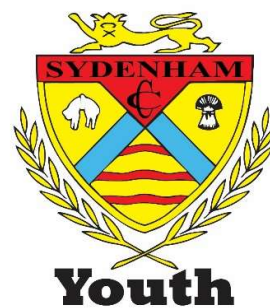


# Sydenham Youth Cricket (Boys) 2024 Information Pack



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The Sydenham Cricket Club is pleased to promote the **Sydenham Youth** section for high school aged boys (school years 9 – 13) in its club. **Sydenham Youth** enters youth teams into Christchurch Metro's ("Metro") youth competitions. Girls cricket is catered for by other sections of the Club.

**Sydenham Youth** will attract high school (school years 9-13) aged cricketers that are looking to play club cricket on a Saturday in Metro's competition. These cricketers will likely attend local high schools that do not currently provide cricket programmes that are played on Saturdays. Teams are currently made up of players from Cashmere High School, Hillmorton High School, Middleton Grange, Catholic Cathedral College, Te Aratai College, and other schools, including Lincoln High School. We hope that this continues.

**Sydenham Youth** is not constrained by any geographic boundaries and will accept interest from any player that wishes to play in Metro's Saturday competition that may not otherwise be able to.

Players will join us after completing Year 8 at primary/intermediate school and will likely have played in competitions administered by the Christchurch Junior Cricket Association. Feeder clubs for us will be Sydenham Junior Cricket Club and possibly the Halswell Junior Cricket Club, Sumner Cricket Club (junior section), Riccarton Cricket Club (Junior Section) and Heathcote Cricket Club (Junior section). We extend an invitation to other clubs that provide junior cricket programmes that may have players that are looking to graduate to youth cricket that may not otherwise be catered for.

**Registrations for 2024 are now open.** We encourage players to register early so that we can determine the number of teams to be registered. Registrations are required in advance of team selections being announced.

We trust you find this information pack useful.

Kind regards,

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## 2024 Cricket Programme

### Playing Dates

Youth cricket is aligned to a player's school year. Teams are formed in December 2023 (all teams apart from Year 9) and January 2024 (Year 9 teams).

Youth cricket will commence on:

- **27 January 2024 – First XI and Colts Grades**
- **3 February 2024 – Year 9, Year 10, Afternoon Grades**

The last playing date of Term 1 is **23 March 2024**

The cricket season recommences at the start of Term 4 in the school year and is played until early December 2024. **It is anticipated and expected that players will be available for the entire calendar year. Subscription fees cover the entire calendar year. Refunds are not offered for those that withdraw during the season.**

### Team Entries

Based on anticipated playing numbers, **Sydenham Youth** hopes to enter teams in the following grades for Term 1 of 2024.

- 1<sup>st</sup> XI play in 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cup Grade (start time 10.30am)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> XI play in 1<sup>st</sup> XI Bowl Grade (start time 10.30am)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> XI play in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (start time 12.30pm) – possibly 2 Sydenham teams
- Year 10 Colts (start time 10.30am)
- Year 10 (start time 12.30pm)
- Year 9A (start time 10.30pm)
- Year 9B (start time 12.30pm)

Additional/final team entries will be considered depending on team registrations. Teams may be regraded before the season reconvenes in mid-October.

Information on each grade can be found at <http://www.christchurchmetrocricket.com/Youth-Cricket/Youth-Cricket> and in Section 6 of the [CMCA Handbook](#).



## Subscriptions

Subscriptions for the 2024 playing year have been set at \$190 per player (incl. \$20 for raffle tickets). This subscription applies to Sydenham Youth players where there is only one player from the same family.

Should a family have two or more players registered with **Sydenham Youth** then the subscription is reduced to \$160 per player.

Subscriptions are due as follows:

### **1 Player**

- \$190 upon registration OR
- \$95 upon registration; AND

- \$95 no later than the end of February 2024

### **2+ Players (per child)**

- \$160 upon registration OR
- \$80 upon registration; AND

- \$80 no later than the end of February 2024

The subscription year is from January 2024 to December 2024. If you are joining for half a season, please contact us directly to arrange a reduced subscription.

Subscriptions are used to help cover the costs of player affiliation fees to Metro Cricket, ground fees and coaching and equipment expenses. A cricket ball costs an average of \$80.00 per game. Subscriptions do not cover the total cost of the provision of youth cricket.

