



U10, U12 Girls, U12,
U14 Girls, U14, U16 Girls & U16

Handbook

2021 – 2022

All information and links can be found on our website:

<https://ypcc.org.au>

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Introduction

Welcome to Youlden Parkville Cricket Club. This information pack will guide you as you begin a long and memorable relationship with cricket in your local community.

Established in 1875, we have a strong community focus and encourage inclusiveness and participation by players at all levels of talent.

YPCC's senior team play in the Mercantile Cricket Association. We proudly run an extensive junior program for boys and girls aged between 5 and 15 years old. We have competition junior teams (under 10s – under 16s for boys and girls, and U12, U14 & U16 girls only teams) who all play in the North West Metropolitan Cricket Association (NWMCA).

We have a rich history. The Club's unusual name is derived from Harry Youlden, our founding father and Kensington bookmaker, who established Youlden Kensington Cricket Club in 1922. Parkville Cricket Club was created in 1875 at a meeting held at Naughtons Hotel on Royal Parade. Youlden Kensington and Parkville Cricket Club merged in 1972 to create Youlden Parkville Cricket Club. Our club is proud that we have male and female cricketers from our founding parent clubs who played for Victorian and Australian cricket teams.

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

For any questions that are not answered by this pack, please check out our website which has lots of useful information

<https://ypcc.org.au/>

or contact youldenparkville@gmail.com

Teams

We have 9 different programs open to boys and girls.

- *Junior Blasters Cricket* (Under 8s)
- *Junior Blasters Plus (8's)*
- Under 10s competition cricket (for ages 7, 8 and 9)
- Under 12 girls competition cricket (for ages 9, 10 and 11, *girls only*)
- Under 12s competition cricket (for ages 10 and 11, *mixed teams*)
- Under 14 girls competition cricket (for ages 12 and 13, *girls only*)
- Under 14s competition cricket (for ages 12 and 13, *mixed teams*)
- Under 16 girls competition cricket (for ages 14 and 15, *girls only*)
- Under 16s competition cricket (for ages 14 and 15, *mixed teams*)

For a junior to be eligible to play in a grade, they must not turn that age prior to the first day of September in the current season.

Birthdate falls between	Age Group
2 Sept 2011 and 1 Sept 2013	U10
2 Sept 2009 and 1 Sept 2011	U12
2 Sept 2008 and 1 Sept 2009	U14
2 Sept 2005 and 1 Sept 2007	U16

Under 10s

This is a great introduction to real cricket matches for boys and girls aged 7, 8 and 9 years of age.

Under 10s cricket plays matches under modified NWMCA rules. Players wear pads, gloves and helmets but use semi-hard balls and bat in pairs for two overs. If they are dismissed they don't actually go out, but just change ends. Everyone bowls, and gets a go at wicketkeeping.

Under 10s have training on Wednesday evenings and play matches on Friday evenings.

Under 12s, Under 14s & Under 16s Competition Cricket

Teams are open to boys and girls. Allowance may be made for girls older than the official cut off. These teams play in the NWMCA.

Games are played on Friday nights or Saturday mornings. YPCC had teams in Under 16, 14 and Under 12 competitions on Friday nights in the 2021-21 season

The rules can be looked up on the NWMCA website www.nwmca.vic.cricket.com.au.

There is a structured transition program to support players moving from Under 16 into senior teams.

Training:

Mixed U10's & U12's – 5.30-6.30pm Wednesday

Mixed U14's & u16's – 6.45– 7.45pm Wednesday

Girls U14 – 5.30-6.30pm Wednesday

Girls U12 & U16 – 6-7pm Monday

Post Training BBQ –

After each training session on a Wednesday night, a BBQ is held at the club rooms. The BBQ is run on a roster system by the junior parents with the parents from each team running the Wednesday BBQ in rotation. This is a great way for players and parents to meet in a relaxed social environment and enjoy the summer weather. The BBQ is really popular with both players and parents and is a great way to feed the kids too! Sausages, burgers, wine, beer, soft drinks and icy poles can be purchased at reasonable prices.

Junior Development Squad

In 2021/2022 Kenroy Peters has been employed to work with players in a Junior development squad. Players from U14 up will be invited to join this Squad.

