



Hale Barns Cricket Club  
Youth and Junior Section

## Parents' and Guardians' Handbook 2011



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## Welcome

We'd like to welcome all existing and new players and their families to the Club. We hope that you'll enjoy the summer with us. For those of you who haven't been to our HQ, the Club is based on Brooks Drive, off Hale Road, near to the Marriott Hotel at Junction 6 of the M56. Look for our green sign on the right, just after the third speed bump.

## Mission Statement

**“Our goal is that all Hale Barns CC youth and junior members should enjoy their cricket within the Spirit of the Game.”**

Winning is rewarding but it is equally important that everyone tries their best and fulfils their potential at their own speed. Another essential aspect of our enjoyment of the game is ensuring we conduct ourselves well, both on and off the cricket field, and uphold the spirit of the game. At the end of this handbook there are codes of conduct for both players and parents.

Hale Barns CC is proud to be Club Mark accredited, proving the club provides:

- a child friendly environment.
- a safe place to develop cricketing skills.
- ECB qualified coaches, who are CRB vetted and First Aid trained.
- a child welfare policy.
- personnel trained in Child Welfare issues.

## Youth and Junior Structure

Chair:	Stuart Collins
Vice Chair:	Richard Fretwell
Qualified Coaches :	Stuart Collins Adam Payne Richard Fretwell Dan Atkinson Alex Robinson Joe Fretwell Walsh James Bell Ted Mahon
U15s Team Manager:	Ade Mahon
U13s Team Manager:	John Agnew
U11s Team Manager:	Duncan Benson
Child Welfare Officers:	Robin Grinter Stuart Collins
Parent Liaison:	Andrew Carroll

## Summer Training Nights

We welcome young players, boys and girls, from the age of 7 to 11 years on Wednesdays evenings at our Under 9s and Under 11s training sessions. These sessions start at 6:30pm prompt and finish at 8.00pm, weather permitting.

U13s and U15s training is held on Tuesdays from the age of 12 to 15. Sessions start at 6.30pm prompt and finish at 8.00pm, weather permitting.

Development Squad training for U18s and selected U15s is on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Generally practice will take place if it has not rained for a few days prior to practice nights. If it has rained the day before, or on the day of practice, we will inspect the ground and endeavour to inform parents by text message if training must be cancelled. Please ensure that you keep us updated with your current mobile number(s), and keep your phones switched on. If parents try to call the club or coaching staff directly, there may be difficulty getting through due to travelling or other parents trying to call, so we do not recommend this.

If it rains heavily during training, the session will be abandoned for safety reasons. In such circumstances the club would be grateful if you collect your children as soon as possible.

Outdoor training sessions for 2011 will commence on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April for U13s and U15s players. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April is the first session for U9s and U11s members.

## Clothing & Equipment

Suitable loose clothing should be worn for training sessions. Please remember, due to the vagaries of our lovely English weather, warm clothing should be worn early in the season. Whites are required for matches.

Spiked shoes are recommended for matches, but please note that spikes must not be worn in the new netting facility.

For new and existing U11 members we have plenty of cricket bats, balls, gloves, pads and helmets, **but players must provide their own abdominal protector when using our netting facility with a hard ball.**

Please note that boxer shorts will not retain an abdominal protector comfortably or safely.

Many young cricketers come to matches and training with bats which are oversized. We are able to provide advice on bats sizes and bat weights suitable for your child.

If parents are new to cricket and are unsure of anything, please do not hesitate to approach any of our coaches for help and advice.

We hope to have our kit suppliers Key Cricket in attendance one evening early in the summer. They supply a full range of high quality cricket equipment as well as custom club clothing. You can also order cricket clothing online, please visit [www.halebarnscc.co.uk](http://www.halebarnscc.co.uk) and click on the Club Shop link on the home page.

## Match Days

Hale Barns Cricket Club has three age group teams that play competitive matches in the South Manchester Junior Cricket League (SMJCL). All games follow the 20/20 format.

- U11 league matches are played on Sunday mornings starting at 10.00am.
- U13 league matches are played on Friday evenings starting at 6.00pm.
- U15 league matches are played on Sunday mornings starting at 9.30am.

