



# Junior Handbook

Season 2026/27

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## 1. Club Information

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| <b>Name</b>                  | White Knights Baldivis Cricket Club                                                                                                              |                                                                                        |
| <b>Nickname</b>              | Knights                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| <b>Founded</b>               | 2001                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                        |
| <b>Home Ground</b>           | Baldivis District Sporting Complex<br>531 Eighty Road, Baldivis, W.A, 6141                                                                       |                                                                                        |
| <b>Website</b>               | <a href="http://www.wkbcc.com.au">www.wkbcc.com.au</a>                                                                                           |                                                                                        |
| <b>President</b>             | Matt Vinkovich                                                                                                                                   | <a href="mailto:president@wkbcc.com.au">president@wkbcc.com.au</a>                     |
| <b>Senior Vice President</b> | Ryan Kenny                                                                                                                                       | <a href="mailto:vicepresident@wkbcc.com.au">vicepresident@wkbcc.com.au</a>             |
| <b>Junior Vice President</b> | Matt Duggan                                                                                                                                      | <a href="mailto:juniorvicepresident@wkbcc.com.au">juniorvicepresident@wkbcc.com.au</a> |
| <b>Treasurer</b>             | Trevor Puckeridge                                                                                                                                | <a href="mailto:treasurer@wkbcc.com.au">treasurer@wkbcc.com.au</a>                     |
| <b>Administrator</b>         | Sarah Hijazi                                                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:admin@wkbcc.com.au">admin@wkbcc.com.au</a>                             |
| <b>Junior Coordinator</b>    | Matthew Thompson                                                                                                                                 | <a href="mailto:juniors@wkbcc.com.au">juniors@wkbcc.com.au</a>                         |
| <b>Junior Competition</b>    | Metropolitan Junior Community Cricket                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |
| <b>Playing Grounds</b>       | <b>Baldivis District Sporting Complex</b><br><b>Peckham Reserve / Eighty Road Reserve</b><br><b>Arpenteur Park</b><br>Other Venues – As Required |                                                                                        |
| <b>Junior Playing Days</b>   | All Junior Female                                                                                                                                | Saturday Morning                                                                       |
|                              | Year 4 & 5 Boys                                                                                                                                  | Friday Afternoon                                                                       |
|                              | Year 6, 7 & 8 Boys                                                                                                                               | Saturday Morning                                                                       |
|                              | Year 9 & 10/11 Boys                                                                                                                              | Sunday Morning                                                                         |
| <b>Junior Training Days</b>  | Various depending on coach availability                                                                                                          |                                                                                        |
| <b>Training Venues</b>       | <b>Baldivis District Sporting Complex</b><br><b>Arpenteur Park</b><br>Other Venues – As Required                                                 |                                                                                        |

## 2. Junior Program Objectives

The primary focus of the club's junior program is to encourage participation within a supportive environment to provide a fun and enjoyable experience, whilst also providing a pathway to representative and senior cricket.

## 3. Registration

To be eligible to play cricket for any club in Australia players need to be registered through the PlayHQ system. In order to register, parents will need both a PlayHQ Account as well as CricketPlus Account. Please find links below to access both the PlayHQ platform and the Cricket ID website.

PlayHQ - [LINK](#)

CricketPlus - [LINK](#)

## 4. Registration Fees

The all in cost for Cricket Blast for the 2026/27 season is \$109.

The junior competition registration fee is made up of several components as follows:

- **Club Component** – This is the fees that the cricket club receives, this goes towards competition costs, equipment, trophies and other expenses related to our cricket program.
- **National Registration Fee** – This fee is paid to Cricket Australia and encompasses the insurance fee for each player. Players are covered for personal accident and sickness resulting from cricketing activities.
- **WA Cricket / MJCC Fee** – This fee is paid to WA Cricket and is used to cover costs associated with the management of the competition.

