



## **SNCC Junior Cricket Handbook**

### **Season 2012**

#### **Aims**

The junior section of SNCC has a number of main aims:

- (1) To allow our junior members to play cricket in a safe and enjoyable environment.
- (2) To help to develop players to the best of their ability within a team ethos.
- (3) To play the game in the correct spirit at all times.
- (4) To be fully competitive in the national competitions at under 13 and under 15 levels.
- (5) To develop players for selection for Northumberland County teams and, where ever possible, for selection at regional and national levels.

#### **Coaches**

The club's Senior Cricket Coach is Melvyn Betts: 07539231664 or [melvyn.betts@southnorth.co.uk](mailto:melvyn.betts@southnorth.co.uk)

The Junior Cricket Development Manager is Michael Harbottle: 07539233092 or [Michael.harbottle@southnorth.co.uk](mailto:Michael.harbottle@southnorth.co.uk)

In addition, we also have a number of level 1 and level 2 coaches who are involved with players at various levels.

All coaches (and team managers) have been CRB checked

Michael Harbottle and Melvyn Betts are also SNCC nominated Welfare Officers

## **Team Managers**

Our aim is for all of our junior teams to have a nominated team manager. The team manager's main role is to run the team on match day. With the younger age groups this will include help with field placement and match tactics. As the players get older, the team managers try to adopt a philosophy of encouraging the captain and players to "think for themselves" whilst always providing appropriate feedback after the game. Team managers also provide feedback to the coaches on how the team is playing. It is important to note that the Team Managers are largely volunteers from within the club.

## **First Aid**

Michael Harbottle is the nominated first aid co-ordinator for the junior section

All of the qualified coaches (Level 1 upwards) have received basic first aid training.

All team managers have a basic first aid box available on match days.

## **Junior Cricket Committee**

The current committee is:

Paul Carding (Chair)

Stewart Davidson (Secretary)

John Ruddick

Richard Sanderson

Michael Harbottle

Diane Lawton

Ian Dinning

Tasheen Hasan

Richard Parker

## Training Nights

Information about the winter training programme is available via the website:  
[www.southnorth.co.uk](http://www.southnorth.co.uk)

During the season, summer training nights are organised as follows:

Who	When
U11	Tuesday 4.30pm – 6.00pm & Sunday 10.30am – 12.00pm
U13	Tuesday 6.00pm – 7.30pm & Sunday 10.30am – 12.00pm
U15	Thursday 5.00pm – 6.30pm
U18	Thursday 5.00pm – 6.30pm
Girls 10 – 14	Wednesday 5.00pm – 6.30pm

It is important that junior cricket members attend training on the relevant nights.

During inclement weather specific arrangements are made, wet weather rotas will be posted on our website.

We recognise that not all players can attend all training sessions. In these cases it is advisable to inform the coaches in advance. In such cases subsequent selection for the teams will not be affected.

## Teams/Fixtures

We currently run 9 junior teams as listed below

Who	When	League	Team manager
U11 Green	Sunday 10am	Friendly Only	tbc
U11 Blue	Sunday 10am	NJCL and Cup	Tbc
U11 Red	Sunday 10am	NJCL and Cup	Tbc
U12 Green	Sunday 10am	NTSL	Tbc
U13 Blue	Sunday 10am	NJCL and Cup	Tbc
U13 Red	Sunday 10am	NJCL and Cup	Tbc
U15	Monday 6pm	NJCL	Tbc
Development	Thursday 6pm	NTSL 'C' Division	Tbc
U18	Monday 6pm	NTSL	tbc

NJCL – Northumberland Junior Cricket League

NTSL – Northumberland & Tyneside Senior League

In addition to these leagues, teams also play in a variety of county, premier league and national cup competitions throughout the season.

## **Selection**

All teams are selected by the coaches in liaison with the respective team managers

We have identified some of the teams/fixtures as a means of allowing as many junior cricketers to experience real match situations as possible. Whilst winning is important, our philosophy here is to develop generic cricket skills and enjoy playing the game.

However, other teams and competitions require us to select our most able players. This means that we will pick the team which we feel will give us the best chance of winning the game. We recognise that there will be circumstances where a particular player or parent may disagree with these decisions. In these circumstances players and or parents may discuss the matter with either Michael Harbottle or Mel Betts

Team sheets are posted on the club website each week (usually on a Monday or Tuesday).

It is the selected **player's responsibility at all times** to confirm their availability for a fixture (details of whom to contact are always on the team sheet). Failure to do so will result in the player not being selected for the next fixture. Repeated (two) failure to confirm availability will result in no further selection until a formal discussion has occurred between the player and the coaching staff.

## **Cancellations**

In the event of bad weather that may affect training sessions and the cancellation of home matches, a voice message will be left on the cricket office phone **0191 246 1745** indicating the state of play. A message will also be put onto the front page of the website.

On match days, Team Managers can also be contacted in this situation. We have no control over match cancellations of away fixtures and are at the mercy of the club in question as to what time or if they contact us to say the game has been cancelled. Again, it is best to contact the Team Manager in these circumstances.

## **Conduct**

In line with our aims, we believe good conduct on and off the pitch is crucial for team managers, players and parents.

We strongly believe that good conduct is crucial in helping young players develop as cricketers and as sportsmen/women. This does not just involve observing the rules of cricket but includes playing the game in the correct spirit with respect for fellow team members, opposition players, all game officials, team managers and supporters.

There is a code of conduct for junior members at South North which can be viewed on the website in the policies and forms section. All junior members are encouraged to read this document and to always adhere to its principles. If players do not adhere to this code of conduct then this will be made clear to them by their team manager. Continued failure will mean that the player will not be selected to represent the club.

We also ask all parents to read and sign The Parent's Charter before the start of the season (attached to annual membership documentation). If parents are seen to not be adhering to these principles then they will be encouraged not to attend matches

## **Integration into Senior Cricket**

It is very important that the junior and senior sections of the club are fully integrated. To this end:

- (1) Junior players are encouraged to come and watch the senior teams playing during the season
- (2) Master class sessions are organised where some of our first team players pass their knowledge on to junior players.
- (3) One member of the junior cricket committee represents the junior section on the main club cricket committee (currently John Ruddick).
- (4) There is an active programme of integrating our older, stronger and more talented junior players into senior teams. Most obviously this will happen through selection in the Thursday evening Development Team, the Saturday and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Teams. Talented junior players will be considered for selection to play for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> team.

It is not our aim to provide senior cricket for all of our junior members. Given the number of young cricketers that choose to play at SNCC, this would be impossible. In many cases we would actively encourage more mature junior players to seek senior cricket elsewhere. The coaching staff are always available for discussion on these matters.

### **Additional parent roles/responsibilities**

We wish to actively encourage parents of players to be a full part of the junior section where ever possible. For example, on match days, each team requires a scorer and a number of cars to transport players to away matches.

If you would like to get involved in any way, please tell the team manager or club coach.

Please also note that the team managers and coaches do not wish to remain after matches or training sessions to "baby sit" for players whose parents have not come to pick them up!

### **Player/Parent feedback and advice**

Melvyn Betts and Michael Harbottle are available for advice about how a junior player may improve or make the next grade.

The junior section adopts an open policy of feedback from both players and parents. We would, of course, wish to encourage positive as well as negative feedback!

Any concerns should be discussed with the senior coaches as soon as they become an issue. If the matter is not satisfactorily resolved via this route then the player or parent may write to the chairman of the junior cricket committee for consideration at the next meeting.