

Wilston Norths Juniors Cricket Club

2016-17 Handbook



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FOREWARD

This handbook aims to provide a guide to Wilston Norths Junior Cricket Club Inc for all players, team officials, members and supporters involved in the Club. The Club encourages input from its members to improve future editions of this handbook.

Club President's message

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Wilston North Junior Cricket Club. If you were with the Club previously, welcome back! To the new players, the Management Committee not only welcomes you but also hopes you enjoy your cricket as a junior here with us.

My three sons joined the Club in 1979/80 and I was roped into doing the Secretary's job in 1981. My love of the game and the growth of the Club kept me involved as Secretary until 2015 (36 years). I was a cricketer who was selected to make up the numbers. From the 2015/16 Season I took over from the retiring President of 26 years, Mervyn Buckley.

Last season we had 49 teams, making us the second largest club in Queensland and growing with talent, indicating we must be doing something right. In 1998, we joined Northern District Senior Cricket Club as their Juniors, changing our name to Wilston Norths Juniors.

Our first Queensland player was Wade Townsend, followed by Cameron Boyce, Joe Burns and Mitchell Swepson. Cam B made the Australian T20 team, Joe B, our first Test Cricketer and Mitch S plays in an Australian A team - four Queensland players and counting.

You have joined a Club which foresees a bright future and I wish you happy cricketing!

Mr Glyn Netto
President, 2015-current

ABOUT THE CLUB

Wilston Norths Junior Cricket Club Inc (**WNJCC**) is a junior club associated with the Northern Suburbs District Cricket Club (**NSDCC**). We are a successful, well-established and friendly club with a proud tradition. The Club currently has around 50 teams playing in the Under 8 to Open age groups in the Brisbane North Junior Cricket Association (**BNJCA**). It is formally based at the Shaw Road Sporting Complex in Kalinga.

History

Cecil Anstey and Errol La Frantz of Toombul Junior Club started a junior competition in 1972. The original Wilston District Junior Cricket Club joined in 1974 with two teams predominantly made up of players from Wilston State School. It has since grown to 49 teams in 2015, making it the second largest junior cricket club in Queensland. In 1998, the Club joined NDSCC as their junior affiliate, and the Club name changed to Wilston North Juniors.

The Club has had considerable success in the BNJCA over the years and has been the recipient of a range of awards, championships and premierships, as shown by those in the table below from the past decade. Since its inception, innumerable WNJCC members have been selected to play in regional and state representative teams, many of whom have enjoyed considerable success.

2005-06	BNJCA Club Championship – 1st overall BNJCA Spirit of Cricket Award – Michael Jones Under 16 Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold Under 15 Premiership – Wilston Norths Blue
2006-07	BNJCA Club Championship – 3rd overall Under 13 (Love) Premiership – Wilston Norths Blue
2007-08	BNJCA Club Championship – 2nd overall Under 15 (Hopes) Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold Under 13 (Maher) Premiership – Wilston Norths Red
2008-09	BNJCA Club Championship – 4th overall
2009-10	BNJCA Club Championship – 1st overall Under 13 (Bichel) Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold
2010-11	BNJCA Club Championship – 1st overall Under 15 (Bracken) Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold

2010-11 (cont.)	Under 15 (Hopes) Premiership – Wilston Norths Green Under 14 Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold Under 13 Premiership – Wilston Norths Green
2011-12	BNJCA Club Championship – 1st overall Under 17 (Harris) Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold Under 17 (Lynn) Premiership – Wilston Norths Blue Under 15 (Bracken) Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold Under 15 (Hopes) Premiership – Wilston Norths Green Under 14 (Symonds) Premiership – Wilston Norths Under 13 (Bichel) Premiership – Wilston Norths Blue
2012-13	BNJCA Club Championship – 2nd overall Under 13 (Love) Premiership – Wilston Norths Blue Under 13 (Maher) Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold Under 13 (Townsend) Premiership – Wilston Norths Green Open (Division 2A) Premiership – Wilston Norths U13 Ray Wonnacott Cup – winner – Wilston Norths Gold
2013-14	BNJCA Club Championship – 1st overall Under 13 (Burns) Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold Under 13 (Love) Premiership – Wilston Norths Green Under 13 (Maher) Premiership – Wilston Norths Blue Under 14 (Bracken) Premiership – Wilston Norths Blue Under 14 (Harris) Premiership – Wilston Norths Red Under 14 (Symonds) Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold Open (Division 1) Premiership – Wilston Norths U13 Ray Wonnacott Cup - winner – Wilston Norths Green U14 Glyn Netto Cup - winner – Wilston Norths Gold
2014-15	Under 13 (Love) Premiership – Wilston Norths Blue Under 13 (Townsend) Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold Under 13 (Finch) Premiership – Wilston Norths Under 14 (Bracken) Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold Under 15 Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold
2015-16	Under 13 (Townsend) Premiership – Wilston Norths Blue Under 14 (Bracken) Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold Under 14 (Johnson) Premiership – Wilston Norths Green Under 14 (McKay) Premiership – Wilston Norths Under 15 (Simpson) Premiership – Wilston Norths Gold U13 Ray Wonnacott Cup – winner – Wilston Norths Blue U14 Glyn Netto Cup –winner – Wilston Norths Green U15 Bruce Boland Cup – winner – Wilston Norths Gold

