



Kidlington Cricket Club (KCC) 2019 youth team arrangements – summer season details

Please see below details for the 2019 youth season. Following our pre-season training in February and March, we have outdoor training and competitive matches from April to July. We're looking forward to welcoming returning youth players as well as hoping to see some new recruits. We hope that your child(ren) will enjoy the season ahead and will enjoy the cricket coaching, training, and matches. We have a busy season ahead with lots of cricket, hopefully in glorious sunshine like last year!

Youth team contacts

The club is run entirely by volunteers, though our facilities at Stratfield Brake are hired from Legacy Leisure who have a number of 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.

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. Registering for the site should be straightforward, but please contact John Moss if you have any difficulties.

The key contacts for the youth teams are:

- Mark Fransham, youth chairman, Club Welfare Officer, under 11 team manager (interim) and under 13 team manager: mark@fransham.com / 07522 224733
- Paul Hewitt, under 15 team manager: paulhewitt33@yahoo.co.uk / 07586 351450
- John Moss, KCC chairman: John Moss jmoss@kfpit.com / 07768 851515

Annual membership

Membership fees are now due. Youth membership is £50 for the season, plus £10 for additional siblings. Alternatively you can buy family membership e.g. £100 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 fees, match balls, insurance and coach training. If you have financial difficulty paying a lump sum please contact Paul, John, Mark or a member of the committee in confidence to make alternative arrangements for payment.

Coaching team

Our 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.

- ECB level 2 coaches: Nick Jeacock, Paul Hewitt
- ECB level 1 coach support workers: Mark Fransham, John Moss

- ECB All Stars Activators: Chris Graham, Tom Bartlett, Mark Fransham, Sam Kimber, Sam Fransham
- Additional coaching helpers: Mo Talmaki, Edd Willmott, Sahil Kalyan

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.

New players

We are keen to encourage as many boys and girls as possible to play cricket. If you have friends who would like to try cricket please bring them along to a training session.

For players just starting to get involved in cricket, the club can provide most equipment. The only necessary piece of equipment to get started is an abdominal guard ('box') for boys, which you can buy for a few pounds (though our under 11s will only be playing soft ball cricket this year, for which a box is not required). Helmets are compulsory for hard ball cricket but can be provided by the club.

Safeguarding youth players

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 Welfare Officer (mark@fransham.com / 07522 224733). You may also share concerns with Stuart Murphy, the Oxfordshire County Welfare Officer (oxfordshirecricketwelfare@gmail.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).

We have recently reviewed our safeguarding policies which 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.

Parent help at outdoor training sessions

In order to assist the smooth running of our training sessions, we ask that each family commit to helping during at least one training session on a Friday evening during the outdoor season. It helps enormously to have an extra pair of hands as it means our coaches can give more attention to smaller groups of players. We also hope that it will be enjoyable for both parents/carers and their children to see parents and carers actively involved in sessions. This is something we trialed for the under 13 team last year and are extending to the under 11s this year as it worked very well.

Occasional parent helpers do not need to be DBS checked; as they are fully supervised by DBS-checked club volunteers they are not eligible. Parents and carers who wish to be involved regularly – which we strongly encourage - will need to undergo a DBS check and volunteer induction. This can be provided by the club and is quick and easy to do. See our parent/carer help policy for more details (<http://www.kidlingtoncricket.com/documents/239818>).

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 looking for volunteers to occasionally or regularly carry out the following roles during the season:

- Team manager for the under 11s
- 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 provide tea and cake for spectators and players during matches and/or training sessions

Please contact Mark Fransham if you are interested in volunteering; we would particularly welcome any women who are interested in getting involved. The club can provide informal training and there is also 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 Surrige 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 and Kel-berg. If you have ideas for fundraising events or possible sponsors, please contact John Moss.

Opportunities for older players

Also remember that 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 (see under 15 team for contact details). Senior training takes place on a Thursday evening from 6pm to 7.30pm.

Key dates and contacts for age group teams

Outdoor youth training

Week commencing 22 April to w/c 15 July

Held at Stratfield Brake (<http://www.leisurecentre.com/stratfield-brake-sports-ground>)

- Under 15: Thursday evenings, 6pm to 7.30pm
- Under 11 and Under 13: Friday evenings, 6pm to 7.30pm

Under 11 team

Age range: Years 4 to 6

Matches: Sunday mornings, 'Super 8s' soft ball pairs competition

Training: Friday evenings, Stratfield Brake, 6pm to 7.30pm

Team manager: vacant (Mark Fransham covering as interim; mark@fransham.com / 07522 224733)

Fixture details: <http://www.kidlingtoncricket.com/teams/159599>

We are looking for volunteer assistance with managing the under 11s team this year – please contact Mark Fransham for details.

Under 13 team

Age range: Year 8 and below

Matches: Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Super 8s / 11-a-side league

Training: Friday evenings, Stratfield Brake, 6pm to 7.30pm

Team manager: Mark Fransham (mark@fransham.com / 07522 224733)

Fixture details: <http://www.kidlingtoncricket.com/teams/87686>

The under 13 team will need some help with scoring and/or umpiring matches this season – training can be provided.

Under 15 team

Age range: Year 10 and below

Matches: Monday evenings, 11-a-side league competition

Training: Thursday evenings, Stratfield Brake, 6pm to 7.30pm

Team manager: Paul Hewitt (paulhewitt33@yahoo.co.uk / 07586 351450)

Fixture details: <http://www.kidlingtoncricket.com/teams/87685>

And for younger players: All Stars

This year we will also be running the 'All Stars' programme that introduces children aged 5-8 years to cricket. This will start in May and will run on a Friday afternoon. Full details are available at <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/At/kidlington>.

11-a-side or 'Super 8s'?

We have entered 11-a-side and Super 8s leagues this year. The 11-a-side leagues are a traditional cricket format with each team having 11 players and 20 overs for their innings (1 over = 6 balls). Super 8s is designed to ensure that team members have equal levels of participation. Each side has 8 players and 16 overs 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.

Oxfordshire Cricket Board 2019 youth competitions handbook

http://www.kidlingtoncricket.com/d/documents.html?group_id=11915