

Bar Hill Cricket Club

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Information about Youth Cricket at Bar Hill CC - 2014

Introduction

Welcome to Bar Hill Cricket Club which has seen youth cricket played at many age groups from 1999 to 2008, thanks to the hard work of so many of our club members who over the years have volunteered as coaches. The fruits of this hard work can be seen on the pitch with the club fielding two adult teams, with many of our adult players being former youth players.

We re-launched the youth section of the cricket club in 2012, and would like to see it to grow as it did previously, with the youth players of today becoming the senior players of future years.

The club has produced this leaflet, which hopefully informs every parent/guardian about what Bar Hill Cricket Club has to offer both you and your child. Furthermore, it gives guidance on safety equipment requirements together with details of all the club's policies and codes of conduct. Our club has always been a family orientated club and is keen to retain this status and continue as a strong and friendly village cricket club. There is also a section on volunteer support; like all clubs, we rely on volunteer support and I urge all parents to consider how they can get involved with the club. Without these volunteers, we cannot offer children the opportunity to play this great game.

Jenni Stimpson
Youth Section Co-Ordinator

What the club offers

In 2014 Bar Hill Cricket Club will offer cricket coaching for children aged between 7 and 15. We will offer competitive league cricket (CYCA) in the Under 11 age group (up to and inclusive of school year 6) and friendly cricket where possible for other ages. As an inclusive club, we encourage girls to participate in cricket. We do need help in encouraging girls to come along and try the game. There are opportunities for youth players to progress into adult cricket as well.

A winter indoor coaching programme is available pre-season in February and March. Outdoor coaching normally operates from April to the end of July, but subject to demand may continue throughout August too. Our coaching sessions are led by fully qualified cricket coaches, who are all DBS (CRB) checked and have attended basic first aid and safeguarding children courses. Our coaches are assisted by other members of BHCC.

Youth matches are normally 20 overs a side. Children from aged 13 upwards are also encouraged to play adult cricket on a Saturday or midweek.

Bar Hill Cricket Club also holds a Presentation Evening in late September/early October where every junior member receives a form of recognition.

The club has an excellent website at www.barhillcricket.org.uk which allows parents/guardians and junior members to be kept informed of latest news, results and match reports. We also regularly communicate with parents/guardians via email.



Our View and Priorities for Youth Cricket

We believe that our younger members are an essential part of Bar Hill Cricket Club, vital to the club's present and future success. We aim to do all we can to encourage and include younger players and make them feel a valued part of the club, irrespective of their age, gender, level of ability or length of time with the club.

We also expect that youngsters should be able to enjoy their cricket and develop their abilities in a safe environment, free from harassment, bullying or other risks. Our priorities for all aspects of youth cricket, including coaching, youth matches and adult matches involving youngsters, are:

- * The safety and welfare of the individual;
- * Enabling youngsters to enjoy the game;
- * Coaching and encouraging younger players to help them develop their cricketing skills;
- * Helping children to establish self-confidence, both on and off the field, and develop enthusiasm for the game of cricket.

Our Expectations

We expect youth members to behave in a reasonable and sociable way to others, including their peers, coaching staff and other youth and adult members. Likewise, all adults who have responsibility for youth cricket in any way at Bar Hill Cricket Club are expected to respect individuals and conduct themselves appropriately. It is a policy of Bar Hill Cricket Club that ALL youth coaches and any others who might reasonably have contact with youth members have received clearance via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Clothing, Safety and Protective Equipment

Club shirts, caps and other items of cricket wear are available from the BHCC club shop. This is available at: www.kalibazar.co.uk/shop.ink?CategoryID=All&club=barhill (or follow the link from the home page of the BHCC website).

Other options for cricket wear and equipment include Sports Direct (branches on Newmarket Road and in Lion Yard) and Hobbs Sports (Bridge Street).

