



Founded in 1850

TAPLOW CRICKET CLUB COLTS

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WELCOME TO TAPLOW COLTS CRICKET



INTRODUCTION

Taplow Cricket Club is a friendly family orientated club based at an attractive ground at Ten Acres, at the top of Berry Hill, opposite Taplow Court. We have a Pavilion open to members every training night and during matches with a bar, pool table, and Sky TV, with a large terrace perfect for watching cricket on a warm

evening. (We also have a large Social membership available to families and friends who don't wish to demonstrate their playing skills).

We have a large flat pitch, (which is fast draining meaning fewer games getting abandoned due to rain), and a double bay artificial net next to the pavilion. The pitch is used extensively for junior matches most nights of the week and on weekend mornings. Adult matches are mostly held on weekend afternoons. Our pitch and pavilion are available for hire for events, for information please contact any committee member such as the colts chairman, Tim Bertram.

The playing membership ranges from under 10 colts (Basic introduction to cricket training from age 7 upwards) up to a few seasoned campaigners in their sixties! We've also been fortunate to have had assistance from some extremely talented overseas players here during the last few years.

For more details, please see our website at <http://www.taplowcricketclub.co.uk/>

HISTORY

Established in 1850 and located in Buckinghamshire, England, Taplow Cricket Club is a founder member of the Marrant Chilterns Cricket League. We have a large and thriving colts section and two senior teams playing various grades of cricket from the challenges of a highly competitive and enjoyable local league on Saturdays to the more relaxed and traditional image of friendly village cricket on Sundays.

ACCREDITATION

Running any youth organisation nowadays has to incorporate so many additional requirements. Cricket is no different and in 2005 Taplow adopted the England and Wales Cricket Board's (ECB) "Safe Hands Policy" and ensure all coaches and managers are Criminal Records Bureau checked. We operate under Community Amateur Sports Club status and are also currently working towards achieving Clubmark accreditation, to demonstrate that the club takes the issues of equity, ethics, management and most importantly, the safety of our colts very seriously.

The club has produced this leaflet to inform every parent/guardian what Taplow Cricket Club has to offer both you and your child. Furthermore, it gives guidance on safety equipment requirements.

If you feel that we have omitted anything please let us know.

WHAT WE OFFER

Taplow currently offer cricket (Coaching and playing) in the following age groups (subject to availability):

Under 10, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, and Under 17

Boys and Girls in age groups U12, U14 and U16 will play and train with the next age group up. As an inclusive club, we encourage girls and boys to participate in cricket, and welcome members with no previous experience.

OUR VIEW OF YOUTH CRICKET

We believe that our younger members are an essential part of Taplow Cricket Club, and are vital to the Club's present and future success. We aim to do all we can to encourage and include younger players and make them feel a valued part of the Club, irrespective of their age, gender or 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 in a safe environment, free from harassment, bullying or other risks.

OUR PRIORITIES

Our priorities for all aspects of youth cricket, including coaching, youth matches and adult matches involving youngsters, are:

- **The safety and welfare of the individual;**
- Enabling youngsters to enjoy the game;
- Coaching and encouraging younger players to help them develop their cricketing skills;
- Helping children to establish self-confidence, both on and off the field, and develop enthusiasm for the game of cricket;
- Make friends.

EXPECTATIONS

We expect youth members to behave in a reasonable and sociable way to others, including their peers, coaching staff and other youth and adult members. Likewise, all adults who have responsibility for youth cricket in any way at Taplow Cricket Club are expected to respect individuals and conduct themselves appropriately.

It is a policy of Taplow Cricket Club that ALL youth coaches and any others who might reasonably have contact with youth members have received clearance via the Criminal Records Bureau.

COACHING PROGRAMME

Coaching sessions will start with a warm-up and comprise a mixture of technique demonstration and practice, skill and fitness games and practice matches. Some coaching will be done using the nets and the bowling machine where appropriate.

Skills we aim to cover include:

- Fielding - techniques of retrieving, intercept and throwing
- Batting - repertoire of defensive and attacking strokes
- Bowling - bowling action plus introduction to spin and swing bowling

In addition, we will cover the basics of fielding positions, umpiring signals, laws of the game, club and cricket general knowledge and history.

LEAGUE + CUP MATCHES

To allow colts to experience competitive cricket, we have teams playing in the Under 17s Mid Bucks southern conference league and Cup, we also have teams in the Under 15s, Under 13s and Under 11s and U10s Bucks southern conference league and Cup and the Under 13s Julian cup competition.

Our Under 11s and U10s play Barrington rules cricket where colts get to bat in pairs and everyone gets a chance to bat and bowl equally. (For further details, please ask one of our coaches).

Most of these matches are held after school during the week, (though some are held on Sunday mornings), and are normally 20 overs a side.

We aim to give all players the opportunity to play in matches and colts will participate in both home and away fixtures. We regret that the club cannot provide transport to away games and ask for support from parents to share the transportation of Colts Players to away matches. (We generally meet at the Taplow ground prior to away matches to share lifts and check directions.)

Colts in the older age groups are also encouraged to put their names forward for selection to play Adult cricket on Saturdays and Sundays.

FRIENDLY MATCHES

When possible, we also try to organise friendly matches with neighbouring clubs, especially at the start of the season and for our younger players.

INDOOR NETS

Indoor nets start early in the year and are held in one of the local schools. This year, these will be held in St Pirans Preparatory School in Maidenhead on Sunday mornings and will be charged at £3 per session (payable at the door on registration).

OUTDOOR NETS

From around the end of April until the end of the summer term, practice sessions are held on Friday nights from 6:15 to 7:45pm (apart from the youngest age group which finish at 7:15pm). However, on balmy nights, it is not unheard of for the fun to continue!