Home Grounds

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

Junior home grounds are:

- Ryder Oval (turf wicket)
- Poplar Oval, The Avenue, Parkville (synthetic wicket)
- Princes Park No 1 (synthetic wicket)
- Princes Park No 1 (synthetic wicket)
- Ransford Oval (Womens T20)

Fees & Scholarships

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

Fees include all coaching, ground hire, balls, equipment, umpires, and association affiliation costs.

Players need to purchase a

- Blue YPCC training shirt,
- YPCC cap
- White club playing shirt.

Optional merchandise can also be purchased (YPCC white playing pant, YPCC Blue playing pants - women and girls only -, YPCC blue shorts, YPCC hoodie).

Our online shop is available here:

<https://blkteamstores.com/collections/youlden-parkville-cc>

Special Payment Schedule

Families who have difficulties meeting the club fees may be able to make alternative arrangements. Please contact the Junior Coordinator to discuss.

No player will be excluded from playing at YPCC as a result of financial hardship.

Scholarships

YPCC offers scholarships to support players who may need help with paying fees. The winners of these scholarships will have their fees waived for the season.

The criteria for the scholarships are:

- Eligibility to play for a junior team
- Be a player of good character
- Demonstrate a strong desire to play club cricket
- May not otherwise be able to play cricket

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

Membership Payment

Payment is required at the time of registration, unless an alternative arrangement has been made with the club.

Online payments are made through the mycricket site. This is the only way to register junior players.

<https://play.cricknet.com.au/club/youlden-parkville-cricket-club/d3e5d8a7-86d8-eb11-a7ad-2818780da0cc>

Season Dates

These will be made available through the NWMCA.

<http://nwmca.vic.cricknet.com.au/common/pages/public/rv/draw.aspx?redirect=1&=,loc1/displayDraw.asp>

Selection Criteria (please refer to Junior allocations Policy)

YPCC's primary goal is to ensure all players have an opportunity to improve their skills, confidence and love of the game. YPCC encourages participation and a healthy attitude to competition.

The club's selection policy is based on the following principles:

- Promote participation, fun and love of the game
- Provide opportunities and coaching for players of all abilities to achieve their best
- Maintain stable teams as much as possible moving through the age groups
- Play players within their age group as a preference
- Provide a more competition-focused environment for more developed players.

All players need to be registered to be considered for Team Allocation. Teams will be selected by the YPCC Junior Committee. Refer to the Junior Allocations Policy on our website for the principles and process for allocating junior teams.

Representative Cricket

There are 3 representative cricket ("Rep Cricket") squads covering the region that YPCC plays in.

- The North-West Wizards have U14, U16 and U18 squads. They approach individuals and in June before the season starts to start the selection process.
- NWMCA Rep Cricket have 2 teams at U12, U14 and U16 age groups. They ask YPCC to nominate 4 players to be included in the trials. The nomination of the 4 players is based on their performance in the previous season and is per the discretion of YPCC Junior sub-committee.
- Craig Sheild (previously called "Hatch") for U15

Please note that matches for these squads take place in the January school holidays and all players are required to be in Melbourne during January to play in the matches if selected to be in a Rep Cricket squad.

Equipment needed to play

YPCC has comprehensive and good quality protective equipment kits for all junior teams. These kits contain everything needed for training and match days. Players may use their own gear, but it must be clearly labelled.

YPCC has two compulsory uniforms: one for training and one for matches.

Match gear

- “Whites”
 - Long white cricket trousers (available for purchase) or from Kmart, Rebel Sport, The Cricket Warehouse in Smith Street and the Greg Chappell Cricket Centre in West Melbourne).
 - White club playing shirt (available for purchase)
- YPCC club cap or a white broad brimmed hat (available for purchased)
- Shoes – Runners or soft-soled cricket shoes
- Sunscreen
- A drink bottle
- A box (groin protector for boys)
- No hoodies or non-club clothing (except for an optional plain white woollen cricket/vest)

Training gear

- Blue YPCC training shirt (available for Purchase)
- YPCC cap (available for purchase)
- Own shorts/cricket pants (YPCC ones are available for purchase)
- Optional YPCC hoodie
- Shoes – Runners or cricket shoes
- A drink bottle
- A box (groin protector for boys)

All YPCC clothing can be purchased online:

<https://blkteamstores.com/collections/youlden-parkville-cc>

Players will need:

- Bat
- Gloves
- Cricket Pads
- A box (groin protector)
- A helmet
- Thigh Pad (optional but recommended for U12 and above with hard ball)

In the 2021/2022 YPCC will continue to loan kit out to individuals for the season.

