

# BANBURY CRICKET CLUB



## YOUTH MEMBERSHIP 2024



## Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back! With indoor nets underway for our Under 11, 13s and 15s and U19s, it is time to start looking forward to the 2024 season and hopefully the start of another great cricket season at Banbury.

The Committee have already been hard at work planning youth cricket over the winter months, and we thought it would be helpful to set out below how we envisage the season looking so you can start planning and putting some dates in the diary.

Weather permitting, we plan to start our Friday night youth training after the Easter break with coaching starting on **Friday 26th April**. All Stars sessions will start two weeks later on **Friday 10th May** (see below for details).

The membership information and relevant information for each age group is set out below.





## **NEW MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION FOR 2024**

We introduced the SPOND registration system two years ago to all youth members which according to feedback was a big success, enabling us to communicate more effectively with parents, manage attendance, invites to games and payments via the app.

The Stripe transaction cost will automatically be added to the annual membership fee and match fees. A sibling discount of £10 will apply.

**Please note** - spaces in each group are not confirmed or secured until payment is made and we regret that due to the demand for places in each age group and the limit on group numbers, we are unable to hold any places.

Please sign up using the link below from **Wednesday 13th March**. Once approved, if we have a space, you will be sent a payment request via the app to pay the membership fee.

**<https://club.spond.com/landing/signup/banburycc>**

Please read the details below about each of the age groups before signing up.

**Whilst we would love to offer cricket to everyone, like all clubs, we have finite coaching resources. Places in our youth section are limited because of ECB guidelines on coach to player ratios. We regret that we cannot take any more children than permitted by the ECB because to do so would invalidate our insurance. This might mean that we are full when you ask to join, and we apologise for this.**





## All Stars

(Ages 5-8/School Years Reception-2)

Fridays 6pm-7pm at WPR

Registration cost : £50

Start Date - Friday 10th May 2024 for 8 weeks



All Stars is back at the Club for 2024!

Whilst the sessions are open to all 5–8-year-olds, we would recommend that any children who are in year 3 or above at school, have participated in All Stars or have played some cricket previously to sign up to our Under 9s sessions (details below).

Registration and payment for the All Stars sessions will again be done through a dedicated ECB online portal (ClubSpark) and not through the Club.

Priority registration for those children who have participated in All Stars previously or registered will open on **3rd April**.

We are told that the priority link will go out via ECB communications on **3rd April** so keep an eye out for this in your inbox.

Places will be limited to a maximum of 24 children and payment needs to be made via ClubSpark on registering.

Once you are signed up to the sessions via Clubspark, we will encourage you to join our Club membership platform Spond for ease of communication.

For those who are new to All Stars, the sessions will only be available to book from **10th April** if there are any spaces available after priority registration.



All parents are actively encouraged to get involved in the sessions and practise the skills learnt on Fridays at home with their children.



We require a certain number of adult volunteers to ensure the sessions run safely each week. Any parents who would like to get involved in the Friday sessions, either as a one off or regular basis, please let Cat know.





**Under 9s (School Years 3 & 4)**

**Fridays 6.15 -7.15pm at WPR**

**Registration cost : £70**

**Start Date - Friday 26th April - Friday 19th July 2024**

For those making the move up from All Stars and those who have played some cricket with us before, our Under 9s training will continue on Fridays at White Post Road. The aim of the sessions is for the children to enjoy participating in cricket through engaging sessions, with the emphasis on fun and participation, whilst learning the core skills of the game using a range of practices and game-based scenarios.

At Under 9's level, the cricket played is in softball format. No kit is required and the children should just wear warm, comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor training activity.

Our team of coaches will be supported by some of our older youth support coaches who have been involved with youth cricket at Banbury for a number of years.



**Under 11s (School Years 5 and 6)**

**Fridays 6.15 - 7.30pm at WPR**

**Registration cost : £80**

**Start Date - Friday 26th April - Friday 19th July 2024**

We have entered 4 teams into competitive fixtures, the majority of which will take place on Sunday mornings. We will have competitive fixtures for one eleven a side hardball league team, one hardball Super 8s team and one Softball (Incrediball) Super 8s team. After the success of last year's Hundred games, we have also entered a team into the Hundred competition which will take place on Sundays over the summer holidays.

For our younger members moving up from Under 9s, or for those who have not played hardball before, there will be an opportunity to play some Incrediball/softball games to get them used to playing competitive games. We will allocate players to teams based on age and experience so they can play hardball as soon as they are accomplished and confident enough to do so and our coaches believe they are ready.

Our Under 11 hardballers play with a hard ball and therefore need appropriate protective equipment – leg pads, gloves, helmet, and a box/abdominal guard and associated shorts/underwear.





**Under 13s (School Years 7 and 8)**

**Fridays 6.15 -7.30pm at WPR**

**Registration cost: £80**

**Start Date - Friday 26th April – Friday 19th July 2024**

Training will be on a Friday night from 6.15pm to 7.30pm at White Post Road.

Fixtures will be on Thursday evenings from April – July with a 6pm start and home fixtures will be played at White Post Road or Ermont Way.

This year, we have entered two hardball league sides - which will involve 20 over games with other local Clubs.

We have also entered an additional hardball Super 8s team, a team in the Ron Maudsley Cup knockout competition and a team in the U13s Hundred competition (which takes place over the summer months on Thursday evenings).

For safety reasons, we regret that we cannot accept players without some experience of hardball cricket.

As all our Under 13s play with a hard ball, they will need appropriate protective equipment – leg pads, gloves, helmet, and a box/abdominal guard and associated shorts/underwear.







**Under 15s (School Years 9 and 10)**

**Tuesdays 6.00 -7.30pm at WPR**

**Registration cost : £80**

**Start Date - TBC**

Training will be on a Tuesday night at White Post Road and games will take place on a Monday evening with a 6pm start. Home fixtures will be at Ermont Way.

This year we have entered one league team and a team in the new U15s knock out competition. We also hope to arrange some friendly fixtures with some other local Clubs.

For safety reasons, we regret that we cannot accept boys without some experience of hardball cricket. From Under 15s upwards, cricket shoes /metal spikes are expected for all training and games.





**Under 17s (School Years 11 and 12)**

**Tuesdays/Thursdays (with seniors) 6-7pm at WPR**

**Registration Cost - £80**

We have entered an U17s team into the league for the first time in a number of years to try and increase the playing opportunities for those players who are moving up from the U15s group and to try and bridge the gap between U15s and U19s.

Players in this age group will train with the seniors on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays at White Post Road or at Ermont Way from the end of April.

The U17s competition fixtures will take place on Wednesdays after exams have finished in late June and games will be played at Ermont Way.





**Under 19s (School Years 11 -13)**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays (with seniors) 6-7pm at WPR**

**Registration Cost - £80**

**Start date TBC**

Players in this age group normally train with the seniors on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays at the Club or at Ermont Way from the end of April.

League fixtures don't start until late June (when exams have finished) and will go on until the end of August.

Home fixtures take place on a Monday night at White Post Road or Ermont Way with a 6pm start.





### Parent Help

Finally...we need your help!

We are extremely grateful to all our youth coaching team and all they do. If you would like to join our team or help us in any way by volunteering, coaching, helping to score at games or doing some team administration, please do get in touch. Your Club is run entirely by volunteers - this means that we can only offer more age group cricket and

fixtures for your children with more coaches and parent helpers.

By offering to help with Friday nights, game days, team management, team administration, scoring or umpiring, you are making your child's cricket experience a more positive one.

Please speak to one of our coaches or let Cat know if you can help in any way.

