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Junior Information Sheet

About us

Glenbrook-Blaxland Cricket Club (GBCC) has been part of the lower Blue Mountains community since the early 1970s. Formed in 2000, its parent clubs were Glenbrook Senior Cricket Club (1971/72), Glenbrook Junior Cricket Club (1977/78) and Blaxland Cricket Club (1983/84).

In the 2017/18 summer season, we fielded eight men's teams in the Nepean District Cricket Association competition and eleven teams in the Penrith Junior Cricket Association competition. We were also proud to have two all-girls team play in the Thunder Girls Cricket League.

GBCC has a proud and competitive history, and a reputation for outstanding sportsmanship. We've developed cricketing talent such as Australian representative Patrick Cummins; Sydney Sixers and Tasmanian cricketer Jordan Silk; and Australian, NSW and ACT cricketer Laura Wright.



Competition

The PJCA season usually commences in the final week of Term 3 (September) and continues until the weekend before Christmas. Games recommence the week before the school year starts, with finals in early March. There are generally no games scheduled on the October long weekend.

The Thunder Girls Cricket League is played on Friday evenings as separate spring (Term 4), and summer (Term 1) competitions.

Games

Most PJCA games are played on Saturday mornings, but ground availability may occasionally require Sunday morning games. Fields are within a 25minute radius from Springwood (west) to St Clair (east), and from Castlereagh (north) to Luddenham (south).

Each season the specific rules may be altered slightly by the PJCA, but the following is a general guide to game length and format.

U9, U10 & U11:

08:00am - 10:10am or 10:20am - 12:30pm

The U9, U10 and U11 game complies with Cricket Australia's new junior formats (Stage 1). Games are 7 players a side. Each game consists of 20 overs per side on a 16 metre pitch, and every player will bat and bowl. U9 uses a modified (softer) ball and is non-competitive. U10 and U11 introduces a hard ball, bonus runs for wickets taken and a competition ladder with finals.

U12 Division 2 (Stage 2):

08:30am – 12:00pm

This new competition complies with Cricket Australia's new junior formats (Stage 2) and is primarily being introduced for children who played Stage 1 (U10) in 2017/18 and/or have the skills to progress to a more competitive and challenging format. Games are 9 players a side. Each game consists of 30 overs per side on an 18 metre pitch. Batters can be dismissed, or must retire when they have faced 35 balls, and all players will bowl.

U12 Division 1 -U16

08:00am – 12:30pm

These age groups play traditional format cricket. Games are 11 players a side. Each game consists of 40 overs per side on a full pitch. Batters must retire after reaching a century.

Age Groups

Children need to be 8 years old as of 31Aug2018 to register for our youngest age group (U9).

Per PJCA policy, no child will be allowed to register or play for a team that is more than 2 years above their correct age.

Team Formation and Grading

GBCC prefers to place players in teams of their correct age groups and will always consult with parents before a player is moved into another age group or division.

Although GBCC seriously considers children's friendships when forming teams, the club may at times need to assign players to specific teams to ensure teams of appropriate numbers can be formed in each age or division. This allows the club to form as many teams as possible and maximise the opportunities for children's participation in the sport.

The following principles will be used when forming teams:

1. Players who register at the gazetted registration times will take precedence over late registrations.
2. Where possible GBCC will aim to keep existing teams together.
3. If too many players register for a specific team or age group (and all within the gazetted registration times), players who played with GBCC last season will get precedence. Where possible GBCC will try to accommodate the additional players in another team (this may include another age group).
4. Late registrations will be taken depending on the availability of positions in the teams, with precedence given to players who have had previous playing experience with the club.
5. Where it is not possible to accommodate a player, GBCC will consult with other clubs to see if a place can be found.
6. A representative player will be placed in a Division 1 team (where available).
7. In U9, U10 and U11 (Stage 1) the maximum number of players will be 9*.
8. In U12 Division 2 (Stage 2) the maximum number of players will be 11*.
9. In U12 Division 1 to U16 the maximum number of players will be 13*.

*Numbers may be flexible upon agreement of the coach, manager and committee.

Player rotation

It is GBCC policy that each team implement batting and bowling rotations to ensure all players equal opportunity throughout the year. The PJCA also monitors batting rotation across the competition.

Player safety

The safety and well-being of our players is of most importance. All players should wear protective equipment when batting and are encouraged to wear a hat and apply sunscreen during games. On hot days regular breaks are taken with players encouraged to drink plenty of water.

GBCC has a zero tolerance policy to abuse, swearing & drinking at matches & training. Please advise your coach/manager or a member of the committee immediately if you have any concerns.

Wet Weather

All players must turn up at the ground before the game to decide whether it is possible to play. The coach or manager will contact you if the game has been cancelled. DO NOT rely on the Penrith or Blue Mountains Council websites.

End of Season

A presentation day is held each year (around the end of March) where achievements are highlighted and every player receives a trophy.

Helping out

All offers of help are greatly appreciated by the coach, manager and club. It may be warming up drills for the players, putting out the boundary markers, scoring, umpiring or providing morning tea. Your coach or manager will talk to you about how you can get involved.

Committee

GBCC committee members are listed on the club website (www.gbcc.com.au). The committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month. Your participation and input will be welcomed. If you would like to join the GBCC committee please contact the club president or any of the committee members.

Junior Player Fees

U9, U10 and U11 (Stage 1)	\$100
Under 12 and above (first/eldest child playing this season)	\$140
Under 12 and above (second/third child playing this season)	\$120
Thunder Girls Cricket League	\$30 per season
Additional Playing Shirt (if required)	\$30
Cap (if required)	\$15

Note: A junior wishing to play in both the junior and senior competitions will only pay a single (senior) registration fee.

GBCC strives to keep registration fees as low as possible. The above fees include full registration with Penrith Junior Cricket Association, a playing shirt, basic playing equipment provided in team kits, umpire fees, medical insurance for players, income protection insurance for coaches and managers, liability insurance for all financial members, and non-playing membership for both parents.

Registration and Payment

This season all registrations need to be completed online with payment made by credit card.

It is very easy

1. Visit our club website: www.gbcc.com.au
2. Follow the link to 'playcricket.com.au'