Our online shop is available here:

<https://blkteamstores.com/collections/youlden-parkville-cc>

Please be aware that the kit may take 6 weeks to arrive, so it is wise to order ASAP.

YPCC COVID-19 Equipment Policy

Key points in summary:

Cricket Victoria have advised equipment sharing between players is to be 'discouraged'.

YPCC strongly recommend that all players have and bring their own kit to training and to games.

YPCC may be able to **loan** players some **individual** kit items for the season.

All players will need to ensure that they have their own groin protectors

Further information:

Cricket Victoria have advised equipment sharing between players is to be 'discouraged to help reduce the spread of COVID-19' and that it is 'not allowed before training can re-commence (i.e. not allowed in the Victorian State Government roadmap "Second Step")'.

Full Kit includes: bat, gloves (and inners), pads (leg, thigh – U12 upwards), helmets, groin protector.

YPCC wishes to make sure that all players are able to participate and will do whatever we can to support players **by making equipment available**. This may include the club being able to **loan** players some **individual** kit items for the season.

All players will need to ensure that they have their own groin protectors and inner (if they are sharing (i.e Wicket Keeping)

Process:

Players will advise Age group Coordinator at Junior Level, (U10, U12, U14, U16) and the Captain, at Senior level of any items of kit they do not own.

Coordinators will then pass this information on to the Junior Coordinator/Committee member will organise items of kit to be made available for loan.

Loan of these individual items will be made available to players for the season.

Players will return all loaned items at the end of the season – or as they acquire their own replacement of these items throughout the season.

In the event that there are items of equipment that need to be shared, the following protocols must be adhered to in order to reduce the potential virus spread:

- Player to Wear ‘innings’ inside batting or keeping gloves.
- Players Wear leg and thigh pads over clothing (not directly on skin).
- Players Do Not Share Groin Protectors.

Equipment sharing cleaning requirements:

- After use, remove your gloves, sanitise your hands and wipe or spray the item with a minimum 70%-alcohol (ethanol or isopropyl alcohol (IPA) based antibacterial wipe or spray.
- The person then borrowing the equipment, shall sanitise their hands before use and clean after use.
- longer the equipment is left to dry in the sun after being cleaned the better (e.g. 30 minutes).

Remember: ‘Cricket in a pandemic is a privilege, not a right.’

We all need to ensure we are all doing the right thing to ensure the safety of players, volunteers, officials and the local community

Roles and Responsibilities

At Training:

Safety rules

- Training is divided into U10-U12; U14-U16

Mixed U10's & U12's – 5.30-6.30pm Wednesday
Mixed U14's & u16's – 6.45– 7.45pm Wednesday
Girls U14 – 5.30-6.30pm Wednesday
Girls U12 & U16 – 6-7pm Monday

- All players need to register using a QR code before training
- All players and parents need social distance (1.5 metres, and wear a mask if not training)
- Stay away from training if you are unwell
- Regular handwashing and use of hand sanitizer
- No sharing personal equipment
- Any equipment that is used needs to be sanitised after, so think carefully about what you are using
- Bring your own water bottle
- Masks must be worn by everyone over 12 years old when not batting, bowling or fielding
- Personal kit cannot be stored at Ryder
- Turn up ready to train - no use of changerooms allowed
- If you don't want to follow the rules, then don't train

GET IN – TRAIN – GET OUT

Matches

Players should attend training every week, arriving 10 minutes before the scheduled start in order to make the most of training time.

On match days, players must arrive at the ground at least 20 minutes before the start of the game to allow adequate time for warming up, talking to the manager, hitting up etc.

When not batting, bowling, fielding or practising, players are required to sit as a team, and encourage the players on the field.

After each match the team manager 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 the team manager know ASAP if a player will be absent from training or a match so alternative arrangements can be made to cover the 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.

If parents are unable to transport players to training and games, they should talk to their team manager who can find other parents to help out.

Managing behaviour (please See Code of Conduct for further information)

YPCC coaches and officials will seek to manage poor behaviour in a manner consistent with the approaches recommended by the [Australian Sports Commission](#).

The club will not tolerate bullying, racist, sexist or otherwise abusive or violent behaviour by parents or children, and YPCC reserves the right to withdraw club membership at the discretion of the club committee at anytime.

