



DIDSBURY CRICKET CLUB
2024 Handbook

WELCOME TO DIDSBURY CRICKET CLUB

I would like to welcome you as a member of Didsbury Cricket Club and know you will enjoy your time with us in whatever role or roles you have.

We have an ongoing ambition to be the biggest cricket club in the area and currently there are no clubs in Lancashire or Cheshire who can offer more playing teams, adult (male and female) and junior (boys and girls). We believe that by encouraging a culture of participation we give ourselves the best chance of sustainability for the long term.

Our ambitions and goals are simple but powerful:

Provide high quality cricketing and social opportunities for all ages and abilities, and to always include a robust coaching structure from under 9s to adults.

Maintain a clear pathway from junior to senior cricket.

Provide a safe and welcoming environment for players and supporters, to be evidenced by retaining our Clubmark accreditation.

Develop into a social hub for the Didsbury by making it easy for community groups to use our facilities.

Embrace diversity to ensure inclusivity and enhance our local community.

To constantly look to improve facilities for players and non-players.

To increase the number of volunteers engaged with the club and to ensure good communications with all our members.

Secure additional sponsorship.

Continue to win trophies to add to the 34 we have won since 2020.

Celebrate successes like our Under 13 team playing in the final of the ECB National Cup at Lords in 2023.

We are a friendly and social sports club with all sections integrating comfortably together and match days, whether junior or senior, being excellent opportunities to enjoy our hospitality.

I know you will find our club a place that you are really happy and proud to be involved with and we hope that you have a long association with us.

Duncan

Cricket Chairman

THE DIDSBURY WAY

The ethos of the Didsbury way provides a set of recognisable behaviours that clearly identify who we are:

Unity: Everyone works together and drives towards what is best for the club.

Improvement: We follow modern trends in the Cricket world to try and make Didsbury the best it can be.

Passion: The club and the game mean a lot to us. We are happy to give 100% effort.

Unity. Improvement. Passion.

THE DIDSBURY WAY

How We Coach

Love the game.

Keep it simple.

Basics.

Provide a wide range of opportunities for players to learn their games.

Person-centred.

How We Play

Love playing.

Play for the badge.

Celebrate success.

Embrace and learn from failure.

Play within the spirit of Cricket.

Synergise practice and play

THE DIDSBURY WAY

Batting

Establish strong basics early: Alignment, balance and timing.

Look to score.

Efficient running, turning and calling between the wickets.

Establish a gameplan to play spin.

Establish a gameplan to play pace.

Desire to bat long periods of time.

Bowling

Establish strong basics early: rhythmical approach, alignment/energy to target, balance at the crease.

Hit top of off-stump for long periods.

Establish movement: swing, seam and/or spin.

Establish a change of pace

Pace bowlers: bowl fast. Spin bowlers: Spin the ball hard.

Bowl to left-handed and right-handed batters.

Be able to set fields for different plays according to your best ball.

Fielding

Establish strong basics: pick-up in front, replace the ball with back foot, long and low, alignment and drive to the target.

Aim to run batters out and take important catches,

Want and anticipate the ball.

Cover as much ground as possible.

Innovate diving stops and catches.

Wicket-keeping

Establish strong basics: strong Z position, big and strong catching area, head and hands work together, cover ground stood back, bring the ball back to the stumps stood up.

Lead the fielding side.

Be able to stand up to the wicket to both pace and spin.

CONTACTS 2024

Cricket Chairperson:	Duncan Anderson
Club Captain:	Nick Anderson
Junior Head Coach	Joe Cooper
Pitchero and technical consultant:	Anthony Slater
Social Secretary:	Emma Slater
Women's chairperson:	Caroline Sheridan
Grounds person:	Ian Barber
Grounds consultant:	Nicola Byrne
Women's club captain:	Rosh Prince
Under 18 boys' lead:	Sam Leech
Under 15 boys' lead:	Steve Green
Under 13 boys' lead:	Jack Prince
Under 11 boys' lead:	Dave Bardsley
Diamonds lead:	Hannah Marshall
Under 9, minis and all-star lead:	Tom Bidwell
Club safeguarding officer:	Caroline Sheridan

All contacts available via Pitchero.