Future

The Club is currently in discussion with NSDCC regarding amalgamation of the two clubs to create a stronger cricketing presence, and provide more streamlined administration and clear player pathways for its cricketers.

This will also mean that WNJCC can tap directly into the new Cricket Australia 'National Cricket Campus' facility planned for development at the NSDCC and WNJCC home base at Shaw Road. These new facilities will be an extension to the Cricket Australia's upgrade for Alan Border Oval at Albion and will provide us with a fantastic locally-based cricket facility for both community and high performance cricket.

Objectives

The objectives of WNJCC (as set out in the Club's constitution) are:

- (1) To encourage children and youth to adopt an active lifestyle through playing cricket;
- (2) To encourage players to play the game of cricket within the Spirit of the Game;
- (3) To source and provide coaching, cricket equipment and facilities to club teams;
- (4) To participate in the cricket competitions conducted for juniors by Brisbane North Junior Cricket Association and the Queensland Junior Cricket Association;
- (5) To encourage an interest into the activities of the senior club; and
- (6) To be a feeder club to the senior club.

Governance

WNJCC is an incorporated association that is governed by a [constitution](#).

The Club comprises members (including life members) who are entitled to vote at general meetings and hold positions on the management committee.

Coaches, managers, parents of players, and any other person over 18 years of age who is interested in supporting the objects of the Club is eligible to be a member. There is no membership fee.

The Club is governed by a Management Committee, comprising a minimum of three members, which includes a president, treasurer and any other members the Club members elect at a general meeting. At this time the Management Committee consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and four other members.

The Club holds general meetings periodically across the year, along with an annual general meeting which is held before the start of each season. All members are encouraged to attend these meeting and to nominate for the various positions that support the Club.

Affiliations

WNJCC is affiliated with a senior club - the [NSDCC](#). Established in 1927, the NSDCC plays in the Queensland Premier Cricket Competition, which is the leading club competition in Queensland.

Our Club is one of 16 affiliated with the [BNJCA](#). BNJCA is one of 12 associations within the Queensland Junior Cricket Association.

The Club also has a longstanding relationship with the [Warehouse Cricket Association of Queensland](#) through the Wilston Warehouse Cricket Club, which runs an annual winter cricket competition for players U12 through to Seniors.

Volunteers

WNJCC is run by a dedicated group of volunteers. The capacity of the Club to operate relies on parents and supporters to assist teams as coaches, managers, scorers, umpires, and with training.

Volunteers are also sought to serve on the Management Committee and to assist in other Club roles such as age co-ordinators, gear management, fundraising, sponsorship coordination, administration, and organisation of the annual presentation day. Anyone able to assist in any capacity is encouraged to contact the President or Secretary about being involved in the Club's operations.

Fundraising

From time to time the Club undertakes fundraising activities, such as raffles. These activities assist the Club in acquiring new equipment, maintaining grounds, and achieving other operational requirements, while keeping player fees as low as possible. All parents, players and members are asked to support and actively promote the Club's fundraising activities.

Sponsors

The Club greatly appreciates the generous assistance of our sponsors. All parents and members are encouraged to support the businesses that support our Club.

Platinum Sponsor –	C2 architecture (formerly EKO architecture)
Gold Sponsor –	Hoppy's Handwash Cafe
Silver Sponsors –	Wimmers Premium Soft Drinks
	GO₂ Human Performance
	Superior Pak
	Starline Promotions

Additional sponsorship is always welcomed and much appreciated. If you have any interest in sponsorship of the Club please contact the Club Management Committee in the first instance.

Club colours and logo

The Club's primary colours are royal blue and light blue. The secondary colour is dark yellow. The Club logo is a royal blue diamond with yellow text (as shown on the front cover).

PLAYER REGISTRATION

All players are required to be registered in order to play in BNJCA competitions and be covered by the Club's insurance. To assist the Club in forming teams, meeting requests regarding team composition, and ordering team shirts, all players are requested to 'sign-on' as early as possible.

The preferred method of registration is online. For the 2016-17 season online registration is available from **1 August**. [WNJCC website](#) has links and instructions on how to register.