The Club Component of fees for the 2026/27 season are as follows

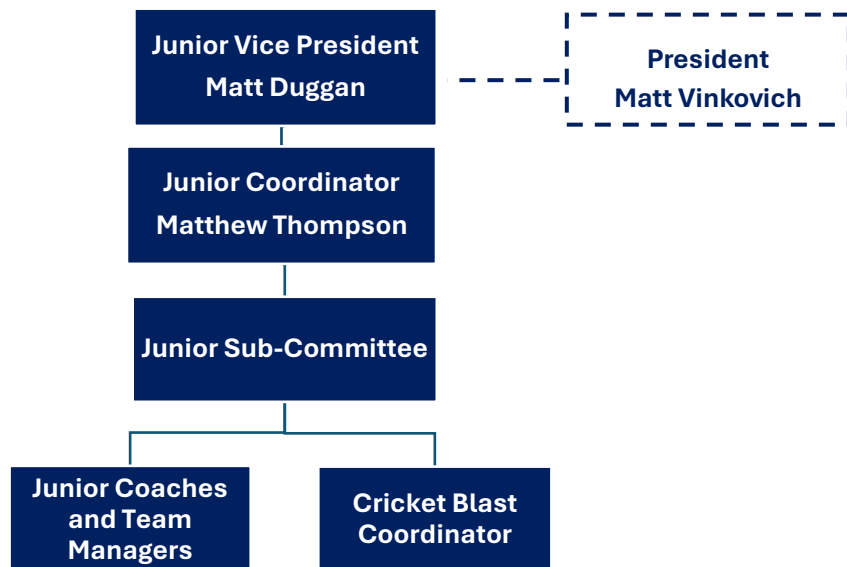
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|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| • Year 4 Boys     | \$140 | • Year 4/5 Girls      | \$150 |
| • Year 5 Boys     | \$160 | • Year 6/7 Girls      | \$150 |
| • Year 6 Boys     | \$170 | • Year 8/9 Girls      | \$150 |
| • Year 7 Boys     | \$180 | • Year 10/11/12 Girls | \$170 |
| • Year 8 Boys     | \$195 |                       |       |
| • Year 9 Boys     | \$195 |                       |       |
| • Year 10/11 Boys | \$195 |                       |       |

**\* We are registered for KidSport and this funding can be used on these fees**

**\* The above fees are the Club Component only, the National Registration, WA Cricket and MJCC fees detailed above will be applied at time of checkout**

Delayed payment options are available via playhq, If further assistance is required for the payment of fees, please reach out to club Treasurer, Trevor, at [treasurer@wkbcc.com.au](mailto:treasurer@wkbcc.com.au) to discuss an appropriate arrangement.

## 5. Junior Program Structure



## 6. Volunteers

The club is run entirely by volunteers and we encourage every family to volunteer in some capacity. There are numerous ways you can contribute to the smooth running of the club including:

- Administration
- Coaching
- Team Managers
- Scoring
- Fundraising
- Game Day Set Up/Assistance
- Social Events
- Sub-Committee Member

Every volunteer directly helps to improve the experience each child has. Your contribution will be appreciated no matter how big or small.

Parents volunteering as coaches and team managers are especially critical for getting our juniors on the field. If you are able to assist with either of these, further details of what is involved and how to register your interest are listed at the end of this document.

## 7. Junior Formats

### Cricket Blast

Woolworths Cricket Blast is Cricket Australia's official entry-level program, designed to introduce children to the game in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment.

Cricket Blast provides kids aged 4 to 10 years old with an exciting first experience of cricket, focusing on developing fundamental movement skills, building confidence, and fostering friendships.

With sessions led by enthusiastic coaches, kids participate in action-packed activities and games that teach the basics of batting, bowling, and fielding, preparing them for their cricket journey ahead while ensuring every session is full of energy and smiles.

Our blast program is run over 10 sessions on Monday afternoon's across term 4 and term 1.

### Junior Cricket

Game dates align with school terms over terms 4&1, breaking for the school holidays.

Junior cricket starts from Year 4 (Under 10's) and the program is split into 3 stages to assist in the players progression.

#### *Stage 1*

Stage 1 junior cricket includes Year 4 & Year 5 Boys and Year 4/5 & Year 6/7 Girls. These matches are participation focussed with strong emphasis on having fun with friends. A softer ball is used and all players bat and bowl. There are strict rotation rules in place with a mandatory retirement after a certain number of balls faced, based on team size. Pitch length and boundary sizes are reduced for these matches.