Refunds are not provided for any player who withdraws throughout the playing year.

## Playing Uniform

**Sydenham Youth** players will play games “in whites” if using a red ball. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI, 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Colts grade cricketers playing with a white ball (Term 4) will play in coloured clothing provided by the club.

A 156-gram ball (red, white or orange) is used in all grades except for Year 9 cricketers in Term 1, which use a 142-gram ball.

As part of a player’s subscription, they will be provided with

**1x Sydenham Youth baseball style** (to keep)

**1x Sydenham Youth Hoodie** (to be returned upon departure from the club)

**1 x Sydenham Youth Playing Jersey** typically reserved for players in red ball grades. (to be returned upon departure from the club)

The retail value of these items is approximately \$180.

Players are expected to provide their own white playing shirt and white trousers. There is no specific Youth club shirt. A standard white cricket shirt can be worn.



### Managers

Each team will require a manager(s) to assist with running the team. We encourage parents and caregivers of players to get involved. The more assistance the team receives from parents and caregivers the better.

Managers also operate as a team across the club and are in regular contact with each other to resource teams when players are unavailable e.g. injury, illness, family commitments etc.

### Coaching

Coaching of Youth Cricket is overseen by former Black Cap and Sydenham Director of Cricket Matt Bell. Matt utilises the coaching services of Sydenham Senior Men players and other qualified coaches contracted to the Club, to assist with Managers with the coaching of all teams.

### Practices

All teams currently have at least one 90-minute training session scheduled each week in the weeks leading up to and during the playing season. By way of example, in 2023, the practice schedule was as follows:

- Monday 5:00 – 7:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI
- Wednesday 4:00 – 5:30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and Year 10
- Wednesday 5:00 – 7:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI
- Thursday 4:00 – 5:30pm Year 9A and 9B

**The opening of the indoor centre has proven to be an amazing asset for the club. Now, all teams practice each week regardless of the weather. We are seeing the benefits of this in improved results across all of our teams in 2023.**



### Other Training Opportunities

**Sydenham Youth** is pleased to offer other paid training opportunities throughout the season. Training can be self-directed through the indoor centre, where club members are able to book a lane in the facility at discounted rates, or through training sessions organised by Matt Bell, including the Thrive in Cricket Academy that was offered by the club for the first time in 2023.

### Team Selection

The club aims to select teams for the following year prior to Christmas, except for the Year 9 teams that are selected following the Year 9 camp held in mid-January (refer Year 9 Training Camp section).

On Sunday 3 December 2023, the club is holding a festival day of cricket on Sydenham Park, which will also double as a selection session for our 2024 sides. New players to the club in 2024 are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact Youth Convenor, Paul Durdin, for details.

### Umpiring

Youth cricket is generally umpired by player umpires. The batting team will also act as umpires when their team bats and vice versa. Generally, those selected to bat at 6 & 7 should go out to umpire first and then either get replaced by those selected to bat 8 & 9 or as required after no more than 10 overs.

For Year 9 players, in Term 1 a parent may be required to stand with the umpire to assist them in understanding their duties. By Term 4 most players are comfortable umpiring by themselves however the assistance of a parent, or confident player, can be used at any time.

All players are strongly encouraged to learn to umpire.

The Canterbury Regional Cricket Umpires and Scorers' Association's website <https://www.crcua.co.nz/> has a lot of useful information on umpiring. They also run training courses throughout the year. We will endeavour to make you aware of when these are.

Umpire training will be included as part of the Year 9 camp.

### Scoring

Like umpiring, **Sydenham Youth** players are encouraged to learn how to score the game with the assistance of a parent.

Scorers should always sit together. All games are to be scored on PlayHQ.

### Batting Pods

The use of batting pods is compulsory for all Year 9 teams and encouraged for our Year 10 team. In these formative years players are still developing their cricket specific skills. The use of batting pods gives all players opportunities to bat in different batting positions throughout the season.

Teams should be divided into 3 batting pods. Pod A Players 1-4, Pod B Players 5-8, Pod C Players 9-12 with the strongest batsmen in the team spread across each pod. Each week pods will rotate in the batting order, e.g. week 1 batting order is Pod 1-2-3, week 2 batting order is Pod 3-1-2, week 3 batting order is Pod 2-3-1. Players can be moved around within their pods each week.

