



Dear Parent,

### **Welcome to St Cross Junior Cricket Club 2023 Membership**

We hope that you and your child(ren) will enjoy being a member of St Cross Cricket Club and make the most of all the opportunities available, whether that be All Stars Cricket, cricket coaching, training and matches, as well as enjoying the social scene available at the club.

You should have all successfully signed up both yourself and your children through our website or the Pitchero App. Please make sure that all your details are up to date.

We have made the membership for the 2023 season available and you should receive a link via Pitchero to pay your subscriptions (frozen for another year at £70, although we have removed the sibling discount).

The aim of this letter is to provide information that may be helpful to you as new or existing members. Please feel free to ask me, any committee member or coach if you have other questions not answered in this letter or log-in to our website

<https://www.stcrossjuniors.co.uk/> and useful documents and links can be found under the Information tab [https://www.stcrossjuniors.co.uk/d/documents.html?group\\_id=0](https://www.stcrossjuniors.co.uk/d/documents.html?group_id=0)

### **The key members of the Junior Committee are listed below:**

Junior Chair:- Jolyon Holt [chair@stcrossjuniors.co.uk](mailto:chair@stcrossjuniors.co.uk)

Junior Vice Chair:- Nicola Burridge

Membership Secretary:- Phil Jackson [membership@stcrossjuniors.co.uk](mailto:membership@stcrossjuniors.co.uk)

Safeguarding Officers:- Kerry Jack & Heidi Foley [safeguarding@stcrossjuniors.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stcrossjuniors.co.uk)

Junior Coach Lead:- James Burridge

\*Girls Contact:- [stcross.girls.cricket@gmail.com](mailto:stcross.girls.cricket@gmail.com)

\* The junior section is responsible for junior open teams from U9 to U15. These teams are open to both boys and girls. For information relating specifically to our girls teams (U11-U16's) then please use the contact email.

The club is run by a number of volunteers. We welcome any offers of help from all members and hope that you will feel able to get involved. The team leads will always need help from parents to run matches with a match day manager, scorers and umpires always required.

**The following age group Leads have volunteered for 2023:**

U9 Open:- Helene Beresford

U11 Open:- Yogasundaram Arunan & Chris & Sarah Procter-Smith

U13 Open:- Simon Kennedy and Tom Lamb

U15 Open:- Jack Good

You can contact any of the age group leads directly through your Pitchero App where they can answer any of your questions. Many of the leads will use Whatsapp as their preferred communication tool so please make sure that you are added.

**Each age group is only as successful and enjoyable for the children as the parents make it so please offer to help get involved.**

### **Training and Matches:-**

All of the training and fixtures (league and cup) should be recorded on Pitchero with details of the time and location.

It is very beneficial to everyone involved if you mark up your children's availability at the earliest opportunity so that coaching sessions can be planned and team selections can be made.

Please make sure that you have assigned yourself to following the correct teams so that you see your preferred fixtures.

### **Training:-**

U9:- Tuesday 18:00 - 19:30

U11:- Friday 1800 - 19:30

U13:- Monday 1800 - 1930

U15:- Thursday 18:30 20:00

### **Matches:-**

League and Cup Fixtures are managed by Winchester Warriors (WW) and typically run from the start of May until the middle of July.

Cup fixtures can extend the season and WW have also started running a Hundred competition through the summer holidays.

For those 13 years and older and are keen to try men's cricket then we can help facilitate this. We have a mixture of teams in the different age groups and try to balance these between the A and B leagues.

Typically fixtures are played on the following days:

U9 and U13:- Sunday Mornings

U11:- Monday evenings

## U15:- Friday evenings

### **Selection / notification procedure:-**

The age group leads and coaches will manage team selections and confirm the teams at least 5 days prior to the fixture.

Only children who have marked themselves as available will be considered so it is important that you mark up your child's availability on the Pitchero App.

We have moved away from our traditional A's, B's and C's as this has been known to cause some discontent amongst the adults. The teams will now be known as Maroon, Black and White (club colours). The Maroons will always be an A League Team, the Blacks will be either A league or B league (depending on the team entry at the start of the season) and the Whites will typically be B league. It is important to understand that when two teams are in the same league category it is the selectors task to pick balanced teams so your child may not always be in the team they expect.

You may also see St Cross Gold teams on the fixture lists and this relates to girls teams that have entered the open league.

Selection will be made at the discretion of the coach in consultation with the age group lead and in accordance with our selection policy. The overriding principle is that selection will be on merit and with full consideration to the child's development.

Those selected to play matches will be notified through the Pitchero App and match times and locations should be available to see.