Winter training schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Training</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Audience</u>
Tuesday	Under 13 Session 1 6.15-7.30 Under 13 Session 2 7.30 – 8.45	Manchester Grammar School	Year 7+8 boys
Thursday	Sunday Wanderers-3's 6.15-7.30 Saturday adult men 7.30-8.45	Manchester Grammar School	Adult men
Saturday	Under 15 boys 3-5PM	Cheadle Hulme School	Year 9+10 boys
Sunday	Year 5 boys 12-1.15 Year 6 boys 1.15-2.30 Diamonds 2.30-3.45 Women 3.45-5PM	Cheadle Hulme School	Year 5 boys Year 6 boys Girls aged 8-13 Adult women

SUMMER TRAINING AND MATCH SCHEDULE

Day	Training	Matches
Monday	Diamonds 4.30-6PM Women 6-8PM	Women's 1 st XI, 2 nd XI and under 15 boys
Tuesday	Under 13 Buffalo's 5.15-6.30PM Under 13 Bulls 6.30-7.45PM	Under 9's (PM) Diamonds/U10 softball (PM)
Wednesday	Saturday Adult Men 6PM-8PM	
Thursday	U15 training 5-6PM.15M Sunday Adult Men 6.15-Dark.	Cup, women and men T20 matches.
Friday	Under 11 Tigers 5-6.30PM Under 11 Lions 6.30-8PM	Under 13's (PM)
Saturday	Nets available to book all day.	1 st XI 2 nd XI 2AXI (all PM)
Sunday	Minis 9.15AM-12.30PM Nets available to book all day.	Under 11 (AM) 3 rd XI, 4 th XI, 5 th XI men Women's 1 st XI(PM)

MATCH PLAY AT DIDSBURY CRICKET CLUB

Players must meet the following four criteria to be eligible for selection

1. A fully set up account on Pitchero and Play-Cricket.
2. Subscription payment, or relevant steps to this end.
3. 75%+ training attendance and match availability. Players should be punctual or communicate if late or absent.
4. High standards of behaviour relevant to the Didsbury Way.

If you meet the above 4 expectations, the club will commit to selecting you for a minimum of 10 matches.

Junior league squads will aim to be even in ability, with each junior having at least 1 friend kept within their team,

League playing teams will be rotated around. Juniors will have a range of opportunities to bat, bowl, field, captain and/or wicket-keep across different phases of the game,

Junior cup (knockout) cricket: the best available team will be selected,

Teams will be selected of players from that age group unless lack of availability,

In adult cricket, the best available team will be selected unless stated otherwise,

All matches count towards the boys' 10 games, irrespective of friendly games and type of teams. We will do our best to re-arrange cancelled matches due to the weather,

When a junior match is cancelled, the same team will carry over to the next fixture,

Before every match, the team coach will communicate with each junior what their role is within the team.

All of the above considered, the coaching team will attempt to provide the best possible experience for each person's development.

Membership Details for 2023

The Club charges membership fees in order to provide opportunities for all people to play cricket. The membership fee covers all day-to-day runnings of the club including training and matches. The membership rates are as follows:

Adult men: £150

Adult student: £80

Juniors: £120

Women: £90

Women (students): £70

U9's: £5 per session, payable on the day.

Net Bookings

The club adopts an excel net booking system during the season so that playing members can book nets outside of their group coaching time.

Cancellations

All cancellations will be notified via Pitchero as soon as we are aware of them.

Code of Conduct

We ask all parents to read and sign a Parent's Charter before the start of the season. If parents are not adhering to these principles then they will be discouraged from attending matches; in extreme cases, disciplinary action outlined below may be taken.

Code of conduct for Members and guests

Members and Guests of Didsbury Cricket Club are required to abide by the provisions of this Code of Conduct and any subsequent updates as may be in force from time to time, and by their presence on club premises or at club events or activities are deemed to have accepted and to abide by the provisions of this Code and any other relevant Codes of Conduct, Rules or Regulations the Club has adopted.

