



Brentwood Cricket Clubs Colts

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What We Offer

Alongside a full program of competitive and friendly soft ball and hard ball cricket matches we offer cricket-based activities and cricket coaching to children and young people from the age of 2 to 18. We run our coaching sessions on a Friday evening for ages 2-13 and a Tuesday evening for 14-18. These sessions are open to girls and boys. At the youngest ages these sessions are mixed, however we run female only groups for 8-13 year old girls.

Teams start with U7 soft ball matches and progress through hard ball Terriers' cricket (everyone gets to bat for 4 overs and everyone bowls) up to the U16, with 30 overs a side Matchplay. Our older colts are catered for in an U19, T20 competition. The older colts also have the opportunity to play in one of our six adult Saturday league teams and/or our Sunday team. In addition to all the leagues and cup games, we arrange friendly matches. We want all our girls and boys to enjoy playing in games of cricket and ensure that everyone is able to play games at a level that is appropriate for them. We provide a kit bag for all teams, up to U11. This will enable everyone to try hard ball cricket without having to commit to the purchase of equipment, apart from an abdominal protector (cricket box). In addition, we often have secondhand equipment available.

If you have equipment you are able to donate or need something for your son or daughter. please contact our Equipment Coordinator Mark Harvey mharvey7uk@yahoo.co.uk

We have team selection guidelines for all our team managers that are available on the club website. These guidelines cover issues such as, batting order, providing a bowling opportunity for everyone, as well as selection of the team. Subject to availability, by playing for Brentwood, your son or daughter should have the opportunity to bat and bowl in games of cricket during the course of the season.

If you have any questions about these guidelines please contact the Colts Team Managers Co-Ordinator, Paul Raghavan paul.raghavan@sky.com

In the off season we enter teams in the winter indoor league at the County Ground. All the teams are managed and organised by volunteer parents so please get involved if you can. We can offer training and support for anyone who is willing to get involved. The majority of tasks do not require any cricketing skill or knowledge, just enthusiasm and a willingness to help. Whether its learning how to score or umpire, helping run a BBQ, setting up a second-hand cricket equipment stall or organising volunteer coach availability, there is a job for you. Please get involved. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Our View of Youth Cricket

We aim to do everything we can to encourage and include younger players and make them feel a valued part of the Club, irrespective of their age, gender, level of ability or length of time with the Club. We also expect that youngsters should be able to enjoy their cricket and develop their abilities to their full potential in a safe environment, free from harassment, prejudice, bullying or other risks.

Our priorities for all aspects of youth cricket, including coaching, youth matches and adult matches involving youngsters, centre on the safety and welfare of the individual.

We therefore aim to: -

- Enable youngsters to enjoy the game
- Coach and encourage younger players to help them develop their cricketing skills
- Help children to establish self-confidence, both on and off the field, and develop enthusiasm for the game of cricket
- Encourage the older players to broaden their horizons by qualifying first as Coaching Young Leaders and then as Coaches
- Ensure they are still involved in either playing or supporting cricket when they are parents of the next generation of colts

All Colts and their parents are welcome to spectate at our seniors matches on a Saturday and Sunday. The bar is always open at these events and your support of the teams would be appreciated.

Our Expectations

We expect our members and their families to behave in a reasonable and sociable way towards their peers, our coaching staff and other youth and adult members. We also expect all children and parents to train, play and support within the Spirit of Cricket <https://www.lords.org/mcc/laws/spirit-of-cricket>

When joining Brentwood Cricket Club, we expect members to sign up to and behave within the Brentwood Colts' Code of Conduct – this is included within this document and also available to view on our website. Likewise, all who have any responsibility for youth cricket in any way at our club are expected to respect individuals and conduct themselves.

All our coaches are qualified and work within the Coaches Code of Conduct (available to view on the website). In line with ECB policy, all coaches will hold a valid "Disclosure & Barring Service" (DBS) check, First Aid certificate and will be trained in the Safeguarding and Protection of children. Any member of the club, from the age of 16, who has regular contact with youth members, also holds a valid DBS check.

Parents/guardians are asked to ensure that coaches are made aware, before each coaching session or match, of any medical condition which might amend their child's care priorities, or which might require specific attention (e.g. asthma). Also, any injury which may prevent a child from taking part in elements of coaching (e.g. sprain).

The social aspect to our club is very important to us and we encourage parents to remain at the club during training session and matches. The bar is open during training sessions and as mentioned previously, we will always look to have a barbecue, weather permitting, so what better way to end a long, hard week! Profits from the bar are an important contribution to club funds. There are a range of social activities held throughout the year to raise money for club funds, so please check the website and the posters in the bar for details. Your involvement in the club helps us to provide the very best cricketing platform to develop your child's interest and therefore progression in the game.

