



Kidlington Cricket Club (KCC)

2022 youth team arrangements – summer season details

Our youth training takes place on Friday evenings beginning on April 22nd, with competitive matches organised by Oxfordshire Cricket Board on Sunday mornings (u11), Monday evenings (u15) and Thursday evenings (u13). All the competition match dates are available on our website and the Pitchero app. Most competitions finish in late June or early July, after which we will look to organise friendly matches to take us through to September. Our outdoor matches and training are held at Stratfield Brake sports ground on Frieze Way in Kidlington (just off the Sainsbury's roundabout).

All of our communications, fixtures, player selection and membership payments are done through the Kidlington CC website www.kidlingtoncricket.com. If you do not already have an account, please set one up as soon as possible by visiting the website and clicking 'join'. For existing members, please make sure that your **contact details, consents and medical details are up to date** before the start of the season.

Youth team key contacts

- Mark Fransham, youth chairman and Club Safeguarding Officer: youth@kidlingtoncricket.com / 07522 224733
- John Moss, KCC chairman: John Moss jmoss@kidlingtoncricket.com / 07768 851515

The club is run entirely by volunteers, though our facilities at Stratfield Brake are hired from Legacy Leisure who have several paid staff. A full list of club officials can be found on the club website under 'contact'. We welcome offers of help from all members, and hope that as you feel part of the club you will feel able to get involved.

Annual membership

Youth membership is £60 for the season, plus £20 for additional siblings. Alternatively you can buy family membership e.g. £110 for one senior player and one youth player (see www.kidlingtoncricket.com/payments for details). The membership fee covers all outdoor training sessions and youth matches.

Please pay membership fees promptly. They are our main source of funds for ground preparation, match balls, insurance and coach training. If you have financial difficulty paying a lump sum please contact John, Mark or a member of the committee in confidence to make alternative arrangements for payment.

Information for new players

We are keen to encourage as many boys and girls as possible to play cricket, and will accommodate new players of whatever experience or ability whenever we can. For players just starting to get involved in cricket, the club can provide most equipment; cricket equipment can be expensive and it is better to acquire it gradually as your child gets involved in the game. The only necessary piece of equipment to get started is an abdominal guard ('box') for boys, which you can buy for a few pounds. Helmets are compulsory for hard ball cricket but can be provided by the club until you buy your own. Once our players get involved in matches we encourage them to play in cricket 'whites' and we have our own club shirt that you can purchase (see below), though this is not compulsory.

Our club philosophy

Our club's overall aim is to provide the opportunity for all people to play cricket in a friendly environment in the true spirit of the game. Our youth section works towards that aim and is built on three priorities, in this order:

1. *Participation.* We want as many children as possible, from all different ages, genders, ethnicities and backgrounds, to enjoy playing cricket. We aim to be welcoming of all children, whatever their level of experience and ability. First and foremost this means making our cricket activities fun and enjoyable so that our players want to come back next week. Second this means that we will not refuse a child the opportunity to participate because of their level of ability, though we will always ensure their participation is safe.
2. *Development.* We want our players to be able to enjoy the experience of learning a new skill and getting better at something, at whatever level they are beginning from, or whatever level they want to achieve. We aim to give support to players at all levels, from coaching someone to bowl a ball for the first time, to nominating them to represent their county.
3. *Competition.* Cricket is a competitive sport, and we encourage our players to try to win when they play competitive games. However this is not the main objective, and it does not come at the expense of participation and development.

If in future we have more children than we can accommodate, children will be prioritised based on residence in the Kidlington area and attendance at its local schools rather than by ability level.

Youth teams structure

Team	Age	School years	Usual match days	Main contact	Additional coaches / managers / helpers	
All Stars	5-8	Y1-Y3	NA	Chris Graham*	John Moss Michael Tippet	
Under 11 softball	8-11	Y6 and below	Sunday 10am	Chris Graham*	TBC	
Under 11 hardball	9-11	Y6 and below	Sunday 10am	Marco van der Linden	Jamie Stothard* Andy Darley Murray Gardner Rakesh Padinjaremadm	
Under 13 11-a-side and pairs	11-13	Y8 and below	Thursday 6pm (pairs games may vary)	Pete Gaskell	Ben Parish* Jeremy Skertchly Jamie Burns Marco van der Linden Lizzie Collett	
Under 15	13-15	Y10 and below	Monday 6pm	Alex Babic*	Stuart Symes Nick Jeacock Rachael Turner	Open age senior teams
Under 19	15-19	Y14 and below	Monday 6pm (from July)	TBC	Mo Talmaki Mark Fransham*	

* ECB Foundation Level 1 qualified coach

Friday night training schedule, from April 22nd

- 4.45-5.45: All Stars (this starts from 6 May)
- 6.00-7.00: under 11s (soft ball and hard ball)
- 6.30-8.00: under 13s and under 15s

Friday night training session will take place throughout the summer holidays, subject to having enough volunteers available to run the sessions.

Under 19 players and youth players who play in the senior teams should attend senior training which takes places on Wednesdays 6.00-7.30.

All Stars

The 'All Stars' programme is a national programme that introduces children aged 5-8 years to cricket. This will start in May and will run on a Friday afternoon for 8 sessions. Full details are available at <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/At/kidlington>.

Under 11s (Y6 and below)

Under 11 matches will be played on Sunday mornings with a 10am start. This year we have entered two competitions – the soft ball 'super 8s' pairs and the hard ball 'super 8s' pairs. Players will have a choice of whether they take part in the soft ball or the hard ball competition but our recommendation is that players in school year 6 mainly play in the hard ball competition so they are ready to progress to the under 13s next year.