Cup games will be arranged by Team Managers and parents and children will be advised accordingly.

It is important that matches start promptly and that players arrive in good time. Your Team Manager will ensure that you are properly informed of meet times and directions prior to any fixture.

For home matches please try to arrive 30 minutes before start time, as there many jobs that need to be carried out before a match can start.

There will a match fee of £2.00 payable to the Team Manager after each game.

We have always enjoyed excellent support from parents to watch matches and share transport where possible, and we hope that this spirit will continue. We thank all parents in advance for their support.

## Basic Match Rules

U11, U13 and U15 matches follow a T20 format, with a single innings of 20 overs for each team.

At U11 level, all players except the wicketkeeper are expected to bowl 2 overs each. At U13 and U15 level, players are allowed to bowl a maximum of 4 overs. Thankfully for those of us who have to umpire, there is no LBW rule at U11 level.

Substitutes are not permitted to bat or bowl, so we will not usually select more than 11 players for any match. We are however allowed to field a minimum of 8 players if we do not have a full team available.

Shorter wickets and a smaller ball may be used at youth level – please bear this in mind if you do any practice at home:

U11s	20 yards	4¾oz ball
U13s	22 yards	4¾oz ball
U15s	22 yards	5½oz ball

Helmets with a faceguard are mandatory for batsmen and wicketkeepers when standing up to the stumps.

The league also has field placement restrictions to prevent youngsters from standing too near the batsmen (even if wearing protective gear). This differs slightly between age groups but, as a rough guide, fielders are not permitted within approximately half the wicket's length of middle stump, with the exception of the wicketkeeper and slip fielders. Umpires will take care of enforcement of these rules on the day.

## Team Selection

It is the responsibility of the players and their parents to advise the Team Managers as soon as possible in the event of non-availability. Prior to the start of the season Team Managers will distribute availability sheets. Obviously availability can change from week to week but it would be a big help to Team Managers if these are completed to enable them to plan selection in advance.

Team selection will take place at the end of training sessions and parents will be advised if their child has been selected for a match and given venue and meet times.

It is important that you keep a record of your Team Manager's contact details.

In the younger age groups, players need to have developed sufficient skills to ensure they can play in a match environment safely. For example, can they confidently catch a hard ball? Can they maintain concentration for an hour in the field? In U11 games, all outfield players are expected to bowl, so we also have to ensure that players are capable of bowling to a reasonable standard – they won't enjoy bowling eight wides an over in front of their team mates and a boundary lined with parents.

If you have any issues arising from team selection please raise them with either the Team Manager or a senior member of the coaching staff as soon as possible. Alternatively you can raise such issue with the section's Parent Liaison, Andrew Carroll, who will take your comments forward on your behalf.

## Player Registration

To ease the administrative burden of registration, we will commence registering members in the last two sessions of winter training. For players joining us at the start of summer training, registration will start from the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011. It is extremely important that you register your child, even if they are only on a 'taster' session. Please note that a player will only be covered under the Club's insurance policy once subscriptions are paid.

We hope that all parents will attend registration with their children to ensure all documentation giving permissions and essential medical conditions can be completed in full.

Membership subscriptions are due before 1<sup>st</sup> May and can be settled at the registration session or at any time up to 1<sup>st</sup> June. Annual Membership subscriptions remain at £40 for this year. This also covers all summer coaching costs for players up to U15 level.

## Volunteering

Hale Barns Cricket Club is run by unpaid volunteers and we're always on the look out for help. Your support as members and parents is a vital part of ensuring the future of the Youth and Junior section.

You could help by offering to manage a team – no cricketing experience is necessary! You could try your hand at coaching - the club will provide the funds for volunteers to take an ECB Level One course.

If you don't fancy that, we are looking to arrange small informal sessions to equip parent volunteers to help out at coaching evenings.

We are also actively encouraging our U18 Development Squad players to get involved. For a player who is seeking employment, or who is aspiring to attend college or university, volunteering is nowadays becoming a necessity and a formal coaching qualification is a great addition on a UCAS application.

