening yet another communication avenue for our Colts and their parents to be updated on current events alongside more direct routes via our Coaches and our wonderful website.

Our intention is to publish this Newsletter three to four times through the season. We of course intend to bring you the topical updates but would love to hear of any ideas for one off topics which can be scheduled for upcoming Newsletters.

We'll certainly be introducing a regular feature with our 'familiar faces'. If you're like me then I'm sure you've seen these faces at Training nights or at games but don't understand their role or where/who to contact when you have specific queries. We'll ensure you soon have these faces imprinted!

All suggestions, one-off topics or feedback for this Newsletter – please don't hesitate to catch me (now that you've seen my face!) or email me at kiwi_carole@hotmail.com. I really do look forward to hearing from you.

2017 Membership Fees

If you have not already done so, please assist us in getting the children and the coaches off to a great start this season with timely and accurate registration details. We of course require our membership records to be refreshed every season with updated contact details so even if you are a returning Colt we do require the forms to be completed.

Membership forms are available in the Clubhouse every Monday evening, or can be printed from the website. We're offering convenient payment options for our busy parents this season - BACS, Cheque or Cash payment. Again, all the requisite payment details are on the Colts Membership form.

If posting your Membership form and payment is more convenient then please continue to send to the following:

Carole Wright, Colts Membership Secretary

'Mulfnomah', Christchurch Road, Virginia Water, Surrey GU25 4PT

Remember, by signing up your child, you as parents automatically become social members of the Cricket Club and therefore have access to use the Clubhouse and join in with the Social Events throughout the season.

Season Structure

Each of the Age Group Coaches will talk to you about the upcoming season, but essentially the Colts season breaks up into two - three areas.

We start off with the Monday Night coaching at the Club from 6.00pm, where the Colts will be taken through different roles each week, covering areas such as fielding, throwing and catching, batting technique, bowling technique and match play coaching. This will be mixed with fun games and a little bit of exercise, depending on the age group.

Between May and the end of July each Age Group, apart from the Kwiks, are entered into a local League with other Clubs, and matches will be arranged and re arranged if weather intervenes. Not all Colts have to play matches, but for those that want to, there should be an even split of matches played versus availability, so all those that want to will be involved.

At the end of July, as schools break up, children's availability drops off and as we have done for a number of years now, cup matches and friendly matches are organised with other clubs - believe it or not, some clubs close their colts section down when the schools break up! Again, we endeavor where possible to ensure all of our Colts, of all abilities, are able to take part in matches.

That takes us through until late August and maybe beyond, when we invite friends and family to the Colts presentation ceremony to celebrate with supporters, parents and friends Colts performances from across our Age Groups.

ECB All Stars initiative

All Stars Cricket is a brand-new grassroots initiative from the England and Wales Cricket Board, aimed at providing children aged five to eight with their first great experience of cricket.



Egham Cricket Club is an enthusiastic supporter of this new initiative and led the local community, and dare we say other clubs, in engaging with All Stars and Surrey County Cricket Club to support its launch. Every child that registered received a backpack of goodies including a cricket bat, ball, water bottle, personalised shirt and cap - all delivered to their home – a great sight on a Sunday morning as they turned up to play!

Within our Colts section we are enthusiastic at being able to welcome circa 50 new children to our facilities as a result of All Stars. There is nothing more fundamental to the future of our club than being able to attract new children to cricket. We trust that many of these children and their parents will feel welcomed and be encouraged to join our Kwiks group.

Safe Parking

Can we please remind you that, although parking at the Club can be busy, players should not be dropped off outside the club on the main road under any circumstance. The road is an urban clearway with no stopping at any time!

Please turn into the Club grounds and, if staying, use the area to the far end of the ground (beyond the nets) - taking care not to drive over the base area - as well as the gravel area near the clubhouse. We need all of our members to stay safe!

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"He is thrilled and can't wait to start in a few weeks. He is all dressed in it to wear to school today"

Website and Social Media

Specific dates will be communicated through the Club Website, Instagram and Twitter as well as through email. To ensure we can communicate effectively on all of our events, please sign your child and yourself up to the Club Website – and ensure your contact details are communicated on your annual Membership forms.

Did you know Availability for our Colts can be entered online to assist coaches with selection? Stay in touch via <http://www.eghamcricketclub.co.uk/> or via Twitter/Instagram @eghamcricket

The Colts “faces”...

Every Newsletter will uncover three more of those faces directly concerned with managing, coaching or supporting our Colts section. You'll regularly see us around the Clubhouse on Training nights and on the sidelines at your matches – please don't hesitate to approach us - we're here to support your children and indirectly parents and carers. We'd love to hear your views, concerns or ideas!

May's issue profiles our Colts Manager – Richie Hall, our Colts Membership Secretary Carole Wright and our Colts Welfare officers – Allison Arraiol / Carole Wright.



Richie Hall
Colts Manager

- ✓ Accountable for all aspects of Colts Coaching
- ✓ Accountable to ECC Exec for Colts section
- ✓ Responsible for logistics of Winter nets & season game schedule
- ✓ Responsible for liaison with Senior selectors



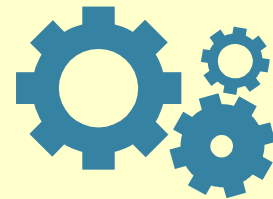
Allison Arraiol
Colts Welfare Officer

- ✓ Accountable for all aspects of Safeguarding and Promoting the welfare of children
- ✓ Responsible for giving independent guidance on Colts welfare to ECC Exec
- ✓ Responsible for applying ECB "Safe Hands" policy & procedures



Carole Wright
Colts membership Secretary / Colts Welfare Officer

- ✓ Accountable for all registration records and payments for our Colts section
- ✓ Accountable for all aspects of Safeguarding and Promoting the welfare of children
- ✓ Responsible for giving independent guidance on Colts welfare to ECC Exec
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The ECB's six core values

- Excellence; Customer first; Enjoyment; Respect; Teamwork and Dynamism – continue to underpin cricket's work to welcome and safeguard children.

Two of the ECB's core values are particularly important to the ethos of safeguarding children in cricket: **enjoyment and respect**.

The **enjoyment core value** means providing children with an entertaining, safe, enjoyable and exciting cricket environment which will inspire them to choose cricket.

The **respect core value** requires everyone in cricket to show respect to all involved in the game and uphold the spirit of cricket.

ECB - Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013 – June 2013

Upcoming Events

As events and dates are confirmed they will be posted on the Website and added here so we can all update our calendars well in advance!

Season Starting BBQ (17.00 onwards)	May 20 th	✓
1st XI fixture v Cheam - Home (12.00)	June 3 rd	✓
First Issue of the 2017 Colts Newsletter	June 12 th	✓
1st XI fixture v Streattham - Home (12.00)	June 17 th	
1st XI fixture v Sanderstead - Home (12.00)	June 24 th	
Second Issue of the Colts Newsletter	June 26 th	
ECC Exec Meeting	July 5 th	
Third Issue of the Colts Newsletter	July 24 th	
Summer BBQ	July tbc	
Wine Tasting Evening	July tbc	
Cricket Summer Camp	August 14-18 th	
Fourth Issue of the Colts Newsletter	August 21 st	
Friday night Quiz	August tbc	
Colts Awards Evening	September 8 th	

