



2015 / 2016 CRICKET SEASON

JUNIOR PLAYER HAND-BOOK

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A Message from the Junior President

I would like to welcome all of the new and returning junior players and their families to the Williamstown CYMS Cricket Club and the 2015/16 cricket season.

When Williamstown CYMS re-launched its junior program seven years ago, we decided to build the juniors from the youngest age groups, so that the program would have a bright, long-term future. Last season we had grown to six U/11, three U/13, two U/15 and an U/17 team plus approximately 85 MiloIn2Cricket participants, all run by a committee of parents of junior players.

An increasing number of our kids enjoyed a game in the seniors with their dads on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. In addition, parents of our junior players helped to make our coterie group, the 3rd Man Club a growing success.

The club continues to run its successful “100 Club”, with the support of the Stag’s Head Hotel, and dedicates all of the funds raised to the junior section of the club. In particular it has enabled us to fund the great new training complex, and attract contributions from state and local government as well as Cricket Victoria, while still minimising fees for junior players. Our \$110 fee for the younger teams continues to represent excellent value in comparison to other local sporting clubs, particularly when it includes playing or training shirts for all children at no additional cost.

The club is run entirely on a voluntary basis, and as it grows we need more people to become actively involved to help run the under-age teams, assist or organise social activities, or support the In2Cricket activities. I encourage you to consider taking on a role, or to share responsibility with others, to help spread the load and continue to build a strong club for our kids.

We are confident that 2015/16 will be a successful year at the CY’s, and that the junior section of the club will continue to grow and improve. I would love you and your family to be a part of it and welcome your involvement and any suggestions that you may have.

Hopefully, this booklet will provide you with all the information you will require for the season ahead. Please take the time to read it and keep it handy throughout the season for reference.

Michael Jackson
Junior President
Williamstown CYMS Cricket Club

Club History

The Williamstown Catholic Young Men’s Society was founded in 1886. Initially the club was aligned with the church, and while “CYMS” still proudly reflects the club’s history, it is now a totally independent member-driven club with no religious motive or affiliation.

Williamstown CYMS has fielded junior cricket teams at various stages of its history, but this had fallen away in the recent past. In 2007, the club re-launched its junior program as part of a plan to secure the long-term future of the club. The club’s young junior teams play in the Western Region Junior Cricket Association (WRJCA), and the MiloIn2Cricket program is conducted at the Fearon Reserve, on Osborne St.

The CYs field three senior teams and our u17’s in the Victorian Turf Cricket Association (VTCA), which is regarded as the best turf cricket club competition in Victoria, as well as a team in the local Williamstown & District Cricket Association (WDCA), which all goes to provide an ideal progression for junior players.

Fees

Williamstown CYMS prides itself on the fact that its playing fees are more competitive than most other junior cricket clubs.

For the u11's to u15's **\$110** covers playing fees, insurance, and includes a playing shirt for new players, or training shirt and shorts for returning players. For u17's the fees are **\$130**, representing the higher costs of running older teams.

Fees for the "Milo In2 Cricket" program are **\$80 and \$99** for the new "Milo T20Blast" program.

Merchandise

Extra merchandise will be available for purchase throughout the season:

Baggy Blue playing cap	TBC
Training Baseball Cap	\$20.00
Senior Playing shirt	\$50.00
Junior Playing shirt	\$30.00
Training / Casual Match day Shirt	\$30.00
Club Shorts	\$25.00
Tracksuit Warm Up top	\$40.00

Pre-Season Indoor training

The club has again booked a couple of indoor sessions for pre-season training. These sessions proved very popular in previous seasons.

The dates and times are as follows:

U/17's

Will train with the senior players on dates previously advised

U/11's:

Wednesday 9th Sept & Wednesday 15th Sept, 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

U/13's & U/15's:

Tuesday 8th Sept & Tuesday 15th Sept, 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

These sessions will be held at the Westgate Indoor Sports Centre,

Cnr Grieve Pde & Dohertys Rd

ALTONA NORTH, Phone: 9369 2311.

Training

Training will be held through-out the season at the Fearon Reserve nets. Final training details will be set once coaching appointments are finalised, however it is likely that training nights will be as follows:

U/13, U/17: Tuesday & Thursday nights.

U/15: Monday & Thursday nights.

U/11A: Wednesday nights.

U/11 Cubs: Monday nights.

All players will be notified of the training commencement dates in the lead up to the season.

Safety at training

Obviously, cricket is played with a hard ball that has the potential to inflict injury. It is important that while in and around the nets at training, all players concentrate and are aware of what is going on.

A good rule to remember is: "Never turn your back on the nets!"

Training Equipment

The club supplies balls for training, and also a kit-bag of batting gear including helmets where required for the younger age groups. The club also has various aids for fielding drills.

