



U10, U12, U14, U16 All Girls,  
U10, U12, U14, U16 Mixed

### **Handbook**

2024-2025

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 handbook 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 teams play in the [Mercantile Cricket Association](#). We proudly run an extensive junior program for children aged between 5 and 15 years old. We have all girls and mixed competition junior teams (for under 10, 12, 14, and 16 age groups) 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 handbook, please check our website.

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

or contact [juniors@ypcc.org.au](mailto:juniors@ypcc.org.au)

## Teams

We have eight different programs for junior cricketers.

- *Cricket Blast* (game-based activities for ages 7 - 10)
- *Inclusion Cricket* (game-based activities for children who need support to participate)
- Under 10s competition cricket (for ages 7, 8 and 9)
- Under 12 all girls competition cricket (for ages 9, 10 and 11, *girls only*)
- Under 12s competition cricket (for ages 10 and 11, *mixed teams*)
- Under 14 all girls competition cricket (for ages 12 and 13, *girls only*)
- Under 14s competition cricket (for ages 12 and 13, *mixed teams*)
- Under 16 all girls competition cricket (for ages 14 and 15, *girls only*)
- Under 16s competition cricket (for ages 14 and 15, *mixed teams*)

YPCC junior competition teams play in the North-West Metropolitan Cricket Association (NWMCA) . Full rules for all competitions are available on the [NWMCA website](https://www.nwmca.com.au/) (<https://www.nwmca.com.au/>).

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.

The age cut-off date is **31 August**.

This means if your child is not yet

- 10 years old on 31/08/2024, they should register in U10
- 12 years old on 31/08/2024, they should register in U12
- 14 years old on 31/08/2024, they should register in U14
- 16 years old on 31/08/2024, they should register in U16

### **Under 10s**

This is a great introduction to real cricket matches for children aged 7, 8 and 9 with the emphasis on participation.

Under 10 cricket matches use modified rules based on Australian Cricket Junior Formats Stage 1. Players wear pads, gloves and helmets but use a 110g/120g semi-hard ball. Players face a prescribed number of balls when batting; there are no dismissals in this grade, batters swap ends following a dismissal. Maximum of 9 players on the field for the bowling team to encourage scoring/running between the wickets. Everyone bowls and gets a go at wicketkeeping.

Under 10s train on Monday evenings from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and play matches on Friday evenings beginning at 5.15pm.

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

YPCC offers mixed and all girls teams in these age groups. Allowance may be made for girls older than the official cut off.

Mixed teams play in either a Friday night or Saturday morning competition. Friday night matches are 40 overs and commence at 5.00pm; Saturday morning matches are 50 overs and commence at 8.30am.

U14 all girl teams play matches on Monday evenings and commence at 5.30pm.  
U12 all girl teams play matches on Wednesday evenings and commence at 5.30pm.

## Home Grounds

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

Junior home grounds are:

- Ryder Oval (turf wicket)
- McAlister 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)

## Training Times

YPCC juniors train on Ryder Oval and utilise the nets in between Western and Ransford ovals at the northern end of Royal Park.

Program Name	Training day and time
U12 mixed	Monday 5.30pm - 6.45pm
U12 girls	Monday 5.30pm - 6.30pm
U14 mixed	Monday 5.30pm - 6.45pm
U14 girls	Tuesday 5.30pm - 6.30pm
U16 mixed	Wednesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm

## Fees, Registration & Uniform

To ensure all players are covered by the club's insurance, registration must be completed prior to the first match. Registration is completed via [the PlayCricket and PlayHQ process](#). Membership fees are payable on registration.

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

### Special Payment Schedule

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

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

Players need to purchase a

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

Training and playing shirts, along with YPCC blue shorts (optional) are available to purchase from our online shop:

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

YPCC caps and Hoodies can be purchased directly from Ryder Oval clubhouse.

**Please note that all junior teams will transition to playing in coloured training shirts from the 2025-2026 season onwards.**

When you register with YPCC (or any club in Victoria) in either the Junior and/or Senior competitions you need to enrol through **PlayHQ**. **NB – If you are a senior player and you will need to create separate account for yourself and your junior player with different email addresses.**

### Permits:

You can only be registered to play at one club, so if you have played, or intend to continue to play junior or senior cricket elsewhere, we or your other club will need to apply for a permit. Please email [juniors@ypcc.org.au](mailto:juniors@ypcc.org.au) if we need to do this for you.

## Season Dates

Exact season dates will be made available by the NWMCA once they have compiled fixtures. Traditionally the season commences the first week of October, and finishes in mid March, with a break for school holidays from just prior to Christmas, until the end of January. For planning purposes we anticipate the following dates.

### **U12 All Girls (Wednesday Nights)**

16/10/24 – 18/12/24

Xmas Break

29/01/25 – 19/03/25

### **U14 All Girls (Monday Nights)**

14/10/24 – 16/12/24

Xmas Break

03/02/25 – 17/03/25

### **U16 All Girls (Wednesday Nights)**

16/10/24 – 18/12/24

Xmas Break

29/01/25 – 19/03/25

### **U10 Mixed (Friday Nights)**

11/10/24 – 13/12/24

Xmas Break

31/01/25 – 14/03/25

### **U12 Mixed (Friday Nights)**

11/10/24 – 13/12/24

Xmas Break

31/01/25 – 14/03/25

### **U14 Mixed (Friday Nights)**

11/10/24 – 13/12/24

Xmas Break

31/01/25 – 14/03/25

### **U16 Mixed (Friday Nights)**

11/10/24 – 13/12/24

Xmas Break

31/01/25 – 14/03/25

### **U16 Mixed (Saturday Mornings)**

12/10/24 – 14/12/24

Xmas Break

01/02/25 – 16/03/25

## Selection Criteria

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 Team Allocation Policy** on the YPCC website for the principles and process for allocating junior teams.