Under 13s (Y8 and below)

Under 13s matches will be mostly played on Thursday evenings with a 6pm start, though this may vary to accommodate two games each week. We have entered three U13 competitions – the 'super 8s' pairs, the 11-a-side league and the Ron Maudsley knockout tournament. So there will often be two under 13 matches happening each, and which format (11 a side or pairs) someone plays in may vary from game to game to give them different experiences.

Under 15s (Y10 and below)

Under 15s matches will be played on Monday evenings with a 6pm start. We have entered the 11-a-side league.

Under 19s (Y14 and below)

Matches will be played on Monday evenings from early July, after GCSE and A-level exams are completed.

Match formats: 11-a-side and 'Super 8s'

We have entered 11-a-side and Super 8s leagues this year. Super 8s is designed to ensure that team members have equal levels of participation. Each side has 8 players and 16 overs (1 over = 6 balls) for their innings. When batting, players bat as four pairs, each pair batting for four overs. If given out they continue batting, but 5 runs are deducted from the team's total. When bowling, each player bowls two overs.

The 11-a-side leagues are a traditional cricket format with each team having 11 players and 20 overs for their innings. In these games participation is not equal: not all players will bat, and not all players will bowl. To give players an opportunity to try out different aspects of the game, team managers will assign roles before the game so that everyone knows what role they will be playing in that game. Each player should get an opportunity to try out different roles across the season.

Opportunities for older players and parents

There are opportunities to play in senior teams for older youth players and parents. Our third senior team is a youth development squad with a mixed group of youth and senior players to introduce youth players to senior cricket, and to re-introduce older players too. Matches are played on a Saturday afternoon and the team captain is Paul Hewitt.

Important dates for the season

- TBC: Start of season groundforce 'opening up' day
- 22 April: start of Friday outdoor training
- 25 April: start of youth competitions
- 6 May: start of All Stars sessions
- 7 May: start of senior games in Cherwell League
- 3 September: end of senior league season
- 9 September: end of Friday night training
- 10/11 September: End of season weekend including youth presentations
- 24 September: end of season 'putting away' day

Coaching team

Our Friday evening coaching team is staffed by enthusiastic volunteers, many of whom have years of club cricket experience to share with our youth players. Some of our youth players also get involved coaching the younger age groups. All our adult coaching team are DBS checked and many have England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) accredited qualifications.

We welcome parents and carers who would like to get involved in coaching – this is how many of our volunteer coaches have got involved. The club will pay for the cost of ECB courses for those interested. We are particularly keen to attract women to get involved in coaching, to support our ambition to increase the number of girls playing at the club.

Safeguarding youth players and coronavirus precautions

Whilst we hope your child will be happy and content at the club, we understand that sometimes questions, concerns or difficulties may arise. Please feel able to raise these as soon as possible, so we can rectify things at the earliest opportunity. If you have any concern about your child or another child, or about the behaviour of any adult at the club, please speak to Mark Fransham, the Club Safeguarding Officer (mark@fransham.com / 07522 224733). You may also share concerns with Stuart Murphy and Lesley Pykett, the Oxfordshire County Safeguarding Officers (safeguarding@oxoncb.com / 07766 110067).

The club has shown its commitment to high welfare standards by obtaining [accredited Clubmark status](#), and implements the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) "[Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children](#)". All of the adults at the club who work with children and meet the necessary criteria are vetted by the ECB. This includes the enhanced DBS and 'Barred List' check (formerly known as CRB checks).

Our safeguarding policies are available at <http://www.kidlingtoncricket.com/a/safeguarding-youth-players-55882.html>. All new and existing parents are asked to update their membership details to confirm that they have understood these new policies, including consent for taking and using photos of club activities, parental responsibility for transport, and the code of conduct for members and guests.

Request for regular volunteers

KCC is run by volunteers, and the more the merrier! Parents of youth team players have always given enormous support, providing transport to games and cheering players on from the sidelines. Please do keep coming along to games to support our players, it makes such a big difference!

In addition to this fantastic support, we are always looking for volunteers to occasionally or regularly carry out the following roles during the season:

- Team manager
- Scorer: we need (at least!) one person to keep score for each youth game
- Umpire: KCC needs to provide an umpire for each youth game
- Coaching assistants to assist the main coaches at training sessions
- All Stars 'Activators' to help run our sessions for younger children on Fridays May - July
- People to help provide refreshments

Please contact Mark Fransham if you are interested in volunteering; we would particularly welcome any women who are interested in getting involved, and we are also keen to encourage our older youth players to volunteer their time to help with the younger age groups. The club will provide informal training and there is formal training run by Oxfordshire Cricket Board.

Please note that regular adult volunteers need to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check to ensure that they do not have criminal convictions that disqualify them from working with children. This is in accordance with our child safeguarding procedures. Applying for a DBS check is a quick and easy process provided for free via the England and Wales Cricket Board.

KCC team kit

Youth team shirts and a range of official KCC kit is available direct from Surridge Sports via <http://www.kidlingtoncricket.com/shopping>. John Moss also has a small stock of youth shirts for sale directly from him. All items purchased raise money for the club.

Fundraising

Membership fees and senior game match fees are our main source of income. We also rely on fundraising events and sponsorship to fund the club's activities, especially the generous support we receive from KFP Total IT Solutions. If you have ideas for fundraising events or possible sponsors, please contact John Moss.