#### *Stage 2*

Stage 2 junior cricket includes Year 6 & Year 7 Boys and Year 8/9 Girls. The matches for this stage has a mixed focus of participation and competitiveness. These matches utilise a hard ball. Rotational batting and bowling, including mandatory retirements are still in place. Pitch length and boundary sizes remain reduced for these matches.

#### *Stage 3*

Stage 3 junior cricket includes Year 8, Year 9 & Year 10/11 Boys and Year 10/11/12 Girls. Whilst there are still rotation policies in place, these matches are more competitive and the intent is to prepare the players for senior cricket.

## **8. Player/Age Eligibility**

Upon registration the platform will automatically place players in their respective year groups (corresponding with their school year). However there are instances where players can play up/down from their age group and these are reviewed on a case by case basis.

Junior cricketers are allowed to play up one school year without any special permission, this includes Year 3's being allowed to play Year 4 (boys) or Year 4/5 (girls).

In special circumstances, we can apply for dispensation for juniors to:

- Play up 2 years (including Year 2s wishing to play Year 4 cricket – while this request typically comes for a player that is skilled beyond his/her age group, this dispensation will generally only be granted in the case of 'team need.' i.e. in order to fill teams, or because the team(s) in the player's true age group are full.
- Play down 1 year – this request typically comes for the reasons of:
  - Team need – where teams are full in the specific age group
  - Girls crossing over to play boys cricket
  - Disability

Please speak with the Junior Coordinator should you wish to apply for a dispensation for your child. These dispensations are reviewed and approved by WA Cricket and the club has no influence on their decision.

## **9. Playing Equipment**

Players are free to have their own cricket equipment, however, each team has a kit-bag equipped with pads, gloves, helmets, bats and wicket-keeping equipment. These kit bags are checked and stocked each year however should you have any requirement that is not currently supplied, please speak to your coach and/or the Junior Coordinator and we will review these requests.

There is no need to buy your own equipment should you not wish to, however the club is happy to assist and provide advice to players and parents who are looking to purchase equipment for their child.

## 10. Junior Progression

| Players Age on 30th June |   |   |   |               |              |               |              |               |    |    |    |    |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| 5                        | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9             | 10           | 11            | 12           | 13            | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Cricket Blast            |   |   |   |               |              |               |              |               |    |    |    |    |
|                          |   |   |   | Stage 1 Boys  |              |               |              |               |    |    |    |    |
|                          |   |   |   | Stage 1 Girls |              |               |              |               |    |    |    |    |
|                          |   |   |   |               | Stage 2 Boys |               |              |               |    |    |    |    |
|                          |   |   |   |               |              | Stage 2 Girls |              |               |    |    |    |    |
|                          |   |   |   |               |              |               | Stage 3 Boys |               |    |    |    |    |
|                          |   |   |   |               |              |               |              | Stage 3 Girls |    |    |    |    |
| Senior Cricket           |   |   |   |               |              |               |              |               |    |    |    |    |

\* Age/Level based on standard age

From the age of 12 (Year 7) players have the opportunity to play representative cricket with a Premier Cricket Club. These clubs hold 'try out' days prior to their upcoming season. The club will share this information prior to these days occurring.

Our local club is Rockingham Mandurah Cricket Club who are located in Port Kennedy. Please speak with your coach and/or the Junior Coordinator should you require more information on representative cricket options.

## 11. Senior Cricket

From time to time the Club's senior teams will have vacancies that junior players, that are Year 7 and above, will have the opportunity to fill. We try to ensure that all junior players participating in senior cricket play a meaningful role within the team.

These opportunities represent a privilege and not a right. Multiple factors are considered in which juniors are selected including, but not limited to, the needs of the senior teams, the ability of the player in relation to the grade and the period of time available to find a replacement.

Senior Cricket is played on a Saturday afternoon from 12.30pm to 6.30pm (times vary depending on the grade). Prior to the commencement of the season, the Club will seek expressions from juniors wishing to be considered for selection. Additional fees are applicable for senior games played.

## 12. Uniform

All players will require:

- A club playing shirt (Coloured for for all age groups)
- A club playing hat or white wide brim hat
- Coloured club playing pants
- Sports Shoes (Girls/Year 7 Boys and Under)
- Cricket Spikes (Year 8 Boys and Older when playing on turf)
- A box ('cricket protector')

## 13. Merchandise

The club has a range of clothing options available, these include:

- Playing Shirts
- Playing Pants
- Off Field Polo's
- Hats
- Helmet Covers
- Jumpers
- and much more

Our online merchandise store can be found through the below link.