Personal Equipment

For health and safety reasons the club recommends that all players have as a minimum their own personal protector (or "box").

Home Grounds

Our home grounds are yet to be determined by Hobson's Bay City Council, but all players will be informed in due course.

Friday nights / Saturday mornings

The WRJCA has a mixture of both Friday evening and Saturday morning competitions. The WCYMSCC Committee will convene following registration day to determine the number of teams the club will field for this season. Player numbers will ultimately decide the number of teams the club enters across the various age-groups.

Note that the U/11s play "one-day" matches and all other age groups a mixture of "one-day" and "two-day" matches.

Parent / Guardian assistance

On match days in particular, the teams will not be able to operate without parental assistance. If you do not know how to score, for example, we encourage you to sit and learn with someone who does. (It is not as difficult as it looks!) This will ensure that the load is shared by all.

Match Days (Fridays)

Before 5.00 pm Players arrive at ground (& help with set-up if playing at home);
5.15 pm First innings commences;
6.30 pm Change of innings / Drinks break;
6.40 pm Second innings commences;
8.00 pm End of play;

Match Days (Saturdays)

The following is a timetable of how match days typically operate:

8.00 am Players arrive at ground (& help with set-up if playing at home);
8.15 am Coin toss and team warm-up;
8.30 am Play commences;
9.55 am 1 Day game: Change of innings. 2 day game: 10 minute break.
11.30 am End of day's play;

After the game, players are expected to congratulate their opponents, help pack up and have a quick chat with their coach prior to leaving.

Match Day Expectations

The club asks that all players are encouraging and supportive of their team-mates. If we are batting, we should sit as a team and applaud scoring shots and good running as well as good fielding by the opposition. When in the field, always support and encourage the bowler.

Every player should wear their club cap and playing shirt when representing the club.

Don't forget to be sun-smart and always bring a hat and sun-screen. It is also important to bring a drink bottle, especially when the weather begins to warm up. These should be brought to both training and matches. We also encourage players to bring a snack to the match.

Extreme or Inclement Weather

In the event of bad weather, you are still required to attend the ground unless you have been notified. Coaches and team managers will do their utmost to ensure parents and players are notified as early as possible should play be cancelled due to inclement weather. However, it can be surprising how quickly a game can commence after rain. The WRJCA website always endeavours to post any news regarding weather conditions and the possible early cancellation of play, so don't forget to check:
<http://westmetro.vic.cricket.com.au/>

Prime Objectives

Our two prime objectives for this, and every season are as follows:

- Continue to improve our cricket;
- Always enjoy our cricket. After all, that is why we are all here!

Fixture

The club will be notified of grounds and fixturing closer to the commencement of the season. However, these fixtures will be subject to change over the first couple of rounds as re-grading takes

place. The best method of keeping up-to-date with fixtures etc is to check the Western Region Junior Cricket Association (WRJCA) website: <http://westmetro.vic.cricket.com.au/>
Click on the “Matches” then “Fixtures” links on the left-hand side of the home-page.
The site is quite comprehensive, and there are pages which feature players’ stats etc.

Social Calendar

As a “family club”, Williamstown CYMS always welcomes its junior players and families to its social functions. The following functions will kick off the season:



Williams Real Estate - Family Fun Day

- Late October, to be advised :
This day generally sees families coming together on a Saturday lunchtime at the clubrooms to relax, watch the cricket, and enjoy a bar-b-que, with entertainment and children’s activities.
Not to be missed!