Players in the U8 and U9 age groups must register for a Full Season Membership (there are no Half Season Memberships for these age groups).

Players who are U10 and above have an option of registering for a Full or Half Season Membership, but are encouraged to play the full season where possible. The BNJCA competition in which WNJCC teams participate is split into Pre-Christmas and Post-Christmas competitions. Those players attending schools where they will play school cricket after Christmas may prefer to select Half Season Membership only. A player who initially registers for a Half Season Membership but then wants to play on after Christmas can subsequently request to extend their registration to a Full Season Membership and pay the additional registration fee.

Playing ages

Based on the BNJCA prescribed age groups, the following playing age groupings will apply to WNJCC for the 2016-17 season:

Age group	Date of birth
Under 8*	1 September 2008 – 31 December 2009
Under 9	1 September 2007 – 31 August 2008
Under 10	1 September 2006 – 31 August 2007
Under 11	1 September 2005 – 31 August 2006
Under 12	1 September 2004 – 31 August 2005
Under 13	1 September 2003 – 31 August 2004
Under 14	1 September 2002 – 31 August 2003
Under 15	1 September 2001 – 31 August 2002
Open	1 September 1998 – 31 August 2001 <i>player must be in secondary school</i>

*Players younger than the U8 age range are encouraged to play In2Cricket.

The Club does not encourage cricketers to play in higher age groups. However, consideration may be given, for example where a player has been identified as having particular talent.

Team placement

The number and composition of teams in each age group will depend on the number of registered players available and whether they are registered for a full or half season. Requests to join particular teams will be accommodated wherever possible. Early registration will assist such requests being accommodated. The Club may also give consideration to the schools which players attend when forming teams. Reallocation of players may be required in some cases to balance team numbers. Team lists will usually be advised in mid to late-September. Modifications may be required to full season team line-ups in January to accommodate players in half-season teams who wish to continue, and/or new arrivals to the Club.

Fees

The Club makes every effort to keep registration fees affordable for all players. The ongoing Club obligations and administration costs which the fees cover include grounds and equipment, insurance and BNJCA affiliation fees and player levies.

The registration fee also includes a Club playing shirt. Shirt sizes are limited and cannot be guaranteed for late registrations. WNJCC baggy caps and white broad-brimmed cricket hats with the WNJCC badge can be purchased from the Club, along with Club shirts for coaches, managers and other supporters.

Refer to the [online registration information](#) on the Club's website for details of the 2016-17 season fees. If you have difficulty with payment of registration fees, please contact the Club Secretary to discuss. Refunds of registration fees can be made provided they are claimed prior to the commencement of the Round 1 fixture – contact the Club Registrar as required. (The Club reserves the right to amend the refundable amount to cover administration costs.)

Insurance

Insurance is provided to players through the National Club Insurance Scheme which provides insurance cover for all cricket clubs throughout Australia. This insurance covers player accident cover, public liability cover and coverage for officers of incorporated clubs.

The insurance scheme is administered by Melbourne-based JLT Sport. For information on the claims procedure or to download an injury claim form, go to the BNJCA website (see 'Insurance' link) or [JLT Sport](#). It is important that JLT Sport is notified as soon as possible of any potential claim.

When registering their player/s, parents and caregivers will be asked to sign an indemnity and release form agreeing to allow their child to participate in training, matches and associated events; acknowledging the inherent risk of injury; and accepting those risks. The form also provides for consent for the use of player personal information for administrative purposes.

PLAYING

Competitions

WNJCC participates in BNJCA competitions for the Under 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and Open age groups, which are conducted on Saturdays. WNJCC also offers an intra-club competition of the BNJCA Super Sixes for Under 8 and Under 9, which is conducted on Friday nights. WNJCC will also offer T20 Blast and In2Cricket programs on Friday nights.

There is no grading in any competition. Age groups up to and including U12 are not competitive (i.e. no competition points awarded).

BNJCA competitions are run pre-Christmas and post-Christmas. The pre-Christmas competition runs in Term 4, typically starting early October through to mid-December. The post-Christmas competition runs in Term 1, typically starting at the end of January through to mid-March. Refer to the [Club Calendar](#) on the Club website for specific dates.

The draws for each season are communicated to coaches, managers and parents as soon as they are received from the BNJCA and are also published on the BNJCA website. Usually this is by the beginning of October for the pre-Christmas season and by mid-January for the post-Christmas season.

The [MyCricket website](#) has draws, results and ladders where applicable for U11 and above. For all other playing information please refer to the [Club's website](#).