All Members and Guests of Didsbury Cricket Club will:

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of Cricket

Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief

Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed

Promote the positive aspects of Cricket e.g. fair play

Encourage all participants to learn the Laws and rules and play within them, respecting the decisions of match officials

Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials

Recognise good performance not just match results

Place the well-being and safety of children above the development of performance

Ensure that activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual

Respect children's opinions when making decisions about their participation in Cricket

Not smoke, drink or use banned substances whilst actively working with children in the Club.

Not provide children with alcohol when they are under the care of the Club

Follow ECB guidelines set out in the 'Safe Hands - Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children' and any other relevant guidelines issued

Report any concerns in relation to a child, following reporting procedures laid down by the ECB

Code of Conduct

In addition to previous, all Club Officers and Appointed Volunteers will:

- Have been appropriately vetted, if required, before taking on their role
- Hold relevant qualifications and be covered by appropriate insurance
- Always work in an open environment (i.e. avoid private or unobserved situations and encourage an open environment)
- Inform Players and Parents of the requirements of Cricket
- Know and understand the ECB's 'Safe Hands - Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children'
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with young players, based on mutual trust and respect
- Ensure that physical contact is appropriate and necessary and is carried out within recommended guidelines with the young player's full consent and approval
- Not engage in any form of sexually related contact with a young player. This is strictly forbidden as is sexual innuendo, flirting or inappropriate gestures and terms. The ECB adopts the Home Office guidelines which recommend the principle - "People in positions of trust and authority do not have sexual relationships with 16-17 year olds in their care"
- Attend appropriate training to keep up to date with their role, especially that relating to the Safeguarding of children

If a breach of the provisions or principles of this Code occurs or is reasonably suspected to have occurred the Club reserves the right to take such action as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to asking the person responsible for the breach to leave the Club premises. Any disciplinary or complaint hearings in connection with a breach of these rules shall be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary procedure as set out in the **Club constitution or Cricket Section Regulations** as may be amended from time to time.

Additional volunteer roles and responsibilities

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For the cricket section to function effectively, the following roles must be filled:

Foundation coaches;

umpires;

scorers;

Barbecue volunteers;

Junior team managers,

The ECB provide courses that are accessible and not onerous to complete.

Please contact Junior Head Coach Joe Cooper or social secretary Emma Slater with which area that you may be able to help.

The club used over 110 volunteers last season, but with 26 league playing sides, we still require more to join our ranks. The roles are rewarding, and you will be giving back to a thriving club and be an integral part of your team.

Club feedback policy

The club sends feedback forms throughout the season. The club acts regularly upon this feedback resulting in the procedures that you see in this handbook today.

If you would like to give or ask for specific feedback, the player/parent may contact the following:

Head Coach Joe Cooper (07970020516, lakerchris608@gmail.com).

Chairman Duncan Anderson (07775632507, Duncan.anderson@live.co.uk).

Child Welfare Officer

Your relevant programme lead or adult team captain.

Parents Charter

At Didsbury Cricket Club, parents play an important role in the child's cricket development. Our coaches strive to create a rapport with parents and support their child's needs as best as possible.

Please read the statement below for guidance on how best to support the cricketing development of the team, your child and the club.

Please:

Encourage your child to enjoy playing,

Encourage the spirit of Cricket,

Be polite and constructive,

Communicate with the coaching team through proper channels,

Endorse feedback on your child's development,

Give your child freedom to explore the game,

Don't compare,

Help support our club through coaching, managing, administrating or the Friday night barbecue wherever possible,

Name of parent or guardian

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

Name of child

Safeguarding

The Club maintains ECB Clubmark accreditation. ECB Clubmark requires us to present evidence and demonstrate compliance with four different themes.

Duty of Care and Safeguarding Children

The Cricket Programme

Knowing your club and its Community - One Game

Club Management

The "Duty of Care and Safeguarding Children" theme requires us to adopt the ECB's Safe Hands (Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children). The policy can be found on the ECB's website:

<http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection/safe-hands/>