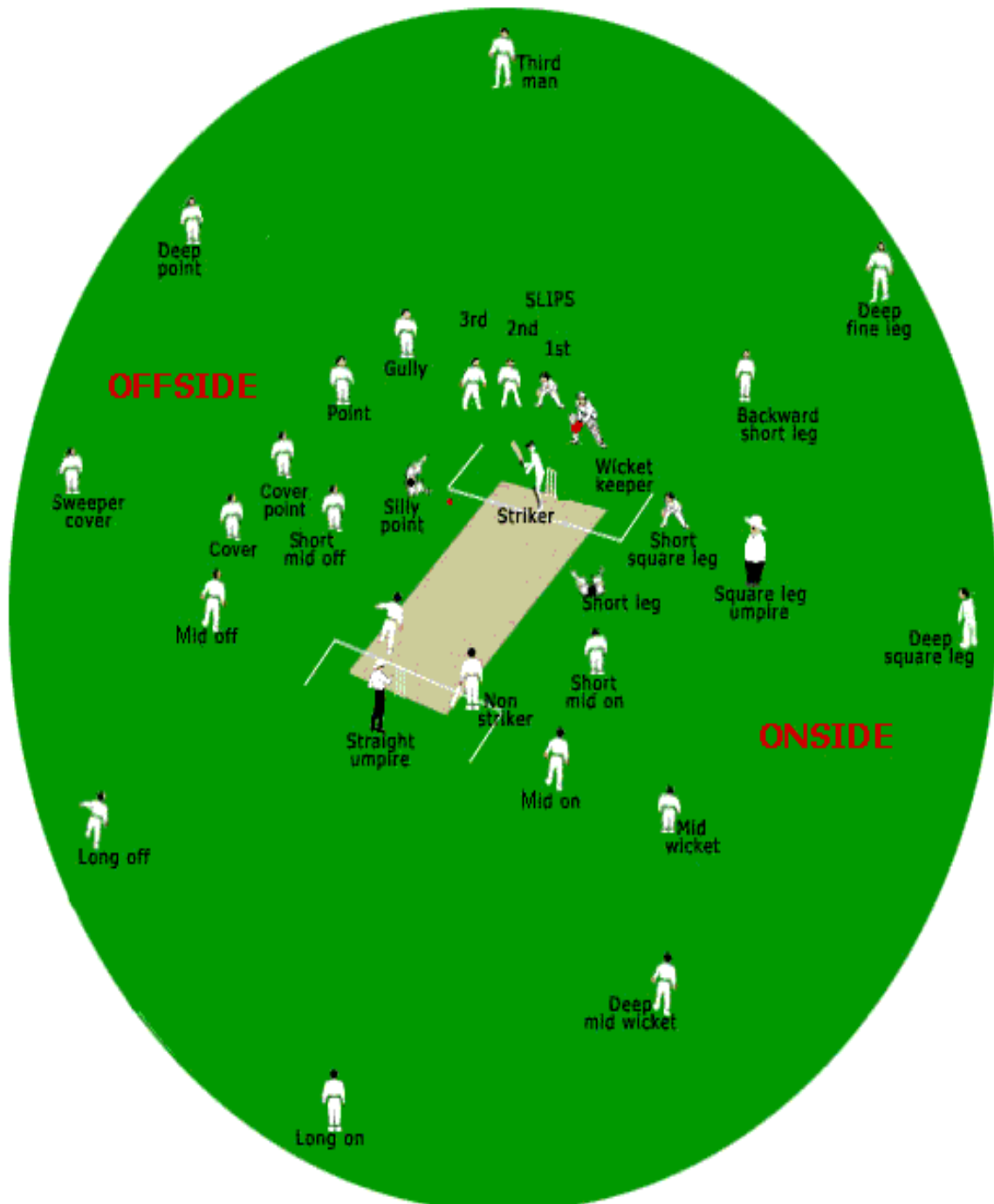


BlueRock - Season Launch

- To be advised:
For both the senior & junior teams at the clubrooms, this will be held after a joint training session.
All players, supporters & parents welcome to enjoy BBQ.

Basic Fielding Positions

To increase our enjoyment and knowledge of cricket, it is important that all players and parents learn the fielding positions as shown in the diagram below:



100 Club

The “100 Club” is an initiative which was created for the specific purpose of allowing the club to keep junior fees to a minimum. The idea is simple. Members are allocated a number from 1 to 100. The cost is \$100 per annum. Each Friday evening at the Stag’s Head Hotel at 6 pm, a number is drawn. If your number is drawn, you win \$100. In December, a \$1000 jackpot draw is held at a function for all “100 Club” members.

This fund-raising group has contributed over \$10,000 to the juniors over the past three seasons. We are always on the look-out for people who may be interested in joining. It is all for a great cause.

Club Contacts

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Contact</u>
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MiloIn2Cricket Co-ordinator	David Crowe	0418 994 256
Registration enquiries	Ted Hudson Bill Lennon	9397 0810 0438 500 350
Junior Coaching Coordinator	Martin Bokma	0432 322 269
Senior Coach	Paul Russ	0433 169 315

Also, don’t forget to check out the club website:

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“3rd Man” Coterie Group

3rd Man Club

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Werribee Automotive Group will again sponsor the *3rd Man Club*, we thank them for their tremendous support and as highlighted last year if you are in the market for a new or used cars please touch base with Conrad Taylor or one of his team.

This sponsorship plus coterie membership will continue to raise funds for investment into club infrastructure, primarily for our Junior teams.

The *3rd Man Club* has grown to 65 members, with most enjoying the annual luncheon which is a clear highlight of the year.

This season our aim is to grow membership to over 100. For our female members, the Jane McGrath Luncheon, a great event, will be held in February in conjunction with the Williamstown Ladies Lacrosse Club.

Your support will allow this club to continue its tremendous junior growth.

Further details of 3rd Man Club membership will be available from Craig Hill (0435 848 183) in the near future