Game formats

The *BNJCA Rules for the Conduct of Cricket* (see the 'Playing Rules' link on the [BNJCA website](#)) set out the variations between each format in each age group. In particular, note the 'quick reference' section for these on the last page of the BNJCA Rules book. It is important that players, coaches, managers and parents (especially those who might be umpiring or scoring during the season) have read and understand these, particularly those specific to their age group. Any queries about the interpretation of the Rules can be directed to the Club Secretary.

Please refer to www.playcricket.com.au/learn/in2cricket and www.playcricket.com.au/learn/t20-blast for information on the In2Cricket and T20Blast programs.

Information on the [playing options](#) is available on the Club website. In brief:
Shorter form, Friday nights

In2Cricket – This program is designed for boys and girls from 5 to 8 years old. It is a fast, fun and active program that emphasises maximum participation, basic motor and cricket skill development. It is experience-based and builds its foundations on the essentials for lifelong involvement in physical activity and sport. The program runs for 8-12 weeks, with each session lasting up to 60 minutes.

T20 Blast – Aimed at boys and girls aged 7-12, this is a fun, social and safe form of cricket. The program is much shorter than traditional cricket, with a maximum of 90 minutes playing time. All the equipment is supplied and the games take place at the same venue each week.

Super Sixes U8/9 – This format is designed to introduce cricket to children while having fun. Teams of 6-8 play games comprising an innings of 12 overs each. Batters face a set number of balls regardless of the loss of wickets. Bowlers bowl one over spells and fielders rotate each over. No LBW rule applies.

Longer form, Saturdays

U9 – Teams of 10 players play games comprising 24 over innings in four quarters. Batters face a set number of balls regardless of the loss of wickets. Bowlers bowl one over spells and fielders rotate each over. No LBW rule applies.

U10 – Teams of 12 players play games comprising 24 over innings. Batters face a set number of balls regardless of the loss of wickets. Bowlers bowl one over spells and fielders rotate each over. No LBW rule applies.

U11 & U12 – Teams of up to 13 players play one day games with 26 over innings, and two day games with quarters comprising a total of 50 overs for each team. Overs comprise a maximum of 8 deliveries or 6 fair balls. The LBW rule now applies.

U13 to Open – Teams of 12 players play standard innings of 26 overs in one day games and 55 overs in two day games. Overs comprise a maximum of 10 deliveries or 6 fair balls. No on-field coaching is permitted.

Player participation

The Club is committed to seeing all players get the most out their cricketing experience. Coaches will endeavour to give all players equal time at batting, bowling and fielding, particularly in the younger age groups. Where this cannot be achieved in any one game, ideally it will be achieved across the season. As players move into the older grades, coaches will look to prepare players for the more competitive senior grade cricket.

Teams are encouraged to supply fielders to opposition teams that are unable to field the same number of players. This can be discussed between the coaches and managers and the start of the game. Substitute fielders do not bat, bowl or wicket-keep.

The Club asks that all players always encourage and support their team-mates. When the team is batting, players should sit as a team and applaud scoring shots and good running, as well as acknowledging good bowling and fielding by the opposition. When in the field, players should support and encourage the bowler and acknowledge batting milestones. Players should remember during games that they are representing the Club, and act accordingly (including being dressed appropriately, with playing shirts tucked in).

Player safety and wellbeing

As a game played with a hard ball and involving fast running, there is an inherent risk of injury in cricket. It is important, whether in training, warming up or playing, that players concentrate and are aware of what is going on around them. Parents and caregivers are responsible for ensuring players wear appropriate uniforms and safety equipment (see 'Uniform' and 'Equipment' below).

Parents and caregivers are responsible for ensuring that players wear and reapply sunscreen. They should also ensure that players have adequate drinking water during training and games, and snacks if necessary. Team officials encourage players to stay hydrated, particularly on very hot days, and endeavour to ensure that shaded areas are available for players who are not on the field.

Ideally teams should have a first aid kit and cold packs on hand at each game in the event of injury or illness, along with a first aid trained-person present.

Parents and caregivers must ensure that team coaches and managers are informed of any medical conditions or issues that may be relevant should a player fall ill or be involved in an accident during training or a game.

WNJCC is guided by the BNJCA policy on [Child Protection Procedures](#) for protecting children in its care when organising and undertaking its cricket operations.

Match times

Saturday morning games normally commence at 8.15am and finish by 11.45am. Play must conclude no later than 12 noon, irrespective of how late a match starts. However, with an increase in U10 teams this season and a finite number of grounds to play on, BNJCA has scheduled two U10 games per ground on Saturday mornings. The first game will commence at 7.30am and finish by 10.20am, with the second game to commence at 10.30am and conclude by 1.20pm.