There are clear expectations of player, parent, coach and manager behaviour detailed at the end of this document.

Coaches and Managers

All Team Managers MUST have a Covid 19 Certificate

YPCC provide appropriately accredited coaches to support junior players. Senior players also assist juniors during training and team activities. Kenroy Peters is YPCC's junior coaching coordinator.

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.

All junior teams require a voluntary parent team manager – some teams share the tasks by having a coach and a team manager. It is not essential to have a comprehensive understanding of cricket and the club greatly appreciates early offers to help manage teams. Please note that without a team manager there can be no team and it is not the role of YPCC to manage individual teams. Parents must manage their children's teams.

Main tasks of the team manager:

- Keep an up-to-date record of player and parent contact details
- Email parents with match information
- Maintain a roster of parent tasks
- Decide on batting/bowling order
- Help set up the field (home matches)
- Help with field inspections (home matches)
- Bring YPCC kit including medical kit to match
- Work with team captain on match strategy
- Provide basic first aid
- Supervise player and parent behaviour
- Report to the club president any behaviour contrary to club rules
- Ensure a Match Report is provided to the club in a timely manner (not required for Under 10s)
- Ensure scores are recorded on the MyCricket website
- Pay the match umpire (the club will reimburse any umpires fees) for Under 12 matches and above
- Provide feedback to YPCC coaches on match day performance to maximise the effectiveness of junior training.

How can you help the team manager? Let them know with plenty of warning when your child is not available to play because the team manager may need to find a substitute player from a lower grade to make up numbers for the match. If there are insufficient numbers to make a team for a match, then the club has to forfeit the game so please let the team manager know as soon as possible if your child is not available to play.

Parents

Parents play an integral role in junior cricket; their involvement is crucial to the successful running of the club. This includes volunteering as team managers, helping out at training and matches, assisting players with their equipment, umpiring, helping with BBQs and packing away equipment. On match days there are many essential jobs that ensure games are played quickly and smoothly. These will be allocated to parents on a roster system. Task for parents:

- Scoring¹
- Square-leg umpire²
- Bringing snacks for players
- Help set up the field (home matches)
- Help new players to get their gear batting gear on to be ready to bat in good time
- Help with field inspections (home matches)
- Prepare the team for match before and during the innings break with Catching/Fielding/Bowling practice and Batting throw-downs
- Help clean up after match and pack YPCC gear into the big bag so that equipment doesn't get mislaid

The roster will be distributed to parents at the start of the season (at the discretion of the team manager).

Working With Children Checks

YPCC takes its duty of care very seriously. The NWMCA has outlined the [requirements](#) for those working with children to obtain a Working With Children Check (and photo id card).

The NWMCA guidelines state that all people who *Work or volunteer in a role that brings them into contact with children under 18*; and *Volunteer or do this work on a regular basis* are to have the WWCC.

¹ Don't panic! We'll be running "How to Score" nights to teach parents the art of cricket score-keeping and square-leg umpiring.

² Don't panic! There is usually at least a couple of parents with a basic understanding of the rules – parents who are not confident with the rules will not be allocated this role

At a minimum all team managers and coaches need to hold a WWCC.

YPCC has a Member Protection Information Officer who retains a checklist of everyone in the club required to have a WWCC and ensures that this has been sighted for each eligible person.

Apply [here for a WWCC](#).

Photography

YPCC sometimes takes photos of players and games for the purpose of sharing them on the website, Facebook and for marketing.

Players will never be identified.

YPCC abides by the Australian Sports Commission guidelines for sports clubs

https://www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/378738/ASC_Images2007.pdf

If you do not wish your child to be photographed whilst training or at games, please inform your team manager or the Junior Coordinator or the Club President in writing.

CODE OF CONDUCT

For all senior and junior players, parents and supporters

Our Vision

A great community cricket club.

Our Mission

We build on the best in our players and supporters by being a safe and friendly place, investing in high quality coaching, facilities and equipment and representing the strengths and diversity of our local community.

Our Values	Mean We Act Like This...
Respect	We behave respectfully with each other, opposition teams & umpires.
	Players play in a fit and prepared state.
	We always train and play in club uniforms.
Inclusive	We welcome all people.
	We create opportunities for all people to play.
	We don't tolerate destructive, bullying or discriminatory behaviour.
Community	We speak up and take action on issues important to our community.
	No-one is too big to do the small things that need to be done on and off the field.
	We expect players and supporters to step forward and lead.
Playing with purpose	We expect everyone to strive to be their best.
	We train to improve. We aim to win.
	We take risks and learn from mistakes.
Friendship	We make training, games and social events fun.
	We get involved in hosting and being part of club social events.

