

Kensington District Cricket Club – Junior Policy



“The role of the Kensington District Cricket Club junior program is to identify, train and develop young cricketers to a level that will allow them to progress to play senior cricket for the club, the State and for Australia.”

Aims of the junior program

Success at junior level will not be measured on the number of junior premierships won. Instead success will be judged on how many players are able to progress through the clubs’ junior teams, how many players are able to progress from junior cricket to senior cricket, how many players are chosen in state development squads and how many players are selected in state junior teams.

Selection

Selectors do not pick the teams - the players do with their performances and attitudes at training and matches and with their demonstrated abilities.

Talent identification

As a Grade Club, the club will need to invest more heavily in and provide more opportunities for those players identified by the coaches as having the greatest chance of progressing to A Grade level and beyond.

Captaincy

Setting fields and making bowling changes are important skills of the game that must be practiced in match conditions by our junior captains. Players who are shielded from making these decisions will never learn how to read and influence a game. These skills are as important to the game of cricket as batting and bowling.

Player development

The Club's focus at all times is on developing the skill, knowledge and character of *our* players. The Club will not concern itself with the conduct, decision-making, rulings, tactics, actions or sportsmanship of; umpires; opposition coaches, parents and players; SACA.

Excuses

Parents and coaches will not make excuses for a player's performances. Conditions are not always favourable and if parents or coaches start making excuses then the player will start looking for reasons to fail. Whether the excuses are half-true or not, blaming external factors will create a very negative mindset and limit the player's chances for success. Each player has to take responsibility for his performances and to focus on making sure that he is performing his basics correctly.

Examples of excuses - *he always struggles facing spinners when he first goes in; he hates batting against left-armers; he had to go in 5 minutes before drinks; he had to come in right when the opening bowlers came back on; we had to race between school and club cricket and he didn't get a chance to settle; he hates opening the batting; it was a really up-and-down pitch; the umpire fired him; he had to bowl into a gale; he had to bowl to their best batsman; he had to run in 6 events at sports day yesterday; he had to field all morning for school; it was a really short boundary etc.*

Photography

Do you give permission for cricket action photos of your child from club matches and/or training to be posted on the club's website or other publications produced by the club?

Yes / No (please circle)

I have read and understood the above.

Parent's/Guardian's Name

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date