



Junior Matches and Selection

Junior fixtures will be released by the league at the beginning of April, for starting end of April. All junior matches are organised by the Palace Shield league and are usually played on a Sunday AM or mid-week PM.

Junior match selection

Our aim is to give all juniors a fair and equal opportunity to participate in matches. The junior coaches will ultimately have the responsibility to pick a team and will look to field a competitive and balanced side. Elements of the below will be common to selecting a team:

- Motivations, Commitment and Attitude.
- Behaviour.
- Attendance and Availability.
- Ability.
- Safety – Junior coaches will assess during training to ensure the child is ready.

Match spectators

We really want you to come and support our young players in their cricket journey and welcome you to attend junior matches, but we do ask that any spectators follow the below guidelines to ensure a positive and enjoyable environment.

Remember young people play cricket for their enjoyment and not yours.

- Acknowledge all good performance irrespective of the team they play for.
- Positively encourage all young players.
- Respect umpire / match official's decisions.
- Never verbally abuse anyone, as such creating a negative environment.
- Instructions are not to be given; this is the coaches role to do.
- Do not move players around the field.
- Avoid shouting things such as 'run', 'catch' or where to throw a ball so you do not confuse or distract players.