

Amersham Cricket Club (ACC)
2019 Season
Colts Under 9 to Under 11 Information

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1. Changes

Bucks Cricket Board (BCB) have decided to follow the England and Wales Cricket Board guidance in regards to colts cricket which has been developed in conjunction with Loughborough University. The new format for 2019 is meant to make the matches more engaging. The number of players per side in a match has dropped from 10 to 8 and the number of overs per innings from 20 to 16. The boundary size and pitch length have also reduced but it is the reduction in number per side which has driven the biggest changes for ACC colts cricket.

In response we have decided to increase the number of teams and pool resources.

2. Teams and squads

The following teams have been entered into the BCB leagues for 2019:

Under 9
Under 10 C
Under U10 B
Under 10 (A)
Under 11

The U9s matches will be softball 6 a side. All other teams will play hardball cricket with 8 a side. 10 a side is possible only by mutual agreement with the opposition and will involve 20 overs per innings and a larger boundary.

We think that this gives us an exciting opportunity to have a good balance between fun social cricket and a more competitive environment for those who want to challenge themselves and play more technical cricket.

It is too early in the season to say yet which team and squad the colts will be part of. There will be some initial movement. We do expect that some colts may be asked to play in more than one team and this doesn't always indicate ability. We have some overlap between All Stars and the U9s and the U12s who are fielding two teams this year.

Here is a rough guide to placement with teams and squads...

Boys will be expected to play cricket in the relevant age groups and girls playing down 2 age groups where appropriate.

The U10 C team will be open for U9s who are confident playing with a hard ball and U9s can play in both the U9 and U10 C teams. The U10 C team will also provide a team for those U10s who are new to the game this season.

The under 10 B team will be predominately populated from the U9 squad from the 2018 season.

The under 10 (A) team will be for the U9s who were playing in the U10s in the 2018 season and those from the 2018 U9 squad who were clearly capable of playing a high level of cricket.

3. Age groups

By 31 August 2018 you must not have reached the following birthday

Age group	Birthday	School year
U9	9	Year 4
U10	10	Year 5
U11	11	Year 6

4. Leagues

- The U9, U10 C and B and U11 teams will play in South Central.
- U10 (A) team South Premier.

5. Coaches, managers and assistants

U9	Charles Taylor	Kris McKenzie (where available)		
U10 C	Thomas Townsend	Charles Taylor	Sunil Joshi	
U10 B	Thomas Townsend	Sunil Joshi		
U10 A	Graeme McPhillips	Sunil Joshi		
U11	Graeme McPhillips			

Whilst we are pooling resources this year we are still desperately short of help.

All of the above are volunteers and pay exactly the same subs as everyone else.

6. Team selection criteria

Selection of teams is at the discretion of the relevant team manager. Whilst not absolute the following are often considered when making selection:

- Reliability
- Positive attitude during training and matches
- Enthusiasm
- Team work
- Forward notice of availability
- Parental contribution to the team

7. 11+

We are well aware that for year 5s (in particular) that this is a big year for those going through 11+ preparation. Many of you have made us aware of this, which is really helpful for planning. We hope that cricket can provide a welcome break from the pressure of academic work. We don't want any colt to be worrying about selection for matches because they've not attended training. Please do talk to us so we know what is happening and make us aware of any restrictions you have.

8. Assistance – how parents can help

There are a whole range of things that the teams need help with. Some of these things can be really simple and not particularly time consuming. Please remember that the load on the coaches is huge and there is more work to be done at matches and training than is simply possible for one person to do!

Matches:

- Umpiring
- Scoring
- Supervision of ACC when batting – nets and ensuring the next pair are ready
- For home games - providing a tea. Costs can be reclaimed.

Training:

- Register taking
- Coaching assistance – no experience required.
- Setup and take down of equipment

In all cases we will provide adequate training as required.

9. Communication

The preferred method will vary between team managers but normally communication is done via the ACC website.

Please ensure that emails which come from the club website as AMERSHAM CC is not going into junk or spam.

10. Website

You can access the fixture list without needing to be logged in.

Whilst it is possible to sign in and mark up availability this is not the easiest process in the world and we suggest that you do not worry about this too much to start with. At the moment all the details for colts need to be updated on the website. You can only indicate availability if you are logged in as the colt themselves (you can't do it as the parent). All colts and parents will be added onto the website but have not normally been sent a login. We will look to make a decision as to how we proceed in the slickest and easiest way possible.

11. Kit

For the U10 and U11 training and teams protective equipment is required and it is compulsory to have it in order to bat. This includes:

- Helmet
- Batting pads
- Batting gloves
- Box (boys)

For wicket keeping pads are required. We have a pair of wicket keeping gloves in the U10C and U10B kit for use at matches.

For training the U10 and U11 colts need to provide a 4 and ¾ oz leather ball.

Colts must take responsibility for kit themselves. The coaches, managers and assistants don't have the resource to look for lost kit.

If sourcing kit is a problem please speak to us because there is a limited supply of donated kit available in a used condition.

12. Collection from training

The club doesn't have the time and the resource to supervise the dispersal from training. It is a parental\carer responsibility to ensure you collect your child(ren) safely from training . Training finishes at 20:00 so please ensure that you are there before hand. You are most welcome to stay and help or have a drink.

13. Getting to matches

This is the responsibility of parents\carers to ensure that colts arrive promptly for matches. Please get to know other parents as it can come in handy when you can't be there, but someone else is happy to get your child to a match. Typically, people tend to stay and support.

14. List of opponents

U9

1. Great Kingshill CC - U9 B Kites
2. Wendover CC - Under 9
3. The Lee CC - Under 9
4. Great Kingshill CC - U9 Kestrels
5. Hawridge & Cholesbury CC - Under 9
6. Chesham CC - Under 9

U10C and U10B

1. The Lee CC - Under 10
2. Great Kingshill CC - U10 Hawks
3. Wendover CC - Under 10 B
4. Hawridge & Cholesbury CC - Under 10
5. Chesham CC - Under 10
6. Great Kingshill CC - U10 B Falcons
7. Amersam U10B and U10C are in the same league and will play each other!

U10 (A)

1. Ballinger Waggoners CC - Under 10
2. Beaconsfield CC - U10 Lightning
3. Cookham Dean CC - Under 10
4. Gerrards Cross CC - U10 Dragons
5. High Wycombe CC - Under 10
6. Wendover CC - Under 10

U11

1. Chesham CC - Under 11
2. Ley Hill CC - Under 11

3. The Lee CC - Under 11
4. Tring Park CC - U11 (Bucks)
5. Ballinger Waggoners CC - Girls Under 13
6. Ballinger Waggoners CC - Under 11 B
7. Great Kingshill CC - Under 11
8. Hawridge & Cholesbury CC - Under 11

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