There are many other different roles or tasks that can be undertaken within the cricket club. Hale Barns are actively seeking to utilise the talents and personalities of parents to organise those activities successfully:-

- assisting with player registration
- collecting subs and match fees
- running a tuck shop on match days and training evenings
- score a cricket match
- umpiring
- organising or participating in fund raising events
- help to raise funds for the junior section through sponsorship

If you are willing and able to help, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Every little helps !

## Club Events & Fundraising

### Youth and Junior Section Barbeque

This year's Junior BBQ will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (**provisional date**) from 7.00pm. This is for all junior players in all age groups. There will be special games for all players so make sure you bring your kit.

The Club will supply the burgers, bangers and buns but as in previous years we'd love it if parents can help with salads, deserts and other snacks. Once again they'll be a raffle with some cracking prizes.

### Supermarket Vouchers

Once again we'll be collecting School and Club vouchers from both Tesco and Sainsbury's. Last year we were able to get a new First Aid Kit as well as some training aids. Please collect as many as you can and bring them along to a training session. There will also be a box in the pavilion when we move to outdoor training.

### Sainsbury's Bag Packing

Last year this was a great success and we're planning a repeat. This year we are collecting for new covers and sight screens for Brooks Drive – at a total cost of nearly £8,000. We would like every U13 and U15 player to be part of this – the more that do, the more money we'll collect ! Details to follow in a couple of week's time.

## Junior Members' Code of Conduct

As a member of Hale Barns Cricket Club you are expected to abide by the general rules of the Club and follow the Junior Members' Code of Conduct:

- All members must play cricket within the laws and spirit of the game.
- All members must respect their colleagues, opponents, and officials.
- Do not make derogatory comments or gestures about colleagues or opponents. Never try to intimidate the opposition by threats or excessive celebrations.
- Be polite to umpires and respect their decisions. Never show dissent. Do not throw tantrums or cricket bats. Umpires, team managers, coaches, and club officials will not tolerate this type of behaviour.
- Members must arrive on time for the start of practice nights and matches. Inform the team manager or coach at the earliest opportunity, if you are going to be late or unable to play in a match.
- Members must show respect for all club officials and follow instructions given by them. Inappropriate behaviour or behaviour that is considered unsafe will not be tolerated.
- All members must wear the appropriate cricket equipment. Cricket whites and suitable trainers or cricket shoes must be worn for matches. Tracksuits are permitted for practice.
- All members under the age of 18 years must wear helmets when batting and when standing up to the stumps when wicket keeping.
- All members must wear an abdominal protector when batting

## Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians

Officials, coaches, team managers, helpers, and umpires are all unpaid volunteers. They are here to develop and encourage the club's young members to become competent cricketers. In return, the club expects children to behave in an appropriate manner in accordance with the Junior Members' Code of Conduct.

To help your child to have fun and develop his or her cricketing abilities, it is important that you read and understand both this Code of Conduct and the Junior Members' Code of Conduct.

If you are new to cricket, the coaches or team managers are here to help. Please do not hesitate to approach them for information or advice.

- Encourage your child to learn the laws of the game and to play within the spirit of those laws.
- Discourage unfair play and disputes with officials, coaches, team managers, and umpires.
- Publicly accept the judgement of officials or umpires without any argument or comment.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Help your child to recognise good performances, not just results.
- Set a good example by acknowledging fair play and applauding the good performances of all irrespective of the club they play for.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy cricket and develop within it.
- Ensure your child arrives on time for practice and matches.

- Ensure you collect your child on time after practice or matches. It is not the responsibility of the coaches or team managers to transport your child home.
- Inform the team manager or coach at the earliest opportunity, if you are going to be late or your son/daughter is unable to play in a match.
- Never force your child to take part in any sport.
- Finally, do not forget children are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment, and not yours.

## **Data Protection**

Hale Barns Cricket Club membership requires the processing and storage of all personal data taken from the application and other documentation you supply for the purposes of running and administering the Youth and Junior Section. Specifically, emergency telephone numbers and any child medical conditions will be provided to the manager / coach in charge of every match and training session. The Club undertakes that the above information will be used solely for the purposes stated. All completed applications for membership will be held by the Child Welfare Officer.