Merchandise Store - [LINK](#)

## 14. Game Day Expectations

- Advising Coach and/or Team Manager if your child is not available for a game
- Advising Coach and/or Team Manager if your child is running late for a game
- Parents to assist with game day duties including scoring and ground set up
- Cricket is not a drop and run sport - parents are expected to remain present during games and are responsible for supervising their child off the field, having them ready to bat and ensuring they uphold the club values at all times.

## **15. Training**

All teams generally train once a week, for 60 or 90 minutes. Training will take place at either Baldivis District Sporting Complex (BDSC) or Settlers Oval (Arpenteur Park), or at alternate venues as required.

Training days for boys teams vary depending on the coach's preference, and the availability of the nets that we use.

As soon as coaches are appointed for teams, players in that team will be notified of their training time and location.

All of WKBCC's females (from Year4/5 girls up to our Ladies teams) train on a Monday afternoon at BDSC from 4:30pm – 6:00pm.

Again, cricket is not a drop and run sport – the expectation is that parents will remain present and be responsible for their child during training.

## **16. Parent/Supporter Behaviour Standards**

The White Knights Baldivis Cricket Club endorses Cricket Australia's Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People.

Part of this policy details the below standards relating to parent and spectator behaviour.

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket
- Remember, children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours
- Encourage your child to play by the rules
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful play by all participants
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Never consume alcohol during a junior match
- Never smoke/vape in the vicinity of children

## 17. Communication

Your primary point of contact is your Team Manager or Coach, please initially direct any enquiries to these contacts.

Should your enquiry not be answered to a satisfactory level please follow the escalation matrix detailed under the **Contact Escalation Matrix** section in this document.

## 18. Club Contacts

|                              |                   |                                  |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>President</b>             | Matt Vinkovich    | president@wkbcc.com.au           |
| <b>Junior Vice President</b> | Matt Duggan       | juniorvicepresident@wkbcc.com.au |
| <b>Junior Coordinator</b>    | Matt Thompson     | juniors@wkbcc.com.au             |
| <b>Treasurer</b>             | Trevor Puckeridge | treasurer@wkbcc.com.au           |
| <b>Administrator</b>         | Sarah Hijazi      | admin@wkbcc.com.au               |
| <b>Child Safety Officer</b>  | Kim Betley        | 0433 012 955                     |

## 19. Contact Escalation Matrix

The below escalation matrix should be followed with all enquiries regarding any aspect of the club.



## 20. Prospective Coaches & Team Managers Information

Should you be interested in assisting a side as either a coach or as a team manager the following information will assist in understanding the responsibilities for these roles.

### Training responsibilities of a Coach

- Develop structured training plans tailored to the age group and skill level
- Set session objectives (e.g. fielding technique, batting intent, game awareness)
- Prepare drills and set net training structure
- Ensure training sessions are engaging, inclusive, and varied
- Maintain a positive and fun learning environment
- Give constructive feedback and recognise effort
- Adapt activities for different skill levels and personalities
- Work with other coaches or volunteers to share responsibilities.

### Training responsibilities of a Team Manager

- Keep parents informed about training and game schedules
- Keep parents informed around any club updates and events
- Develop a roster for parent help for game day – Ground set up (home games), scoring, umpiring
- Be a point of contact for the team

### Game Day Responsibilities for a Coach

- Set batting and bowling rotations prior to game day
- Facilitate team warm up
- Provide coaching and encouragement throughout match
- Manage fielding rotations and ensure every player is actively involved and gets equal opportunity

### Game Day Responsibilities for a Team Manager

- Pre-select the playing team for the weekend into PlayHQ
- Organise parent helpers for the game
- Be a point of contact between opposition, umpire and the team
- Manage supporters, so that a friendly playing environment is available
- Track players that have received match day awards

Prior to and throughout the season the White Knights Baldivis Cricket Club will provide support for all our Coaches and Team Managers.

Should you be interested in becoming a coach please contact our Junior Coordinator through the previous contact information.