Teams playing on turf wickets are asked to start at 8am and conclude by 11.30am to enable the groundsmen to prepare the pitch for later games. Where teams are allocated to play on a turf wicket they should ensure that any covers for the wicket are handled appropriately and properly stored. If any team is unsure about how this needs to be done they should contact the Club Secretary prior to game day to ensure ground staff can be available to provide support.

Games scheduled for Saturday afternoons commence at 1.15pm and finish by 4.45pm. Play must conclude no later than 5pm, irrespective of how late a match starts. Super Six matches are played on Friday nights from 5.30pm. Start times may vary at different venues.

Generally players would be expected to be at the ground 30 minutes before the scheduled start to warm-up and prepare.

Match conditions

The safety of players is always paramount. Play should be suspended or the game cancelled if the conditions are so bad as to be unreasonable or dangerous. A ground is unfit if it is so slippery as to deprive players of a reasonable foothold or freedom of movement. Players and officials must leave the field immediately if thunder follows lightening by 30 seconds or less, and not resume for 30 minutes after the lightening ceases.

The BNJCA do not always issue a general cancellation of competitions in the event of poor weather because of the large geographical area that it covers.

If a general cancellation is issued for Saturday games it will be posted on the BNJCA website, Facebook and Twitter by 8pm on Friday night or 7.15am on Saturday morning. This advice will be reposted by WNJCC. For Friday night games which are generally scheduled start between 5 and 5.30pm, an assessment will be conducted by 4pm with information to be posted on the WNJCC website and Facebook page.

In the case of weather or other conditions affecting individual grounds, coaches and/or managers should contact the opposition coach/manager in the first instance using the contact details on the respective club's website. Grounds should be inspected using the BNJCA's 'Fitness of the Ground' rule as a guide in deciding whether or not the grounds are suitable for play.

Coaches and team managers will make every effort to ensure parents and players are notified as early as possible should play be suspended or cancelled.

Managers will contact team members in the event of inclement weather or other situations that impact on training.

Match disputes

Where possible, any incident that arises should be resolved by rational discussion between the game officials (umpires, managers and coaches) at the ground at the time. If resolution is not possible, the protesting team should report the details of the grievance to the president of the offending club in writing within seven days of the incident, with a copy to the WNJCC and BNJCA secretaries. The presidents of the clubs concerned will then communicate in an endeavour to resolve the dispute.

Match results

Match results for U11 to Open teams must be entered into MyCricket by the Friday following the completion of the match (with a copy of the results to the Club Statistician). Player awards are based on these results and so the failure to enter results will disadvantage players. If match results in the U13 to Open competitions are not entered within 14 days of the match completion, the team will receive no points for that match.

The officials for the winning team (from Super 6s to Opens) are responsible for calling the Sunday Mail newspaper (3666 7766) between 12noon and 3pm on Saturdays to advise the match results for publication. In a two day match, the side batting first is responsible for notifying the first day results. The details to be reported are: the zone (Brisbane North), age group (noting if it was Super Sixes), runs scored for each team, best two individual batting scores for each team, and best two individual bowling performances for each team.

Representative cricket and development pathways

The pathway for player development in Queensland progresses from junior club cricket and inter-school cricket; through to district trials, clinics and games; followed by regional representative cricket. This includes intrastate carnivals for U12, U15 and Open, and intra-state championships for U12, U13, U14 and U15. Queensland Cricket has emerging player squads in U13, U14 and U15, and has teams and squads at U17, U19 and U23 (Colts) levels. (See 'Player Pathway' link on the [BNJCA website](#)).

Detailed information on BNJCA's Representative Cricket processes and policies are available on the [BNJCA website](#) at the 'Rep Team Info' link.

For U12 representative selection, WNJCC seeks nominations from U11 coaches and conducts intra-club trials in November and January. The Club then selects players to attend the BNJCA preliminary trials in February. Selected players then proceed to the BNJCA final trials in October.

BNJCA trials for U13, U14 and U15 occur in October. Players selected by BNJCA in the previous year are automatically nominated, and clubs are invited to nominate other players worthy of consideration.

There are no selection trials for U16. Representative teams are selected from players of a Premier Grade cricket club (including Norths) who are playing in Lord's Taverners or Grade Cricket.

BNJCA representative teams compete in championship carnivals in December. Development teams also compete in development carnivals in December and January.

TEAM ROLES

All team roles are voluntary, and generally filled by parents and caregivers. All parents and caregivers should be prepared to contribute to each of the team roles. Players, parents and caregivers are asked to show appropriate respect to those in these roles and recognise that they are volunteers.

Coach

Each team must appoint a coach. The coaching role may be shared. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to assist coaches as required at matches and at training.