Our Under 17s colts are also encouraged to train with our adult players on Tuesday nights from 6:00pm onwards.

EVENTS

The cricket season runs from May until July, and we like to hold an end of season presentation event for all Colts where we hold a knock-out completion for teams made up of colts from each age group as well as fun competitions and refreshments for all.

We also like to hold a series of social events during the year such as curry nights, quiz and fun nights, and welcome help organizing these - please see notices in the clubhouse.

EQUIPMENT

We have all the cricket equipment necessary, however each boy should provide his own abdominal protector (box) for hygiene reasons. These are inexpensive and available from most sports shops. Colts should bring their abdominal protector to all practices and matches, (and ensure that they wear proper cricket "pants", a jock strap or underpants tight enough so their boxes don't slip out when they run).

For matches, colts need trainers, long trousers, a white shirt and a sun hat. Should the weather prove chilly they might also like to wear a jumper but please ensure names are clearly marked inside.

Helmets are compulsory in all matches and the club maintain a set available for use during colts matches and training sessions, though any colt playing senior cricket should provide their own.

Where colts chose to bring their own kit such as bats, balls, or helmets - please ensure all items are clearly marked with the colt's name. Unclaimed lost property we cannot return will end up in the team kit bags!

Taplow cricket whites can be purchased from School Days Direct on the Bath Road in Taplow (opposite Sainsbury's). They also have the facility to embroider kit with the Club's logo. The club has negotiated exceptionally keen prices eg Youth cricket shirt £11 with embroidered logo (2009 price). Extra Time Sports on Burnham High Street has offered 10% discount to club members. We also welcome donations of unwanted equipment (i.e. not intended to be handed down to younger children).

REGISTRATION

Each child **must** register prior to participation in any training sessions and matches. It only takes a few seconds once your details have been entered into our system. It is also imperative that each colt completes an ECB registration form and ensures all contact details are kept up to date in case of emergency.

SAFETY AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Safety during coaching sessions and matches is paramount. We ask all parents to ensure their children wear the necessary protective equipment. Not only does this enable the game to be played safely, but it also increases the enjoyment of the game and promotes greater confidence.

We provide a full kit bag of protective gear for each team and all coaches can provide guidance on additional protective and other equipment if required.

As a minimum, you need to wear:

- Abdominal protector ("box") plus briefs or jock -strap (boys only);
- Trainers with good grip
- Long sports trousers/tracksuit bottoms
- Long-sleeved shirt
- Baseball-style or cricket hat

The Club adheres to the safety guidance issued by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) on the wearing of safety helmets and fielding regulations and fast bowling directives.

We will be using soft balls for younger age groups for coaching, although a hard ball will be used for older age groups.

We suggest all youth players bring their own drink, water or soft (not fizzy) drink with them to matches as bar facilities will not always be available.

Parents/guardians are asked to ensure that coaches and managers are made aware before coaching sessions or matches of any medical condition which might affect their child's performance, or of any injury which may prevent a child from taking part in elements of coaching (e.g. sprain). All persistent medical conditions should be entered on the ECB registration form when joining the club or when the condition first manifests.

Whilst we welcome younger children to the pavilion on practice and match nights, we must point out that potential dangers and request all parents ensure their children do not venture near the car park or cricket nets when they are in use and are mindful of the long ball!

AGE GROUPS

Age groups are based on age at midnight on 31 August in the year proceeding the relevant season. For reasons of membership for the 2010 season, Colts in the U12 agegroup will train and play with the U13s and those in the U14 age group will train and play with the U15s. U16s will train and play with the U17s.

For ages U9 and below training and squads will depend on ability and progression through skills. If boys and girls are good enough they will train with the U10s using a hard cricket ball. Progression to Hard ball training is solely at the discretion of the coaches for safety reasons. All children in the Hard ball squads are expected to train and play in cricket whites.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We charge an annual Colts Membership fee covering all training sessions, communal equipment, pitch preparation, and colts match fees as well as membership of the club house for the colt and immediate family, payable before 31st May each year by cash, cheque or bank transfer. For the 2010 season, our annual Colts Membership fee is £50. This includes two social non playing memberships for the parents and allows use of the clubhouse on any open night. Additional siblings are charged at £25 for the season.

CONTACTS

The main Colts contacts are as follows:

Chairman: Tim Bertram 01628 780648 tcabertram@hotmail.com

Membership: TBA

U17 manager: Steve Vinden 01628 523905/ Steve Jones 01628 625037

U15 manager: Phil Kokk 01628 788520/ Lewis Fisher 01628 662184

U13 manager: Simon Derry 01628 520227

U11 manager: Tim Bertram 01628 780648

U10 manager: Alastair Hill 01628 631433

Club Welfare Officer: Mrs Di Mills (Contact details in Club Pavilion)

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INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH YOUTH CRICKET?

We always need and welcome additional help in running our youth coaching and youth matches. Each squad requires a manager to organize the teams, and every match requires an umpire and scorer. We provide all the training and support needed.

We are also always looking for willing volunteers to act as coaches and coaching assistants, and offer ECB coaching courses in the winter months for anyone wishing to take a formal coaching qualification.

We do require that anyone helping with youth cricket has received Criminal Records Bureau clearance, but this is straightforward and our Chairman or Club Welfare Officer can give advice on this.

As well as helping our younger members develop their skills, helping to run the colts section is a great way to get involved with the Club and make new friends. If you have any questions please come and talk to Nick at any practice night or phone after 6:00pm on 01628 637639.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS

Taplow Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with Di Mills, our Club Welfare Officer. As a member of Taplow Cricket Club you are expected to abide by the following junior code of conduct:

- All members must play within the rules of the Club and the ECB and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must pay all fees and complete registration promptly.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.