



Junior Cricket *At* *Whitstable Cricket Club*

Guide for players and parents



The Belmont Ground, Whitstable



Getting there...

Address:

The Belmont Ground
Belmont Road
Whitstable
Kent
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Telephone number: 01227 272226

Website: www.whitstablecc.co.uk

The Ground

The main entrance is through the single gate on the corner of Belmont Road and Millstrood Road. There is also a second entrance along the private road leading to the football club.

Parking

There are no parking facilities in the ground; roadside parking in Belmont Road, Millstrood Road or Old Bridge Road is suggested.

Welcome to Whitstable Cricket Club...

We have been providing cricket for the enjoyment of players and their families for over 150 years.

Cricket at Whitstable starts from the age of six all the way through to the adult game.

As a recognised ECB Clubmark Cricket Club we have joined a growing number of cricket clubs across England and Wales that are prioritising junior development, creating a benchmark for high quality community club cricket.

We have a friendly family atmosphere at the club and encourage support and participation from everyone.



Safety

Parents are more than welcome to stay and watch training.

Training on the field should be watched from the boundary.

Under no circumstances should you allow your child to start training with a bat and a hard ball unless qualified coaching staff are present, especially in the net area, where injuries may be likely to result from incorrectly supervised play.

Hardball training takes place on the outfield, in the net area or on the artificial wicket. Net training may be watched but please pay close attention as balls can leave the net area and may cause injury.

Kwik Cricket training takes place on the outfield.

Contacts

Colts
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Under 15s Managers

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U11s Green Gary Martin 07986 038429
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Girls Cricket

Co-ordinator: Linda Mason garylindaetc@btinternet.com 07721 430331
Coaches: Jackie Lewis, Gary Martin, Sacha Dilkes & Neville Dack

The games of Cricket

Kwik Cricket

Kwik Cricket is a simple softball game for all boys and girls 6 years of age and upwards. The emphasis is on participation and enjoyment while learning the basic athletic skills of running, jumping, balancing, throwing, striking etc. We enter the Kent Cricket Board Super Mini 8s competition and this gives the opportunity for members of the club's Kwik Cricket section to play matches against other clubs. There is an opportunity for the children to achieve Kwik Cricket awards throughout the season.

The progression to hardball cricket will depend on the age, skill level and physical development but will generally occur between the ages of 9 and 11. Beginners coming into cricket at a later age will need to develop their basic skills at Kwik Cricket before progressing to the hardball game.

Kwik Cricket Training

Saturday 9.30am – 11am
at The Belmont Ground (May – July).



You are requested to ensure that you arrive at least 10 minutes early for sessions so that you can register before the due starting time. Latecomers create all sorts of problems for the coaches and it is particularly unfair on those who do arrive on time and are keen to make the most of each and every training opportunity.

Upon arrival at the ground you must:

1. Register and pay in the Pavilion.
2. Let your coach know if you have any injuries which may affect your performance during the session.

After training children must stay with their designated coach in the ground until their parent/carer has arrived to collect them. However, parents are encouraged to stay and support their children – refreshments are always available from the pavilion.

A word of caution for parents is not to push your child into hardball cricket too soon. It is better to encourage your child to develop the basic skills at this level rather than encumber them with pads, gloves, helmets, heavy wooden bats etc before they are ready to take this step forward.

Hard Ball Cricket

Hard Ball Cricket is the game that requires the use of protection such as pads, gloves, abdo protection guard (box) and helmet. Whitstable Cricket Club will provide the above equipment for boys and girls to play apart from the abdo protection guard which needs to be a personal item of equipment and is required before being able to play.

In the summer the club has sides competing in the Canterbury League at Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 levels. In the winter the Club plays in the Canterbury Indoor League at Under 13 and Under 15.