The coach will be primarily responsible for conducting training and developing player skills. During games the coach will direct batting and bowling orders and field placings, particularly in the younger grades. On field coaching is permitted up to (and including) U12. Coaches monitor player behaviour and engender adherence to the spirit of cricket. In addition, coaches will usually be responsible for looking after the team kit over the season.

Manager

Each team must appoint a manager. This role may be shared. The manager will be primarily responsible for communication between the team and the Club, within the team, and with the opposition team on game days. Team communication will include advising game details and expectations (such as start times, roster duties and ground locations); coordinating team roles; notifying game changes; and managing player absences.

On game day managers should ensure that the field is set up (for home games) and the field conditions are safe for play. Managers should ascertain the availability of toilets at training and playing venues, including contacting the host club to obtain keys (if available/required for access). Managers should ensure that players are wearing the correct uniform; monitor sun protection and fluid intake; and assist the coach in monitoring player, parent and supporter behaviour.

Managers are also responsible for maintaining MyCricket information for U11 upwards, including entering teams and scores. Managers must also ensure match results are called in to the Sunday Mail newspaper where required.

Umpire

Each team must designate a person to umpire for each game. The umpiring role may be shared. Umpires should familiarise themselves with the BNJCA Rules applicable to the particular age group. It is strongly recommended that umpires have a copy of the BNJCA Rules on hand on game days for clarification purposes. This applies particularly to the rules and interpretation in relation to LBW and batsman retirements. Umpires should confer with both coaches prior to the commencement of play. If you are unsure about any aspect of umpiring, just ask the coach, manager or another parent with umpiring experience.

Scorer

Each team must designate a person to score each game. The scoring role may be shared. Normally the scorers for each team will sit together during the game to score. Scorers are responsible for the accuracy of the match records, and should liaise with the opposition scorer throughout the game to ensure that both scorebooks are consistent with each other, counter-signing these at the completion of each game.

Scorers should also familiarise themselves with the BNJCA Rules applicable to the particular age group. Resources provided by the Queensland Cricket Scoring Association may also be of assistance. If you are unsure about any aspect of scoring, just ask the coach, manager or another parent with scoring experience.

The Club prefers that a manual scorebook is used. If teams choose to use electronic scoring (e.g. the MyCricket or NX Cricket apps) the scorer should prepare well, know how to use their device and the app, exercise caution, and ensure that they have back up power supplies. Scorers using electronic scoring must complete and sign the [BNJCA Electronic Scoring Form](#) in the BNJCA Rules for each game.

Other roles

Any other assistance that parents and caregivers can provide is appreciated. Teams may roster or seek volunteers for particular tasks such as: ground set up, providing refreshments and sun shelters, and so on. Assistance is also usually required with training, helping players warm up on game day, and (particularly in the younger grades) helping players kit up ready to bat.

All parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend games and training regularly and support their cricketer and the team. Players appreciate having their families attend.

Training for team officials

The Club provides a range of activities to assist team officials (new and old) in their various roles. This will include: Coach and Manager's induction and training, 'Coach the Coaches' workshop, Scorer and Recorders induction and training. In addition the Club will facilitate attendance at Cricket Australia coaching and umpiring courses. Information about these courses will be provided on the WNJCC website and communicated to coaches and managers.

COACHING AND TRAINING

Coaching structure

WNJCC has 'Club Coaches' and 'team coaches', a number of whom are already Cricket Australia Level 1 or Level 2 accredited. The Club encourages every team coach to complete the Cricket Australia Level 1 Coaching Course as a minimum, and will reimburse the cost of the course following successful completion.

Junior coaching

All the Club's coaches are volunteers and their aim is to make cricket fun and to create a positive experience for all of our players. Part of each coach's role is to create an environment where players can improve. This involves acknowledging that players develop skills at different rates and stages, so our coaches endeavour to tailor their training and match experiences for all players in order for them to maximise their potential and enjoyment.

Our coaches' role includes:

- Mentor – providing a role model and confidant
- Communicator – giving clear direction and feedback, and actively listening
- Teacher – developing skills and understanding of the game
- Organiser – running training sessions, match day and team events
- Leader – providing direction and sharing responsibility
- Counsellor – dealing with individual needs
- Selector – making informed decisions
- Trainer – developing and providing injury management guidance
- Student – improving their own knowledge

Ideally our coaches:

- Focus on the basics – technical
- Develop thinking players – tactical
- Build strength and fitness – physical
- Always be positive - mental
- Build relationships and encourage involvement - social

Coaches will plan their training sessions to maximise their value. Typically a training session will comprise:

- 80% basics, 20% advanced
- an introduction to explain what is happening and why
- warm up and stretching
- skills and fitness activities
- game-based activities
- session review

If a parent or caregiver feels that they have a player with particular potential, coaching clinics or private coaching may be available. Please contact the Club Secretary for details.