N.B. - Parents of children under the age of 11 must stay on site with their child during matches and training or nominate a responsible adult, informing the coach or team manager of this arrangement.

Our Expectations Continued...

When playing in matches, Colts are expected to wear appropriate clothing whether this is cricket whites, or coloured kit when required for the competition. It is expected that Colts representing the Club will wear a Brentwood CC match shirt and a Club cap. The club works closely with their equipment supplier to ensure that our kit is competitively priced and of the highest possible quality for longevity. All our equipment is available all year round from Fenton Sports in Unit 7 Thomasin Road Basildon SS13 1LG, or on their website - www.fentonsportsonline.com/cricket/.

All Brentwood Cricket Club members will receive a discount. This year, every registered Colt from Year 3 upwards will be able to collect a new Brentwood Cricket Club cap, which must be worn to all matches.

Weather permitting, we will be holding a second hand equipment sale that Colts have grown out of on the 8th May. If you have any equipment that you are kindly able to donate to this, **please contact our Equipment Secretary, Mark Harvey on mharvey7uk@yahoo.co.uk**

Our Coaching Programme

Coaching Ethos

Coaching sessions will incorporate a mixture of technique demonstration and practice, skill and fitness, games and practice matches based on and following the principles of the Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) program.

Part of some training sessions will be organised using the nets and hardball which will require appropriate safety equipment. This can be borrowed from the kit bag if required. We will cover all aspects of cricket such as:

- Fielding – techniques of retrieving, intercepting and throwing, and fielding positions
- Batting – repertoire of defensive and attacking strokes
- Bowling – bowling action plus introduction to spin and swing bowling
- General cricket knowledge – umpire signals, laws of the game incorporating, most importantly, the spirit of cricket.

Our Coaching Programme Continued...

Our training is split over two nights. Training for U14's (school Y9) and above and female elite training is on Tuesday evenings. All other age groups will train on Friday evenings

Coaching Times

Minis (Pre-school, Reception and Years 1 and 2) –	Friday 18:30 – 19.30
Junior Colts (Year 3) –	Friday 18:30 - 20.00
Junior Male Colts (Years 4-8) –	Friday 18:00 – 20.00
Junior Female Colts (Years 4-8) –	Friday 18:30 – 20:00
Senior Colts (Years 9-13) –	Tuesday 18:00 - 20.00
Female Elite Colts (by invitation) –	Tuesday 18:30 – 20:00

2020 outdoor training begins on Tuesday 21st April for Senior Colts (school years 9-13) and Friday 24th April for Minis and Junior colts.

If, for safety reasons, poor weather requires us to cancel training, a message will be posted on our website, or Twitter feed (www.twitter.com/Brentwood_Colts) and where possible, an email sent to the parent address provided as you register. In order to maximise the possibility of the session, a ground inspection takes place at 17:00 on each given day.

Instructions for Joining - 2020

Numbers are restricted within age groups to ensure that the coach-to-children ratio is adhered to and subsequently the club reserves the right to refuse admission to new members, at any point during the season, based on coach availability. We will, however, always endeavor to have enough coaches available so we can accept all applications.

This year, we will return to using the Club website to renew membership. For all membership queries, **please email our Colts membership secretary Neeru Bhardwaj at colts@brentwoodcricketclub.co.uk**

2020 membership fees

- Minis (all ages up to and including school year 2) - £60
- Junior and Senior Colts (School years 3 and above) - £95 – This will include a cap with an embroidered club badge.
- New members - £10 one off registration fee, additional to the above.
- Sibling discount £10 per sibling. (i.e. the first child pays full price and subsequent siblings receive a £10 discount per child)

Payment should be made via bank transfer only (Cheques or cash will not be accepted). Please see the registration email for bank details

The deadline for current members is the 7th April 2020. After that date, we will open the membership to new members and cannot guarantee places after this. All members must have paid in full by the 17th March 2020 – we cannot allow any members to train unless they have paid in full.

We can only survive with the help of volunteer parents. Parents who commit to regularly support our coaching program on a Friday evening will receive one child's membership free. We do not charge match fees or subs other than in those games where an umpire and official teas need to be paid for, e.g. Matchplay and senior matches. Our club wishes to ensure that the cost of membership is not a bar to anyone who wishes to play cricket. If you have any difficulty with the financial aspect of becoming a member please speak to the Colts' Treasurer Mark Dixon. mark.j.dixon1@gmail.com. Any discussion will be held in the strictest of confidence. Colts membership includes free social membership for parents or guardians with a discount at our clubhouse bar.

