

Preston Cricket Club - Junior Cricket Newsletter 2017

Dear junior member and parents,

Welcome back to another junior cricket season with Preston Cricket Club. We will start our season on **Sunday 23rd April** with our last session being on **Sunday 16th July**. Please could you arrive between 9.20am and 9.30am and for collection by 11.30am.

Please note that our minimum age continues to be 8 years old or Year 3 children.



Matches This Season

We will have plenty of on field action this year as we have entered five teams into the Herts Junior Leagues and have matches lined up for Under 10 (soft ball), Under 10 (hard ball), Under 11, Under 13 and Under 14/15 - see the enclosed fixture list for details of the 42 matches.

Can you help us out?

With so much going on this year, we would love to hear from any parents who would like to get involved on a Sunday morning or on match days. Whether it's helping the coaches to run an activity or just helping to organise refreshments, every contribution helps us to run things a little more smoothly. No cricketing (or catering) experience required! Please contact Nigel, Ash or Mark.

Club kit

Junior cricket clothing can now be ordered in club colours and with the Preston wishing well emblem directly from Elite Sports in Hermitage Road, Hitchin who will also give club members a 10% discount on two clothing items or a 5% discount on any other in store sporting equipment. Call Elite on 01462 452366 to order or check availability.



New ECB Helmet Guidance



Please note that the English Cricket Board has issued new guidance for senior and junior helmets with details of a new safety standard BS7928:2013 (see link for full details).

<http://www.ecb.co.uk/information/ecb-and-pca-guidance-head-protectors/helmets>

Preston Cricket Club will gradually replace its existing stock of junior helmets and it is possible that some helmets in use this year will not meet the latest guidance. If you have any concerns, please speak to one of the coaches. If you are considering buying your own, we recommend that it meets the new standard, which should be clearly displayed on the helmet.

Personal Safety Equipment



Preston Cricket Club supply all cricket equipment required for our junior sessions however there are some personal protective items that parents should buy for their children especially for those aged 9 or older who may be using a hard ball.



A cricket protector and cricket briefs are essential pieces of kit and compulsory when batting or wicket keeping against a hard ball. They can be bought relatively cheaply from Elite Sports in Hitchin or numerous internet based sports shops.

... and please don't forget sun protection - wear a hat and sunscreen.



If rain stops play...

We are as keen as the juniors to go ahead with the Sunday morning sessions, however, in the event of rain or unsafe conditions we will cancel the session. If you want to check before leaving home, please look on our Facebook page (Preston Cricket Club – Colts) where we will post a message as soon as possible, or alternatively, text one of the coach's mobile phones after 9.00am when the final inspection and decision is usually made.



Clubmark



Preston Cricket Club continues to maintain and offer cricketing development in accordance with the English Cricket Board (ECB) Clubmark accreditation. Clubmark recognises the Club's commitment to junior cricket development and well managed, community cricket facilities.

A number of club policies and codes of conduct have been developed and adopted as a result of the Clubmark process, which are displayed in the pavilion and on our website at <http://prestoncricketclub.co.uk/club-policies/>. The Club's Management Committee encourage all junior members and their parents to read and abide by the codes and policies. The Club's policy for junior members is enclosed for your reference.

Club Welfare Policy

The Herts Cricket Association recommends that clubs obtain full registration and contact details for all children attending cricket sessions at local clubs. They also recommend that we obtain parental consent for a number of situations that may arise in the course of playing cricket. **Please help us by reading and completing all sections of the enclosed registration and consent form and returning it to the coaches on your first visit to the Sunday sessions.**

Pamela Biggs is the Club Welfare Officer. Please feel free to contact Pam should you have any concerns about your child's welfare at Preston Cricket Club.

Subscriptions

The cost of this year's junior subscription remains unchanged at £35 per child. This goes towards the provision of all equipment, coach education, facilities, refreshments and matches throughout the season.

Best wishes for the new season,

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Ashley Catlin 07760 490359

Club Welfare Officer:

Pam Biggs 07968 860425

Websites

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www.facebook.com Preston Cricket Club - Colts

www.prestoncricketclub.co.uk our club website with news, views and reports from senior and junior cricket

<http://www.hertsjuniorleagues.co.uk/> For junior match reports and league tables