Training

Typically all teams will train at least once a week for an hour or more, at a set time and venue which is as mutually agreeable as possible to the team. It is expected that all players will attend on time, with their gear, ready to actively participate and focus on the task at hand.

Periodically the Club Coaches will join team training sessions to lend their experience and share their wisdom. From time to time the Club may also offer holiday clinics for players, facilitated by our senior club NSDCC.

In addition, the Club may circulate information (in good faith) about clinics and training programs offered by external providers during school holidays or the off-season. (Note - the circulation of such information does not represent a warranty by the Club of the quality or appropriateness of these programs.)

EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

Uniform

Players are provided with a playing shirt by the Club, which should be worn on game days only, white cricket pants and appropriate, enclosed sports shoes. It is preferable that shoes are white or predominantly white and offer good grip on synthetic and natural grass surfaces. Where skins are worn under white pants, they should be white or skin coloured.

Every player is required to wear either a WNJCC baggy blue cap or a white broad-brimmed cricket hat with the WNJCC badge. Players must wear sun protection at all times while at training and at games.

Equipment

Each team is supplied with a team kit which includes all gear necessary for games and training. This includes bats, batting pads, groin protectors, batting gloves, wicket keeping gloves, stumps, training and match balls, and field markers.

For safety and health reasons it is strongly recommended that all players wear gloves, pads and a groin protector when batting or wicket keeping.

It is now mandatory for all players to wear helmets when batting during BNCJA games. The Club also requires the wearing of helmets during training. Helmets must be specifically designed and approved, with a face guard, and be correctly fitted.

Where a wicket keeper is keeping up to the stumps or a player is fielding close-in, the wearing of a compliant helmet is also mandatory. Helmets and a mouthguard are recommended for wicket-keepers when a hard ball is used.

Players may choose to purchase and use their own equipment (and most do). In particular, it is recommended that players purchase their own groin protector. ([Keith Dudgeon](#) brand equipment can be purchased at his shop at The Gap at a 10% discount for WNJCC members.)

Grounds

Teams will be allocated a training venue and set training times. Every effort will be made to accommodate team preferences, subject to availability.

The venues for matches will be notified in the draw prior to the start of each season. BNJCA publishes details of ground locations on its website.

Before each day's play, managers should review the ground conditions including having regard to: extreme weather conditions; hazards around the ground; and defects in the playing surface such as holes or debris, taking whatever steps they can to ensure games can be played.

Not all training venues and playing grounds will have readily accessible toilet facilities. BNJCA publishes a limited list on their website of contacts for those grounds where toilets are available. Managers are encouraged to ascertain before a game whether toilet keys can be obtained, or where the nearest public toilets are.

Some venues have canteen facilities that may be available during game times.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Spirit of cricket

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the 'spirit of the game'. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

- The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.
- In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decisions of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.
- According to the Laws, the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.
- The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of: time wasting; damaging the pitch; dangerous or unfair bowling; tampering with the ball; and any other action that they consider to be unfair.
- The Spirit of the Game involves respect for: your opponents; your own captain and team; the role of the umpires; and the game's traditional values.
- It is against the Spirit of the Game to: dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture; direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire; indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
 - a) to appeal knowing that the batter is not out
 - b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side
- There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.
- Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

(Summarised from *The Laws of Cricket* and the *BNJCA Rules of the Conduct of Cricket*)

Codes of behaviour

WNJCC and BNJCA endorse the Australian Sports Commission Codes of Behaviour for Players, Parents/Caregivers and Coaches. The BNJCA Codes can be found on the [BNJCA website](#) (see 'Policies and Procedures' link).

Cricket etiquette

"We are only the custodians of the game. Our job is to leave the game in better shape than when we began playing it". We have a responsibility to play hard but fair and always in the true spirit of the game and its laws. WNJCC supports the traditions of the game that were established over 150 years ago.

All players representing the Club should present themselves in a professional and sportsmanlike manner, noting the following:

- Team uniforms are to be worn and clothing and equipment should be clean.
- The captain is to lead the side out at the beginning of the day and after each break in play.
- At the end of each game the captain is to lead the team in thanking the opposition for a good game, whether won or lost.
- On dismissal, the batsman given out is to depart immediately and directly from the field.
- No player is to challenge the umpire. Only the captain can request interpretations of umpiring decisions.
- In times of disappointment, players are expected to control their language and behaviour.
- No player is to publicly or privately criticise a team mate.
- When not participating on the field it is preferred that players sit together and watch the game in progress. Conduct during this time must not interfere with or detract attention from the game in progress.
- Inappropriate behaviour, whether physical or verbal, will not be tolerated.
- No player may racially or otherwise vilify another on or off the field at any time.
- Any disputes or concerns should be addressed in a private and dignified manner.