Stewardship	We promote the history and values of our club and the game.
	We act as champions for the natural and community values of Royal Park.
	We take action to grow the game in our community.
Trust	We don't avoid hard issues, we resolve them.
	We act with honesty and integrity with each other and club resources.

YPCC's Junior Team Allocation Policy

Junior cricket should be safe, enjoyable, inclusive and maximise individual participation. Our club acknowledges that positive experiences in junior participation and competition will contribute to children developing lifelong friendships and love of cricket.

YPCC's Junior Team Allocation Committee is the authority that determines team selection

YPCC parents, players and volunteers treat other and opposition players and supporters and umpires with respect

All administrators, players and parents will adhere to the parent and player codes of conduct

The focus of junior cricket at YPCC is maximising participation and fun

Context for Junior Teams Allocation Objectives

The club has the care of all players at heart. It is also seeking to balance the needs of teams and the club against the aspirations of individual players and parents. The aspirations of Individual players or parents may not always coincide with the needs of the club or team. While we will do our best to meet the aspirations of parents, ultimately YPCC will put the interests of a team and the club ahead of an individual player or parent.

We do not accept behaviour from parents that place unreasonable and belligerent demands on our volunteers.

In some circumstances the objectives of this policy might not be compatible with each other. For example, it may not be possible to always include a player with their friends in one team, if another team does not have enough players. In those situations, the final decision on allocations will be made by the Junior Team Allocation Committee based on giving the best possible experience to the most players we can.

Allocating players into teams is a difficult task and people, in some cases, may not agree with the decisions made by the club. The club believes that it is an important part of each player's development as a player and person to deal with disappointment as well as enjoying success. Being introduced to a

new team presents opportunities for players to make new friends, leading to a positive cricket experience overall. Ultimately the Junior Teams Allocation Committee will make decisions in the best interests of the YPCC junior cricket program. Sometimes this will be at the expense of what an individual parent may want for their child.

If a parent has a grievance with team allocation decisions, they need to address these concerns directly to Hayley Sandpearl

Objectives

Under 10s

U10 teams will be made by YPCC making our best effort to allocate players into teams with their friendship group. However, this may not always be possible.

Team allocations will also ensure teams have an equal number of players (as much as this is possible).

YPCC may field teams made up of players with different genders

Where a new player has no friendships or affiliations, those players will be allocated to the team which has a player shortfall

Parents who register before during the first final registration period can nominate a players friendship group, and this will be considered by YPCC in selecting teams. However, YPCC does not guarantee that players will be placed with all their friends.

Players who register after the first registration period ends will be placed in teams with vacant places.

Under 12s, U14s & U16s (Mixed and Girls)

U12A, 14, & 16 teams will be organised into teams based on skill level and balanced (numbers of players) teams, where there is more than one team per age group.

U12B and below & 12 & 14 Girls will be allocated by placing players with their friendship group, noting that not all friends may be able to play in the same team.

YPCC may field U12, 14 & 16 mixed teams made up of players with different genders

Where a new player has no pre-existing friendships or affiliations, they will be allocated to the team which has a player shortfall.

Siblings born in consecutive years can play in the same age group team.

If teams are well balanced and players have similar skill levels, players will stay in the same team as the previous year, just progressing to the next higher age group. The club may alter teams from year to year at its discretion to match teams to NWMCA grading and ensure team balance.

We will seek to field U12 teams with a maximum of 11 players.

We will seek to field U14 & 16 teams with a maximum of 13 players. This may not always be possible.

U16, 14 & 12 players are able to play in both Friday and Saturday teams. Parents/carers must nominate their child's primary team in this situation to the Junior Cricket Manager. When selecting weekly and finals teams YPCC will do our best to select all players in their primary team before players are allowed to play in a both a Friday and Saturday game.

Team Managers and Match Day Support

Parents of junior players are required to act as Team Manager. **YPCC will not field a team unless a parent has nominated for the Team Manager role.**

All parents are expected to contribute to doing match day tasks of umpiring, scoring, and setting up and down, as allocated by the team manager each week.

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

- www.yfcc.org.au