We can not guarantee that your child will be selected to play matches every week as we have a limited number of team spaces and we often see large fluctuations in junior availability. Therefore, we have to aim to have an excess of availability in order to ensure that we can fulfil our fixtures each week. So, if your child is not selected please don't be disheartened and enjoy the week off. If you find this is becoming a regular occurrence then please speak with your age group lead or coach.

### **Match Fees:-**

As we do not guarantee team selection, match fees are charged (home and away) in addition to your subscriptions. These are requested via Pitchero and go towards the club overheads and the additional costs incurred playing matches such as preparation of the pitches and match balls etc.

For 2023 they have been set at the following rates:

U9:- £3

U11:- £4

U13:- £5

U15:- £5

### Drop off / Collection Arrangements:-

Dropping Off :

- **On training nights** – parents/ carers must register their child as present with the age group managers/coaches.
- **On match days** – the parents/ carers must register their child as present with the designated match day manager/ team manager. This will either be their manager or their coach. **Please note the club cannot accept responsibility for getting your child to away matches.**
- If you are not a fully paid up and registered member and are attending with the permission of the coach/age group lead for a trial session, then you must stay and supervise your child for the duration of the training session.

Collection:

- When collecting a child from training or a fixture, the parent/carer must go and sign their child out from their Lead Coach. The Lead Coach will no longer allow the children to go until a parent/carer has physically come to collect them and the Lead Coach has acknowledged they are going.
- If the parent/ carer cannot collect their child from a training or fixture, they need to inform the Lead Coach / Registration Officer who the individual is collecting their child prior to the session or as soon as reasonably practicable. We must have a full name from the parent of who is collecting them.

Late Collection:

If you are going to be late collecting your child, a phone call must be made to communicate this.

### Kit

All players are expected to dress appropriately for training and matches.

Those selected for matches are expected to wear St Cross kit and NOT Whites. The Club Clothing Shop is accessible via the website: <https://teamwear.nxt-sports.com/shop/st-cross>

There are a selection of club hats available but we recommend the basic cap:



Junior Training Top



Junior Sleeveless Sweater



Junior Tech Fleece



Coloured Playing Trousers U11 - U15:



Training Shorts U9:



A guide to cricket equipment can be found on our website:

<https://www.stcrossjuniors.co.uk/d/documents.html>

### **Safeguarding & Volunteering**

The Club is always looking for volunteers to help – please do consider helping out if you can. You don't necessarily need a huge amount of cricket knowledge as there are always non-cricket related roles such as becoming first aid trained.

**Remember that each age group is only as successful and enjoyable as the parents make it.**

The age group leads are always busy and will welcome any support you can give them and every match will need volunteers to umpire and score so please do get involved and let us know if you need any training.

We will support young cricketers and parents to obtain ECB Coaching qualifications and first aid etc. Visit <https://www.ageasbowl.com/cricket-board/courses/> which has coach support courses from as little as £20 and can be fully funded by the club. Please speak to a member of the committee if you are interested.

We expect to run a parents' evening at the clubhouse so that parents, especially those new to the club and are looking to get involved, can receive some guidance on the rules, setting up a match, scoring, umpiring etc. We also hope to be able to offer a workshop for those looking to start scoring electronically on Play Cricket as well as a drop in desk to speak to a member of the committee about any other matter. Keep your eyes peeled...

We as a club adhere to the 'Safe Hands' Policy for Safeguarding Children in Cricket. All of the adults at the club who work with children meet the necessary criteria and are checked and vetted by the ECB.

Therefore if you are looking to regularly help with coaching, match day management, scoring, umpiring etc then please contact the safeguarding team [safeguarding@stcrossjuniors.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stcrossjuniors.co.uk) in order that we can get you the correct authorisation.

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 a question regarding coaching, please approach the age group lead or coach in the first instance. They will be happy to speak to you before or after training or at another convenient time. Please do not interrupt coaching sessions, as this may distract the coach when he or she needs to be supervising the children.

If you have any concerns about your child, another child or about the behaviour of any adult at the club, please speak to our Junior Safeguarding Officers, Kerry Jack or Heidi Foley on [safeguarding@stcrossjuniors.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stcrossjuniors.co.uk)

Finally, all members are reminded of the club's code of conduct for members and guests, along with our safeguarding policies. These are all available to view on our website. <https://www.stcrossjuniors.co.uk/information>

We do hope that you and your child (ren) enjoy being part of the St Cross Cricket Club. If you have any concerns, at any time, do please let me know.

Yours,

Jolyon Holt  
Junior Chair - On behalf of The Junior Committee