PRESENTATION DAY

Each year the Club holds a Presentation Day in March to celebrate the season and to acknowledge the efforts of all players and team officials. Every registered player receives a trophy, in the following categories:

- Super Sixes
- Saturday players – Under 9s to Under 12s
- Saturday players – Under 13s to Open – competitive age groups

In older age groups, the trophies awarded to three players in the team will be for: Best Batsman, Best Bowler and Best Team Person. (If a player has the best average for both bowling and batting, an alternative will be nominated. No player will receive more than one of these awards.)

If a competitive team wins a Premiership, every player gets a Premiership award in addition to the three best player awards.

The following special awards will also be given:

- Any player in the competitive age groups who scores 40 runs or more or takes 3 wickets or more in an innings will receive a certificate signed by the President and Secretary
- Any Saturday player who gets a hat trick will receive an award
- Any player in U11 and above who scores a century or takes 5 wickets in an innings will receive an award

Coaches/managers are responsible for providing details of these achievements to the Secretary well in advance of the Presentation Day. Players are not eligible for these special awards when playing below their chronological age group or against a team in a lower age group.

Two perpetual trophies are also awarded to acknowledge significant player achievements:

- Keith Dudgeon/Glyn Netto Trophy – is given to a player who has played with the Club over a long period, has improved significantly and has made the Club proud. This nomination comes from the President and Secretary and a third person if necessary.

- Glyn Netto/Merv Buckley Trophy – is given to a competitive player who has the most 'MyCricket' points. In case of a tie, the President and Secretary (and a third person if necessary) will decide the winner.

The Perpetual Trophies have the player's name and the year displayed on them, and are to be returned to the Club prior to the end of the following season. The recipients will receive a separate individual trophy to retain in recognition of these awards.

COMMUNICATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Club website and social media

Information about the Club and its operations is available online at <http://wilston-northsjcc.qld.cricket.com.au/>.

The Club is also on Facebook [<https://www.facebook.com/WNJCC>] and Twitter [<https://twitter.com/WNJCC>]. Like or follow these for news and updates.

More information on the Club's social media policy can be found on the WNJCC website.

Newsletters

Periodically the Club produces newsletters to keep members and players up to date with its goings-on. These are emailed to members and parents, and are also available online at the 'Club Information' tab of the Club website.

Club and team contacts

Current [Club contact](#) information is available on the Club's website. Team contact information can be located at the 'Club Information' tab of the Club website once teams for the upcoming season have been finalised.

Key dates

For the most up-to-date information on the current season dates, go to the [Club Calendar](#) on the Club website.

Other relevant organisations and resources

Organisation	Contact
Brisbane North Junior Cricket Association	www.bnjca.org.au/ www.facebook.com/bnjca/ twitter.com/bnjca
Northern Suburbs District Cricket Club	northernsdcc.qld.cricket.com.au/
Queensland Junior Cricket	www.qjc.qld.cricket.com.au/
Warehouse Cricket Association	www.warehousecricket.org/
Queensland Cricket	www.qldcricket.com.au/
Cricket Australia	www.cricketaustralia.com.au/
Queensland Cricket Scoring Assoc.	www.qcsa.qld.cricket.com.au/

Resource	Link
BNCJA Rules for the Conduct of Cricket	www.bnjca.org.au (Admin - Playing Rules)
The Laws of Cricket	www.lords.org/mcc/laws-of-cricket/
BNJCA Codes of conduct	www.bnjca.org.au/policy/Section%20II%20Policies/BNJCA%20Codes%20of%20Conduct.pdf
BNJCA Spirit of Cricket	www.bnjca.org.au/policy/Section%20II%20Policies/BNJCA%20Spirit%20of%20cricket.pdf
BNJCA Policies and Procedures	www.bnjca.org.au (Admin – Policies & Procedures)
Basics of scoring	www.qcsa.qld.cricket.com.au/files/15692/files/QCSAScoringTips.pdf
Electronic scoring summary sheet	www.bnjca.org.au/allrounder/match%20summary%20for%20electronic%20scoring.pdf
Other scoring resources	www.qcsa.qld.cricket.com.au/content.aspx?file=15692 41064x
WNJCC Constitution	wilston-northsjcc.qld.cricket.com.au/files/5514/files/WNJCC Rules Final Version 31 Aug 2008.pdf
MyCricket Community	community.cricket.com.au/
Cricket Coaches Australia	community.cricket.com.au/coach
Cricket Umpires Australia	community.cricket.com.au/umpire

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