Boys batting in the last pod each week should be given the opportunity to bowl early in the opposition team's innings.

### Representative Cricket

Players will be encouraged to participate in further cricket opportunities provided by Metro Cricket. These include Year 9/10 combined and Year 11/12 festivals.

These self-nomination festivals allow players to play with, and against, the best cricketers in their age groups across Canterbury and further afield.

Information of representative pathways can be found at <http://www.christchurchmetrocricket.com/Youth-Cricket/Youth-Cricket>

### Social Media

**Sydenham Youth** uses social media wherever possible to promote the club and record and promote individual and team performances. Players can expect to be photographed when playing.

Managers (or a designated parent or player) will be asked to submit brief team reports (and photos) for publication after each match.

A [Sydenham Youth Facebook](#) page exists, and we encourage all players, parents and supporters to LIKE it. We suggest you check it out to get an idea of the club culture.

### Contacts

Key contacts within **Sydenham Youth** are:

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## Registrations

**Registrations for 2024 are now open.** We encourage players to register by Saturday 16 December so that we can determine the number of teams to be registered and can announce teams for 2024.

Registrations for Year 9 boys will remain open until the Youth Training Camp in mid-January.

Register via <https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/59484a>



## Questions

Please forward any questions you may have to Paul in the first instance.





## Year 9 Training Camp

Players in Year 9 in 2024 are invited to attend the pre-season camp that has been scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) and January 19<sup>th</sup> (Friday) at Sydenham Park. Players must be registered to attend the camp.



The cost of attendance at this camp is included in the annual subscription.

The training camp is designed by our Sydenham Senior players with the assistance of Keryn Ambler at Christchurch Metro Cricket.

The camp will likely run from 10:00am – 2:30pm at the following venues:

**Thursday (Jan 18<sup>th</sup>) – Sydenham Park (nets & indoor centre)**

**Friday (Jan 19<sup>th</sup>) – Sydenham Park T20 or similar match and pavilion for umpiring session**

The camp will be run by Tom McDonald, Sydenham Senior Player and qualified coach. Tom has run the training camp for the previous 3 years.

The training camp will cover:

- Specific skill-based drills
- Net sessions
- Umpiring & scoring
- A T20 match (or further net sessions)

**This camp will form part of the process for selecting the team that will be entered in the Year 9A grade.**

Players not able to attend will still be considered for selection for the 9A team based on known past performance and potential.

A player may attend part of the camp if they are unavailable to attend in its entirety. Players to bring:

- Playing Gear
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Lunch / Water bottle



## Sydenham Youth Cricket

**Registrations are now open!**

**Registrations are to be completed online**

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/59484a>

### Payment Details

Subs are \$190 for the 2024 calendar year (\$160 per player if more than one family member playing in the Youth / Junior section).

Payment options are specified in the PlayHQ registration link.

Payments can be made directly to: **Sydenham Cricket Club (Westpac) 030802-0095195-00**

When making a payment, please put PLAYER'S NAME as reference and advise our Treasurer Kevin Congdon by email to [treasurer@sydenhamcricket.com](mailto:treasurer@sydenhamcricket.com) of the amount paid.

**By registering your son (yourself if over 16) you acknowledge the following Agreement & Responsibilities**

- Information from registrations may be used by the club for any purpose it may have. This may include forwarding of name and addresses for representative selection, the compilation of clinics and for promotional purposes.
- I/my child declare that I/they am not currently registered with any other club and have been formally released if so in the past
- I/my child is aware of the objectives of New Zealand Cricket Inc and Canterbury Metro Cricket. In seeking to ensure that all grades of cricket are played the guidelines set out in the preamble to the "laws of cricket" entitled "The Spirit of Cricket". I have read and understand this document and agree to abide by the guidelines set down in it in all matches I/my child am involved with
- My child may have their image taken and this may be used to promote a personal, team or club result, match, performance in circulations made by the club.
- I acknowledge in playing for the club our obligation for full payment of my/my child's subscription on the basis selected above and that the club has the right to employ debt collectors to recovery any outstanding's debt
- Club Clothing (Playing Jersey / Hoodie) remain the property of the Club and will be returned when I/my son ceases to play for the Club.