Safety during coaching sessions and matches is paramount. We ask all parents to ensure their children are suitably dressed and bring, when asked to do so, the necessary protective equipment. Not only does this ensure the game can be played safely, but it also increases the enjoyment of the game and promotes greater confidence.

All coaches can provide guidance on what protective and other equipment is suitable. As a minimum, we suggest:

- * Trainers with good grip
- * Long sports trousers/tracksuit bottoms
- * White t-shirt/polo shirt
- * Abdominal protector - "box" plus briefs or jock-strap (boys only)
(Boys cricket underwear can be purchased from Sports Direct, Hobbs Sports or from other sports retailers)

The Club adheres to the safety guidance issued by the ECB (England & Wales Cricket Board) on the wearing of safety helmets. The Club will provide helmets when these are required, although some players may find it more convenient to obtain their own. The Club also enforces the ECB's fielding regulations and fast bowling directives. We will be using a mixture of soft balls (e.g. tennis ball, incrediball etc.) and hard balls for coaching (indoor sessions with be soft balls only). A hard ball will be used for youth matches. We suggest all youth players bring their own drink (water or soft drink) with them to coaching sessions and matches.

Parents/guardians are asked to ensure that coaches are made aware before coaching sessions or matches of any medical condition which might affect their child's performance or which might require specific attention (e.g. asthma), or of any injury which may prevent a child from taking part in elements of coaching (e.g. sprain).

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Membership

Youth Cricket at Bar Hill is available to all children aged 7 to 15 years and new members are always welcome. To become a youth member of Bar Hill Cricket Club, you will need to complete a youth membership form which can be obtained from the Club's website at www.barhillcricket.org.uk and parents, in the first instance, are encouraged to contact Youth Section Co-Ordinator, Jenni Stimpson on info@barhillcricket.org.uk or (01954) 201212.

The annual youth membership fee is just £15 and payable before the end of May. This fee is inclusive of summer coaching and any match fees in junior (and senior) cricket matches. The annual membership, however, does not include the cost of any winter indoor coaching which is charged separately.

Key Club Contacts

The key contacts for youth cricket of all ages at the club are detailed below. The full list of contacts at the club are available on the club's website at www.barhillcricket.org.uk

Jenni Stimpson - Youth Section Co-Ordinator
info@barhillcricket.org.uk / 01954 201212 / 07866 357751

Simon Smith - Chairman
chairman@barhillcricket.org.uk / 01954 200207

Paul Stimpson - Secretary
info@barhillcricket.org.uk / 01954 201212

Julia Thompson - Welfare Officer
brooklyn_5@sky.com / 07738 274290

Coaches associated with Bar Hill Cricket Club:
Tom Levitt, Peter Howard, Simon Smith, Paul Stimpson, David Fletcher, Craig Driver, Vicky Neal

Getting Involved/Volunteer Support

We always welcome additional help in the running of our youth coaching and youth matches. Coach support workers (who will be supervised by qualified coaches) do not need to be qualified coaches. We may, however, require anyone helping with youth coaching to obtain Disclosure and Barring Service clearance – this is straightforward and at no cost to the volunteer. For those wishing to take a formal coaching qualification, coaching courses are available in the winter. As well as helping our younger members develop their skills, coaching is a great way to get involved with the club. There are also umpires and scorers qualifications for anyone who might be interested in those. Please ask any committee member for more information on any of these roles or qualifications.

For those individuals who cannot help in this way there are many other roles away from coaching where help is always needed with the running of our youth teams. If you would like to help, please contact our Youth Section Co-ordinator.

You can of course help the running of our youth section by offering financial assistance. As you will appreciate the cost of running a youth cricket club is not cheap e.g. the club provides fully qualified coaches and cricket equipment. Financial support can be made in a variety of ways, either through donations or sponsorship. If any parent or employer is keen to support the running of the youth section in this or any other way, please do not hesitate to contact our Youth Section Co-ordinator.

Policies

Bar Hill Cricket Club's policies can be read on the club website on the about page: www.barhillcricket.org.uk/about