

Perth Cricket Club

Juniors Playing Community Cricket Policy

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Club	Perth Cricket Club
Applies to	Junior players in the U13 to U15 age groups and their families
Purpose	To support strong participation in community cricket and maintain a clear junior pathway between community clubs and Premier cricket.

1. Our Commitment

The Perth Cricket Club is committed to supporting a strong community cricket competition and maintaining a clear development pathway for junior players. The relationship between Perth Cricket Club as a Premier Cricket Club and Junior Community Clubs across the South East region is important and must remain strong.

As a Premier Cricket Club, Perth Cricket Club relies on Junior Community Clubs to help develop players who are capable of progressing to the next level. The Club strongly encourages all junior players to participate in Junior Community Cricket across the U13 to U15 age groups.

2. Community Cricket Participation Requirements

For players in the U13, U14 and U15 age groups, participation in community junior cricket is compulsory in order to be eligible for selection to play at Perth Cricket Club.

If a player is unable to participate in community junior cricket due to other sporting, school or work-related commitments, the player or their family must advise the Junior Cricket Coordinator as soon as possible to discuss.

3. Benefits of Playing Community Cricket

Playing community junior cricket provides players with the opportunity to enjoy the game in a different environment, build confidence, develop game awareness and strengthen skills that support their Premier cricket development.

Community cricket may also provide players with one of their final opportunities to play alongside close friends whose cricketing pathways may take different directions. It also allows Perth Cricket Club players to share what they have learned, support their peers, and contribute positively to the broader cricket community.

Perth Cricket Club encourages junior players to become leaders within the community by mentoring, assisting and setting a positive example for others wherever possible.

4. Player Development

Perth Cricket Club aims to develop not only cricket skills, but also young people who demonstrate strong character, confidence and respect. Community cricket forms an important part of this development journey, as players often feel confident in that environment and are able to bring that confidence back into Premier cricket.

Community cricket also gives players the opportunity to develop secondary skills that may not always be available to them in Premier cricket. Players selected in Perth Cricket Club squads are not guaranteed to play every week. Players who are not selected are encouraged to play community cricket to ensure they continue playing cricket each weekend.

5. Managing Commitments

Perth Cricket Club recognises that some U15 players may also be involved in senior cricket, senior high school cricket, study and other significant commitments. Where these commitments affect a player's ability to participate in community cricket, the player or their family should contact the Junior Cricket Coordinator to discuss an appropriate plan.

The Club understands that, as young people get older, commitments and life in general can become more challenging. Perth Cricket Club will work with each player and family to help maintain an appropriate balance throughout a busy summer of cricket.

6. Finding a Community Junior Club

Players and families can find their nearest community junior club and register by visiting www.play.cricket.com.au.