All Colts parents will automatically receive social membership to the Club. This includes discounts at the bar and the ability to book our Clubhouse for your own social events. **Please contact our Bar manager, Aiden Parker on 07809 827850 for further details.**

Safety

Safety, during coaching sessions and matches is paramount. We ask all parents to ensure their child has the necessary protective equipment with them. A limited amount of kit is available to borrow for matches. We use soft balls for coaching the younger colts and in the older age groups both soft and hard balls will be used. Net sessions involve the use of standard hard balls. All matches for the younger colts (8-9 years old) will be played with soft balls whilst U11s may play hard ball and soft ball matches. All other league matches are played with a standard cricket ball.

To play in any hardball match or to take part in training involving hard balls, all Colts MUST wear following: -

- Abdominal protector (“box”) plus briefs or jock-strap;
- Batting gloves
- Sturdy trainers with a good grip (cricket spikes are useful but not essential)
- Cricket helmet
- Batting pads
- Leg guards if keeping wicket (wicket or batting pads)

All our teams up to U11 will have a team kit bag with pads, helmets and batting gloves so you don't need to purchase these items before playing. However, it is essential that anyone considering playing hard ball cricket should have their own “box” which they must fit themselves. We also suggest that you seek advice before purchasing a cricket bat for your son or daughter. Often against your child's wishes – a small light bat is better for their cricket development than a big heavy bat. Our Level II coaches will be happy to advise you on this.

Members Code of Conduct

As a member of Brentwood Cricket Club, you are expected to abide by the following code of conduct. Failure to do so may result in membership being withdrawn without the refund of any subscription fees:

- Members (players and family members) must respect officials (league, board and club) and their decisions
- Members must play within the rules and the Spirit of the game
- Members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Members should adhere to agreed timings for match participation, informing their coach or team manager in good time if they will be late or are unable to attend.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club
- Parents of children under the age of 11 are expected to stay on site during Colts training or nominate another responsible adult (notifying coaches of this)
- Parents of children under the age of 11 are expected to accompany their children to matches or nominate another responsible adult (notifying the manager of this, whether playing home or away.
- Parents of children under the age of 8 are expected to remain close to the area where their children are being coached.
- Children should treat their coaches with respect and expect to behave responsibly during training and matches, respecting all decisions.
- Should it be necessary, parents are responsible for arranging transport for their children.
- Exterior equipment is not to be played on at any time (i.e. sight screens, mobile nets, outdoor nets, equipment owned by the nursery etc.).
- Family members are very welcome at the ground during matches and training but young children not participating in training are the responsibility of parents and are expected to abide by the same rules while on club premises.
- Car parking is only available on club premises when you are attending the club on cricket business (i.e. training or matches). Cars parked outside of these times may be clamped.

Are You Able To Help Us?

Coaching

We can only survive with the help of our parents. We always welcome any additional help running our youth coaching and youth matches. Coaching assistants, who will be supervised by Level II coaches, do not need to be qualified ECB coaches or even have a great knowledge of the game in the first instance, although we will support those wishing to gain qualification through their ECB coaching assessments.

As detailed previously, anyone helping with youth coaching must receive Criminal Records Bureau clearance – **this is straightforward and the Club's Child Welfare Officer, Les Wingrove lwingrove@btinternet.com can give advice on this.**

If you think you might be able to help with the coaching in any way **please get in touch with our Colts Chairman, Jonathan Bell Jonathan.Bell@liteplan.com**

Managing Teams

We always need parents to assist managing the teams. This can involve arranging team fixtures and checking availability of grounds. This is carried out during the week, usually online, and doesn't require any cricket knowledge or necessarily availability during the actual games. We also need help organising the team on the day of the game, which is usually Sunday morning but can also take place on some midweek evenings in the summer. Whilst it can help if you have some cricket understanding, enthusiasm and commitment are far more important. If you think you might be able to help **please get in touch with our team managers coordinator, Paul Raghavan paul.raghavan@sky.com**

Helpful Spectating

During matches parental assistance with scoring (someone can show you how to do it!), preparing the boundaries/scoreboard and provision of drinks/snacks for the players is required and greatly appreciated. Parents of the home teams arrange responsibilities for drinks and snacks. Kitchen facilities are available. Most importantly, encourage our players.

Are You Able To Help Us?

Friday Night Support

We frequently need volunteers on Friday evenings to assist with selling raffle tickets, sweets or running the barbecue. **Please speak with our Colts Social Secretary, Richard Cansell at richardcansell@me.com.** If you are able to offer any help at all, you can also speak with any member of the Colts Committee.

Fundraising ideas or support

Similarly, anyone with experience or ideas with regard to fundraising or sponsorship, should approach **Mark Dixon mark.j.dixon1@gmail.com**

Thank you



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