## Representative Cricket

### **Representative cricket (NWMCA) - U12, U14, U16, U17, U18**

The NWMCA selects girls and boys teams to participate in the [VMCU Carnival](#) every January. Girls compete in U12, U14 and U17 age groups, Boys compete in U12, U14, U16 and U18 age groups. Prior to the season commencing the NWMCA request YPCC nominate a maximum of 3 players from each age group to participate in selection trials. Player nomination is based on performance in the previous season and is per the discretion of YPCC Junior sub-committee.

### **JG Craig Shield (previously called Hatch) - U15**

The [Victorian Sub District Cricket Association](#) (VSDCA) conducts a 32 team U15 turf carnival every January. Some clubs hold open trials that anyone can attend and others will contact YPCC asking for nominations. In the past boys from YPCC have represented local Sub District clubs such as Brunswick, Coburg, Strathmore and St Bernards.

### **Marj Jennings (U15 Female) and WJ Dowling Shield (U16 Male)**

Victorian Premier Cricket conducts these competitions every January. Players are invited to trial by the Premier Clubs. YPCC are not usually asked to nominate players.

Please note that matches for these squads take place in the Dec/January school holidays. All selected players are required to be in Melbourne during January to play representative cricket matches.

## Equipment needed to play

Players will need:

- Bat
- Gloves
- Cricket Pads
- A box (groin protector) \*this cannot be borrowed and must be purchased\*
- A helmet
- Thigh Pad (optional but recommended for U12 and above)

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO PURCHASE NEW EQUIPMENT FOR YOU CHILD TO PLAY.**

YPCC will loan equipment to individuals during the season. There will be an opportunity for you to borrow a full or partial cricket kit at the beginning of the season. Please note that it is not possible to borrow a box (groin protector).

Players may use their own gear. It must be clearly labelled.

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

### Match gear

YPCC mixed teams play in cricket whites. A full list of equipment and clothing required to play includes:

- Long white cricket trousers (available for purchase via the club uniform shop or from Kmart, Rebel Sport, The Cricket Warehouse, Greg Chappell Cricket Centre, Sturdy Sport)
- White club playing shirt (available for purchase via the club uniform shop)
- YPCC club cap or a white broad brimmed hat (available for purchase from the clubrooms at Ryder Oval)
- Shoes – Runners or soft-soled cricket shoes \*cricket spikes are not to be worn for Junior Cricket\*
- Sunscreen
- A drink bottle
- A box (groin protector)

No hoodies or non-club clothing (except for an optional plain white woollen cricket sweater) should be worn during matches,

## **Training gear**

- Blue YPCC training shirt (available for purchase from the club uniform shop)
- YPCC cap or broad-brimmed hat (available for purchase from the clubrooms at Ryder Oval)
- Navy Shorts
- Optional YPCC hoodie
- Shoes – Runners or cricket shoes
- A drink bottle
- A box (groin protector for boys)

Our online shop is available here:

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

**N.B** There is some second-hand kit (training and playing plus shoes) available. Please see what is in the second-hand box before you purchase anything.

## Roles and Responsibilities

### At Training:

Players should attend training every week, arriving 10 minutes before the scheduled start in order to make the most of training time. All players should bring their own water bottles and ensure they follow coach instructions at all times,

There is no facility to store personal equipment at YPCC.

### Safety rules

- Bring your own water bottle
- Personal kit cannot be stored at Ryder
- Follow the coaches instructions

### Matches

On match days, players must arrive at the ground at least 20 minutes before the start of the game to allow adequate time to warm up and prepare for the match.

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

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. Please ensure you leave adequate time to arrange alternative transport wherever possible.

### **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 Cricket Victoria.

**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 any time.**

## Coaches and Managers

YPCC provides appropriately accredited coaches to support junior players. All coaches need to have level 1 training accreditation.

Senior players also assist juniors during training and team activities.

**Mukund Sivakumar** is YPCC's junior coaching coordinator.

All junior teams require a voluntary parent team manager.

It is not essential to have a comprehensive understanding of cricket and the club greatly appreciates early offers to help manage teams.

Main tasks of the team manager:

- Keep an up-to-date record of player and parent contact details
- Provide parents with match information
- Maintain a roster of parent tasks
- Decide on batting/bowling order, in collaboration with the match day coach
- Help inspect and set up the field (home matches)
- Bring YPCC kit including medical kit to match
- Work with team captain and coach on match strategy
- Provide basic first aid
- Supervise coach, player and parent behaviour
- Report to the club president any behaviour contrary to club rules
- Ensure scores are recorded on the PlayHQ website
- For U12, U14, U16 games, pay the match umpire (the club will reimburse any umpires fees)
- Provide feedback to YPCC coaches on match day performance to maximise the effectiveness of junior training.

All parents can 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.

## 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:

- Scorer<sup>1</sup>
- Square-leg umpire<sup>2</sup>
- Help inspect and set up the field (home matches)
- Help new players to get their batting gear on to be ready to bat in good time
- 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 away YPCC gear

A roster will be distributed to parents at the start of the season at the discretion of the team manager.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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

## Child Safeguarding and Working With Children Checks

YPCC takes its Child Safeguarding duty of care very seriously.

At a minimum all team managers and coaches need to hold a Working With Children Check.

YPCC has a Child Safety 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 Sport Integrity Australia, Safeguarding in Sport, [Photography and Filming of Children and Young People in Sport guidelines](#).

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

<b>Our Values</b>	<b>Mean We Act Like This...</b>
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.



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