



Super 8s, U12 and U14

Welcome Pack

2011 – 2012

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Introduction

Set in the picturesque surrounds of the Royal Park precinct in Melbourne, Youlden Parkville CC is a great place to play cricket. Established in 1922, we have a strong community focus and encourage inclusiveness and participation by players at all levels of talent.

YPCC plays in the senior division of the Victorian Turf Cricket Association and fields four senior teams who play at the Ryder and McAlister Ovals in Parkville/Brunswick in Melbourne. We also proudly run an extensive junior program for boys and girls aged between 5 and 14 years old.

The Club's unusual name is derived from Harry Youlden, our founding father and Kensington bookmaker who established Youlden Kensington Cricket Club in 1922. Youlden Kensington and Parkville Cricket Club merged in 1972 to create Youlden Parkville Cricket Club.

We hope you have a great season at Youlden Parkville Cricket Club.

Teams

We are really proud of our junior programs. They are held in high regard by parents, who say our junior programs are extremely well run and welcoming

We have four different programs and they are all open to boys and girls.

- *In2Cricket* "Have-a-Go" and "Have-a-Game"
- Super 8s
- Under 12s competition cricket
- Under 14s competition cricket

We are the only cricket club on Earth whose juniors are known as the Powerful Owls. Our junior mascot are Australia's largest owls and one of the most dangerous airborne predators. They have been known to live in the bushland of Royal Park. To learn about powerful owls, go to <http://birdsinbackyards.net/species/Ninox-strepera>.

Super 8s (9 to 12 years)

This is a great introduction to real cricket matches for boys and girls aged 9 to 12 years of age who might not be quite ready for competition cricket.

Super 8s cricket are real games played with semi-hard balls, and kids wear pads, gloves and helmets. Kids bat in pairs for two overs. If they get dismissed they just change ends. Everyone bowls, and gets a go at wicketkeeping.

Super 8s are played on Wednesday evenings starting in October.

Under 12s Competition Cricket

In 2011/12, we will field two U12s teams. Our teams are open to both boys and girls. Girls can be slightly older than the age group. These teams play in the North West Cricket Association. Games are on Saturday mornings.

Games are played on Saturday mornings using the normal rules of cricket in the North West Cricket Association.

Under 14s Competition Cricket

In 2011/12, we aim to field an U14s team for the first time in our history. This team will play in the North West Cricket Association on Saturday mornings.

Team	Play	Training	Training Location
Under 14	Sat 8:45am- 11am	Wed 5:45 pm – 6:45pm	Ryder Oval & nets
Under 12	Sat 8:45am- 11am	Wed 5:45 pm – 6:45pm	Ryder Oval & nets
Super 8s	Wed 5:45 pm – 6:45pm	No training	Ryder Oval

Post Training BBQ

After each training session a BBQ is held at the club rooms. The BBQ is a great way for players and parents to meet in a relaxed social environment and enjoy the wonderful, warm weather. The BBQ is really popular with both the players and the parents and is a great way to feed the kids, too!

Sausages, burgers and drinks can all be purchased at very reasonable prices.

Home Grounds

YPCC's senior home grounds are the Ryder and Macalister Ovals.

Junior home grounds are:

- Poplar Oval, The Avenue, Parkville
- Royal Park South, Flemington Rd, Parkville next to Royal Children's Hospital

Fees & Scholarships

To ensure that all players are covered by the club's insurance, registration forms must be returned prior to the first match.

Under 12s and Under 14s

Fee - \$175. Includes all coaching, ground hire, balls, equipment, umpires, and association affiliation costs. Players receive a free YPCC playing shirt, training shirt and sun hat.

Super 8s (8 to 12 years)

Fee - \$150. Includes all coaching, ground hire, balls, and equipment. Players receive a playing shirt and YPCC cap.

Special Payment Schedule

Families who have difficulties meeting the club fees may be able to make alternative arrangements by discussion with the club president.

Scholarships

YPCC will offer two scholarships, the Ryder and Macalister. The winners of these scholarships will have their fees waived for the season.

