



JUNIOR INFORMATION PACK SEASON 2025/26

Dear parents,

Sunshine United Cricket Club welcomes you to the upcoming 2025/26 season. This pack has been prepared to assist and equip you with all the tools and information necessary to best prepare you and your child/children for the season ahead.

As always, our goal is to create a fun and inclusive environment that our junior kids look forward to each week, all while learning and improving every day with our dedicated coaches.

We offer Cricket Blast, ideal for younger and new participants aged between 6-10 in a less structured environment, before progressing towards the junior competitions between U10 and U18 age groups. Both streams cater towards both girls and boys involvement. Our Blast program in particular has grown to become one of Cricket Victoria's flagship programs and lead to the establishment of our inaugural standalone all-girls team.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers throughout the year, so please discuss with your coaches or our co-ordinators ways to get involved during training and matchdays.

We appreciate your time and thank you for your choosing Sunshine United. For further information or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either Luke or Terry.

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General Season Overview

- Cricket Blast will run over 10 sessions (five each before and after school holidays)
- Junior Cricket is competition-based, competing against other local clubs
- The below dates are intended as a guide and are subject to competition fixtures

	Cricket Blast	Junior Cricket
Season commencement	15 th Nov 2025	Friday 10 th Oct 2025
Mid-season break	14 th Dec 2025 – 30 th Jan 2026	19 th Dec 2025 – 23 rd Jan 2026
Season end	28 th Feb 2026	End of February 2026
Finals	N/A	Finals are a knockout basis and are held over two additional weeks at the end of the season

Teams

- Our goal is to have 5 Junior sides that take to the field in 2025/2026
- An U10 Cubs Team (Introductory cricket team – next step up from Blast Program)
- 1x U11 Girls Team
- 1x additional U11's Team (potentially All-Female or Mixed – still TBC)
- An U11 Mixed Team (As per 2024/2025)
- An U14 Mixed Team competing in the NWMCA (North-West region)
- The association has introduced a new U8's Cubs competition this year to play from December onwards. We can entertain this idea if kids are wanting to participate

Overall, our 5-year goal is to be in a position of fielding at least 1 junior team in all age groups: (U10s, U11s, U13s, U15s and U17s)

Training, Matches and Home Grounds

- First training session for the year for all teams to commence on Wednesday 20th August
- Training will be held at Selwyn Park, unless otherwise advised
- Each team will play a combination of home and away games. All away games will be against local teams in our area within the Western Region (WRJCA) or North-West region (NWMCA, if required)
- Matches generally start at 5.15pm
- Players will generally arrive at 4:45pm for a warm-up before the game

Team	Training	Matches	Home Ground
U10 Cubs	Wednesdays at 5pm/5.15pm (TBC)	Friday nights or Saturday mornings (Pending parent preferences)	TBC
U11 Girls	Mondays at 5pm/5:15pm (TBC)	Wednesday nights	Selwyn Park, Albion
U11 Mixed	Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm/5:15pm (TBC)	Friday nights	Selwyn Park, Albion
U13 Mixed	Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm/5:15pm (TBC)	Friday nights	Bon Thomas Reserve, Deer Park

Competition Format

- U10 and U11 Teams will participate in a 20/20 format where both teams face 20 overs each
- When batting, kids can go out several times during their innings and they will bat to a set number of balls depending on how many people are in the team
- The idea is to give equal opportunity to every player during all games where kids will face an equal number of balls and bowl the same number of overs (wherever possible).

For example, if a team has 7 players, 20 overs = 120 balls

- 6 people will face 17 balls, and 1 person will face 18 balls
- 6 people will bowl 3 overs, and 1 person will bowl 2 overs
- There are no LBWs in these age groups until U13
- U13s participate in a 24-Over format

PlayHQ Registration

- Registration is made via PlayHQ, with several different components making up the total registration payable before the season commences:

Fee	Explanation	Cricket Blast	Junior Cricket
Cricket Australia fee	National Registration fee covering insurance and other national-based costs	\$41.00	\$17.50
Cricket Victoria fee	Covers all-inclusive Blast Pack	\$25.00	N/A
Association fee (WRJCA)	Variable fees tied to each association	N/A	\$20.00
Sunshine United Cricket Club fee	Club fees for registration	\$33.00	\$150.00
TOTAL	Sum of all fees	\$99.00	\$187.50

- Blasters registration comes inclusive with a customisable Cricket Blast pack
- For season 2025/26, Sunshine United's club fees of \$150 per junior player, includes a club cap for new players and all match fees up front



Cricket Blast



Junior Cricket



Please scan the relevant QR Code above to begin registration with Sunshine United.

Cricket Gear and Equipment

- Many players have their own cricket bag and kit, however the club can supply equipment to everyone, which includes:
Helmets, Bats, Pads, Gloves, Thigh Pads – any equipment that is appropriate
- All players, volunteers and officials are expected to wear club apparel during training and matchdays

Club Apparel

- We are currently finalising a new supplier for all club apparel, once complete we will begin accepting new orders which can be personalised (name and number on back of playing shirt)
- Apparel is available to all children and family who wish to make an order
- Apparel orders take approximately 5-7 weeks to arrive
- First orders will be due in the coming weeks, you will be notified a specified deadline for that time and any subsequent orders

Team Communication

- The primary source of communication will be via WhatsApp. There is a Club Community that you will be invited to and allocated accordingly. This is a space for training and matchday communication as well as any other necessary announcements.
- We also advise you follow the Club's Facebook and Instagram accounts for day-to-day updates
- We also recommend you download the PlayCricket app, this is the central app nationally that provides information on fixturing, ladders, statistics, etc. You may also like to utilise PlayHQ (webpage) for these details as well