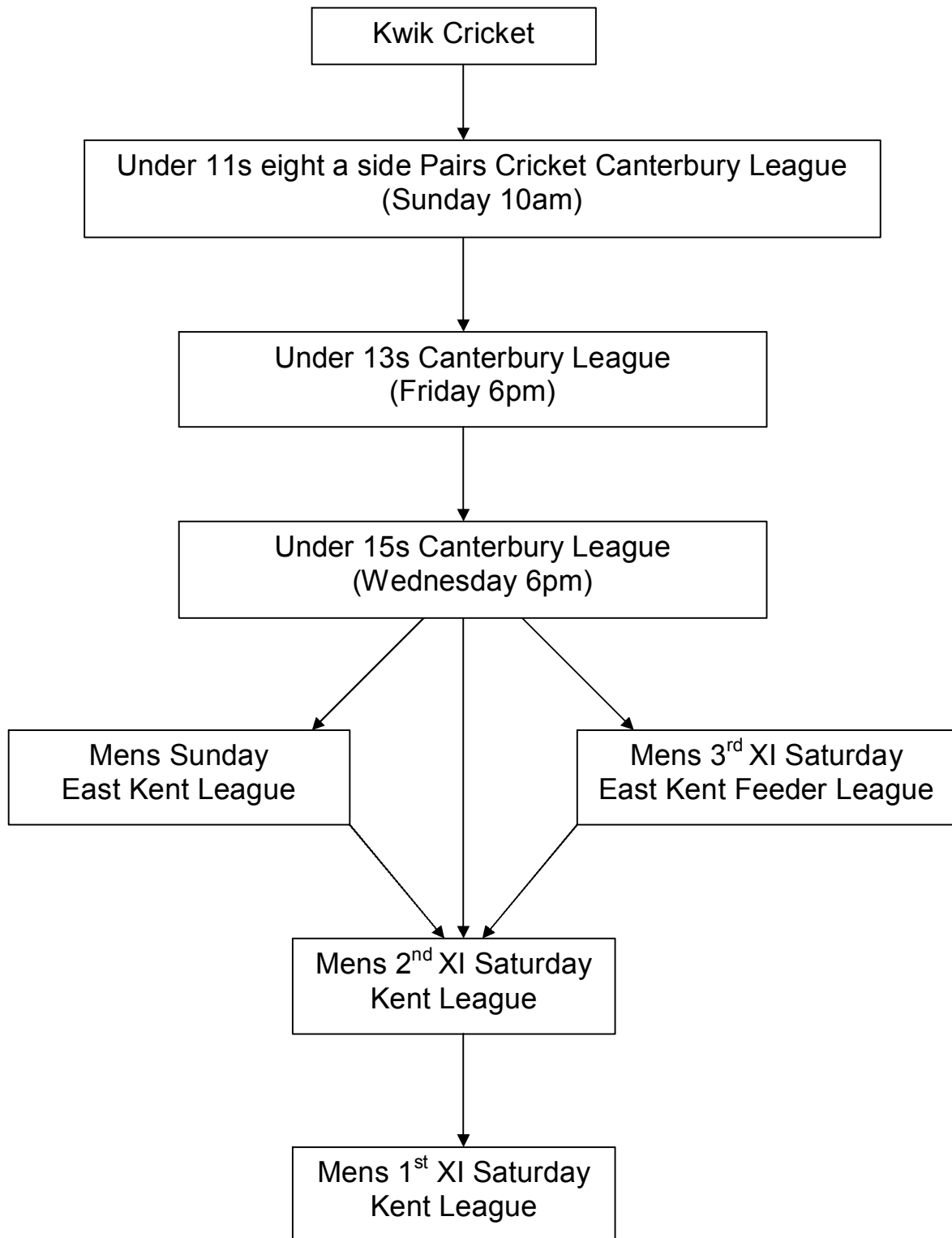
Players showing good ability may have the opportunity to start playing in the senior sides and the starting point is usually to play in the Saturday 3rd team or the Sunday team.



Registration

Parents of all Junior players are reminded that they must register their child via the junior section of Whitstable Cricket Club at the start of the season and pay the annual subscription (excluding Kwik Cricketers). Registration includes completing consent forms and providing contact details and information of any relevant medical conditions.

Cricket Development Pathway



Hardball Training

Under 11s.....Wednesday evenings.....6.00pm to 8.00pm

Under 13s.....Tuesday evenings.....6.00pm to 8.00pm

Under 15sThursday evenings.....6.00pm to 8.00pm

Days and times may be changed during the season due to matches etc, check with team managers if unsure.

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Although we have labelled the training groups by age, more talented or physically more mature players may be invited to join a higher group for some or all of their sessions. Similarly an inexperienced player may benefit from training in a slightly younger group.

Upon arrival at the ground you must:

1. Go to the pavilion and sign in
2. Let your coach know if you have any injuries which may affect your performance during the session.
3. Place your kit in the changing room or outside in a safe area designated by your coach.