The criteria for the scholarships is:

- Must be eligible to play for U14 team
- Be a person of good character
- Must demonstrate a desire to play club cricket (this can be vouched by P.E. teacher, parent etc)
- Must have sporting ability (this can be vouched by P.E. teacher etc)
- The financial support of the scholarship would help a young person play cricket who might otherwise be unable to play

The winners of the scholarships will be selected by the YPCC Junior Committee and notified prior to season commencement.

Payment Method

Membership fees can be paid by cash, cheque, eftpos or by electronic bank transfer.

Payments

Payment is required at time of registration or by 1 October.

Uniforms

All junior players are required to play games and train in club uniforms. Only YPCC club caps and sunhats are allowed to be worn on match day.

Under 12s and 14s play in white club shirt provided on registration and long white pants (“cricket whites” available for shops like Kmart, the Greg Chappell Cricket Centre or Savers if you’re lucky).

Super 8s, under 12s and 14s train in blue club shirt provided at registration and shorts.

Season Dates

Youlden Parkville Junior Programme 2011-12				
Junior Cricket Coordinator: Matt Perkins matthew.perkins@monash.edu.au				
Squad	Activity	Date	Time	Where
In2Cricket boys & girls aged 5 to 8 years	Registration and start	Saturday, 29 October	10am-11am	Ryder Oval, Park St, Parkville
	Last session before Christmas	Saturday, 10 December		
	First session after Christmas	Saturday, 21 January		
	Last session	Saturday, 25 February		
Under 14s & 12s	Registration	Saturday, 10 September	1 – 3pm	Poplar Oval, The Avenue, Parkville
	Pre-season training	Sunday, 18 September	1 – 2pm	
	School holidays NO TRAINING	Sunday, 25 September	*****	*****
	School holidays NO TRAINING	Sunday, 2 October	*****	*****
	Pre-season training	Wednesday, 5 October	5.45 – 6.45pm	Ryder Oval, Park St, Parkville
	Pre-season training	Wednesday, 12 October	5.45 – 6.45pm	
	Season starts	Saturday 15 October	8.15am – 11am	To be notified of venue
	Season Training	Wednesday evenings	5.45 – 6.45pm	Ryder Oval, Park St, Parkville

Selection Criteria

YPCC’s primary goal is to ensure all players get an opportunity to improve their skills, confidence and love of the game. YPCC will encourage participation and a healthy attitude to competition.

Teams will be selected by the YPCC junior cricket co-ordinator and coach in consultation with team managers.

Roles and Responsibilities

Players

YPCC has comprehensive equipment kits for all junior teams. These kits contain everything from bats and gloves to helmets and are available for training as well as matches. If you have your own gear and you'd like to use it, feel free to bring it along although we recommend you write your name on it so it doesn't get confused with other people's gear.

Match gear

To play a match you will need to have:

- Whites – trousers, jumper or vest, YPCC match shirt (provided)
- Hat – YPCC broad brimmed (provided) or club cap (can be purchased)
- Shoes – Runners or soft-soled cricket shoes
- Sunscreen
- A drink bottle
- A box (groin protector)

Training gear

For training you will need to have:

- Comfortable clothes – tracksuit, shorts etc and training shirt (provided)
- Shoes – Runners or soft-soled cricket shoes
- A drink bottle
- A box (groin protector)

At Training and Matches

You should attend training every week, always arriving 10 minutes before the scheduled start so you can make the most of the training time.

You should arrive at the ground for the match at least 30 minutes before the start of the game to allow adequate time for warming up, talking to the manager, hitting up etc.

After each match the acting captain must provide a Captain's Report on the match which will be added to the manager's match report and posted on the club website.

Please let your team manager know ASAP if you will be absent from training or a match so alternative arrangements can be made to cover your absence. It is expected that players will be

available to play every match and will do their utmost to fulfil this expectation – Cricket is a team sport and requires commitment to the team.

Coaches and Managers

YPCC will provide coaches accredited by Cricket Victoria to support junior players. Senior players will also assist juniors during training and with team activities.