Volunteers

- Everyone at Sunshine United is a volunteer, so we need any spare hands where possible
- If you can assist at training and think that you can contribute, please let us know
- On match days – all coaches need a scorer, as well as assistance setting up and packing up when hosting home games

Player Sponsorship

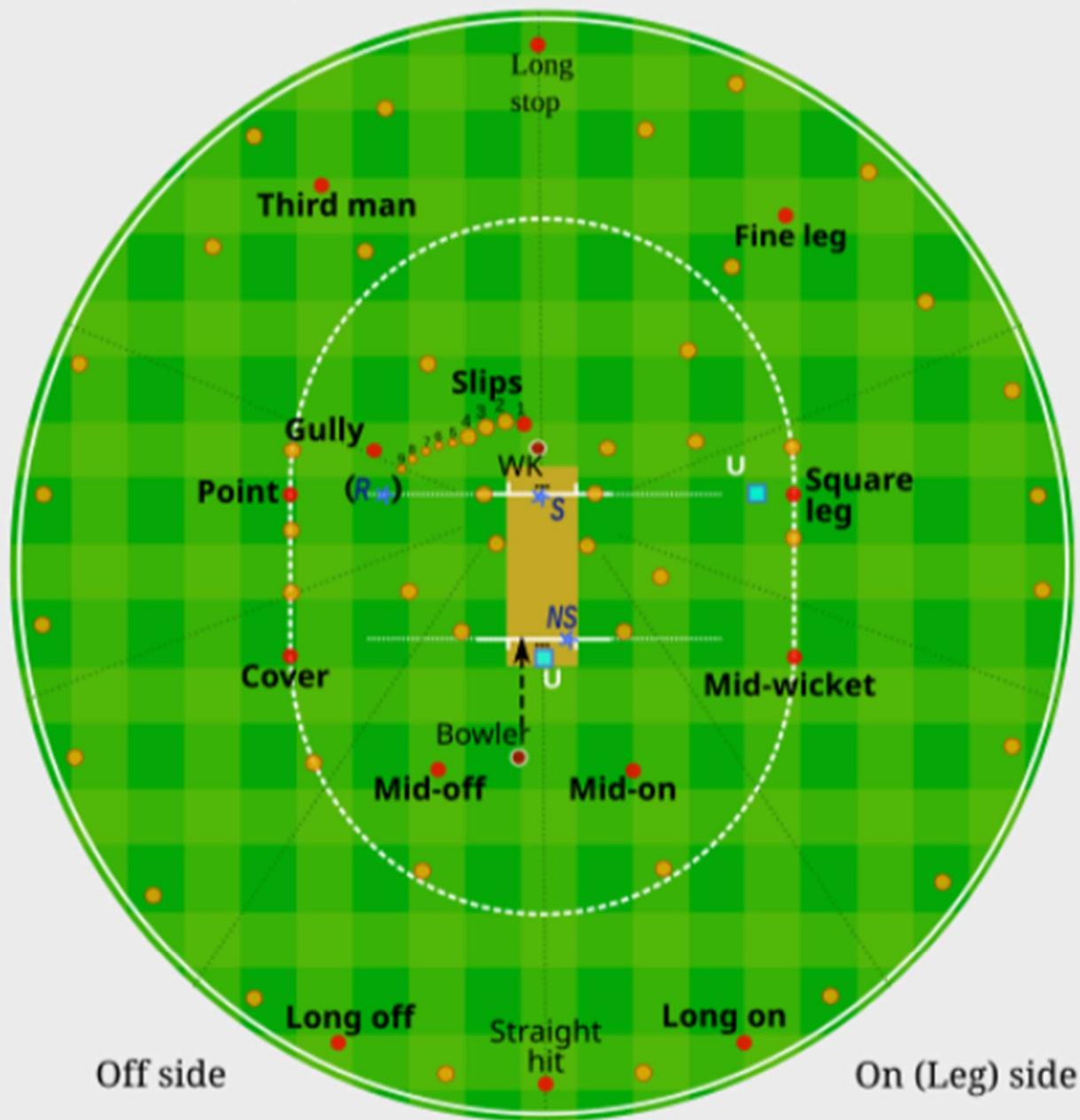
- This season we are introducing a new feature to our junior program, which is already a mainstream feature of the senior program, aiming to build excitement and engagement around the junior program by having individual players sponsored by a family member, friend or local business
- This is not mandatory, though for those that participate, both the player's face and the name of their sponsor will be added to the slideshow that plays above the bar for the entire season
- The cost of player sponsorship for junior players is \$50, with all funds raised to be redirected into the junior program

Key Contact Details

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Basic Cricket Positions

Cricket: Fielding positions for a right-handed batter



LEGENDS

- Mandatory fielders: Bowler and Wicket-keeper (WK)
- Traditional primary position of the region
- Variations of / additions to the primary position
- Umpire (U) and Square Leg Umpire (Sq L U)
- ✦ Batters - Striking (S), Non-striking (NS), Runner (R)
- Approximate regions
- - - 30-yard circle
- Boundary

GLOSSARY

- Short: nearer batter
- Silly: very near batter
- Deep: further from batter
- Wide: further from line of pitch
- Fine, straight: nearer line of pitch
- Square: near(er) line of batter's crease
- Backward: behind batter's crease
- Forward: in front of batter's crease