DO NOT GO INTO THE NET AREA UNTIL YOUR COACH IS READY. This is in breach of the clubs safety procedures and players may be disciplined.

Indoor Training

Indoor training is at Kent College, Blean, Canterbury and a Winter programme normally starts February - March. Details of dates and times are available from the website or any member of the coaching team.

Clothing and Equipment

Cricket whites are to be worn for all hardball matches. For Kwik Cricket matches whites may not be needed, the club will inform you in advance what clothing you will need.

Kwik Cricket Training

Shorts or track suit / jog bottoms
Polo or T shirt
Sweatshirt or jumper
Baseball / Cricket cap or wide brimmed cricket sun hat.
Good pair of training shoes.

Hardball Training

Cricket whites – trousers, shirt and jumper or
Track suit / jog bottoms
Polo or T shirt
Sweatshirt / jumper
Abdo Protection Guard (with suitable support – *boxer shorts are not suitable*)
Baseball / Cricket cap or wide brimmed cricket sun hat
Cricket shoes or good quality trainers
Metal studs are not allowed to be used in artificial nets or artificial wicket.

Hardball matches

Cricket whites – trousers, shirt and jumper
Cap or sun hat
Cricket shoes or white good quality trainers
Boys only – Abdo Protection Guard and suitable support (*boxer shorts are not suitable*) MUST be worn when batting or keeping wicket and is the one piece of kit that the club will not supply.

Club Shirts

Whitstable Cricket Club shirts and caps are available in junior, youth and adult sizes from www.ambitionsport.com

Please look after your kit, it is expensive.

All clothing and equipment should be marked with your name.

Code of Conduct for Cricket Club Members

All Members and Guests of Whitstable Cricket Club will:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of Cricket.
- Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief.
- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed.
- Display high standards of behaviour.
- Promote the positive aspects of Cricket e.g. fair play.
- Encourage all participants to learn the Laws and rules and play within them, respecting the decisions of match officials.
- Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials.
- Recognise good performance not just match results.
- Place the well-being and safety of Young People above the development of performance.
- Ensure that activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.
- Respect Young People's opinions when making decisions about their participation in Cricket.
- Not smoke, drink or use banned substances whilst actively working with Young People in the Club.
- Not provide Young People with alcohol when they are under the care of the Club.
- Follow ECB guidelines set out in the "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any other relevant guidelines issued.
- Report any concerns in relation to a Young Person, following reporting procedures laid down by the ECB.
- In addition to the above, all Club Officers and Appointed Volunteers will:
- Hold relevant qualifications and be covered by appropriate insurance.
- Always work in an open environment (i.e. avoid private or unobserved situations and encourage an open environment).
- Inform Players and Parents of the requirements of Cricket.
- Know and understand the ECB's 'Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children'.

Code of Conduct - set of rules for Young People

Whitstable Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members.

Whitstable Cricket Club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/carers or guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the Club Welfare Officer (Jackie Lewis).

As a member of Whitstable Cricket Club you are expected to abide by the following junior code of conduct:

- All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit (trainers or cricket boots and whites or tracksuit) for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.
- The club rules, as stated within the Club Constitution, shall be observed at all times.

Further Whitstable Cricket Club policies are available in the pavilion and on the Clubmark section of the website (www.whitstablecc.co.uk).

Fixtures

All players (excluding Kwik Cricketers) will receive a fixture card showing the times and dates of matches at the start of the season. They will be available as soon as we have the relevant information and will be given out at training.

Volunteers

Whitstable Cricket Club exists to promote cricket for all players, whatever their age, whatever their standard, boys, girls, women and men are welcome. You don't have to play the game ! Mums Dads, Grandmas, Granddads, partners are very welcome as supporters and have a valuable role to play in making the club a success.

The club is run entirely by its members on a voluntary basis and we are always looking for more people to help. Helping out is a great way to get to know the people and to contribute to the clubs development. If you are interested in getting involved in any way please speak to:

Rob Scales – Club Chairman

Bob Cogger – Club Secretary

Steve Holness – Director of Colts Cricket

Eddy Churchley – Colts Secretary / Treasurer and Club Groundsman.

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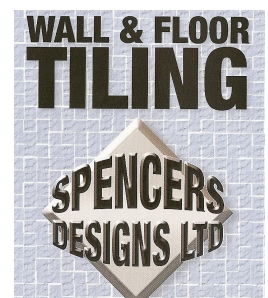
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