All parents - no matter what level of cricket experience - can complete a free online introduction to cricket coaching course prepared by Cricket Australia.

(<http://introductiontocricket.cricket.com.au/>). It's a lot of fun and only takes an hour.

Main tasks for manager and assistant manager:

- Help set up the field (home matches)
- Help with field inspections (home matches)
- Bringing YPCC kit including medical kit to match
- Working with team captain on match strategy
- First aid
- In the case where a player or parent is behaving in a way contrary to club rules of conduct the manager is to ask the player or parent to desist.
- Report to the club president any behaviour by players or parents that is contrary to club rules.
- After each match ensure Match Report is provided to the club in a timely manner.
- After each match ensure that scores are recorded on the MyCricket website.
- Pay match umpire

Parents

Parents play in integral role in junior cricket, their involvement is important to thier child and in helping to run matches. It also makes you a part of the club community.

As the parent of a player you will need to able to help out occasionally at matches. There are many jobs that need to be done so a match can be played, these will be allocated to parents on a roster system. Each parent will most likely only need to help out for one match during the season.

Task for parents:

- Scoring¹
- Square-leg umpire²

¹ Don't panic! We'll be running "How to Score" nights to teach parents the art of cricket score-keeping. We promise that they'll be fun!

- Bringing oranges and lollies
- Help set up the field (home matches)
- Help with field inspections (home matches)
- Throwing balls to batsmen to help get their eye in.
- Help clean up after match

The roster will be distributed to parents at the start of the season.

Club Contacts

Visit the club website for details of club contacts, game venues, match reports and other important information.

www.ypcc.org.au

Contacts:

- Paul Sinclair, President, 0409 004 651, sinclair.ypcc@gmail.org.au
- Matt Perkins, 0404 488 498, Junior Cricket Coordinator, matthew.perkins@monash.edu
- John Rusjan, 0401 024 203, Chair, Junior Cricket Committee, john_rusjan@mac.com

² Don't panic! We'll only pick on parents with an understanding of the basic rules – this means pretty much all parents!

Code Of Behaviour For Junior Cricket, 2011-12

YPCC has existed since 1922. We have played on the Ryder Oval in Parkville since 1945. Today's players – like those who have gone before them – play to enjoy the friendship created by the game and bring success to our club.

The club has a code of behaviour, based on Cricket Australia's Junior Cricketing Policy, that is expected of all players and officials. All parents, officials and players of YPCC agree to honour this code of behaviour.

Good sportsmanship is the most important element of cricket. These codes help to ensure parents, officials and players involved in junior cricket can enjoy training, coaching and games. They also support the club's aim to give all young people a fair go regardless of their gender, ability and cultural background.

Player's Code Of Behaviour

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of your team mates and opponents regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Play by the Rules.

1. Never argue with an umpire or team mate.
2. If you are upset about something that happened at training or in a game talk about your worries to your team manager.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players, making unnecessary comments to opponents, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in cricket.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team mates. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all participants in cricket as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
9. Train with the intent and purpose that is required on match day.
10. Treat the equipment and facilities of YPCC with respect and care
11. Assist in the preparation and packing up of training and game equipment.

Coaches & Team Manager's Code Of Behaviour

Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.

1. Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake.
2. Be reasonable in your demands on each player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
3. Know and operate within the rules and spirit of cricket and teach your players to do the same.
4. Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience.
5. Avoid overplaying the talented players. All young players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities.
6. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
7. Display control and respect to all those involved in cricket. This includes opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
8. Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players.
9. Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest cricket coaching practices and principles of growth and development of young people
10. Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
11. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
12. If asked to officiate as an umpire, scorer or other match official, you should respect the spirit of the game and be consistent, courteous and impartial in all your decision making.

Parent's Code Of Behaviour

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket.
2. Remember, children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child to play by the rules.
4. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all participants.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect every official's decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
11. If asked to officiate as an umpire, scorer or other match official, you should respect the spirit of the game and be consistent, courteous and impartial in all your decision making.