



Leichhardt Wanderers Cricket Club

Coaches & Managers
Briefing 2024-25



Welcome to season 2024-25!



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We are Leichhardt Wanderers Through and Through!



Season calendar - playing



- IWHJCA competitions & Junior Blasters:
 - ✍ Saturday 19th October - competitions commence
 - ✍ Saturday 14th December - last round before summer break
 - ✍ Saturday 1st February - junior competitions resume
 - ✍ Saturday 22nd March - final playing date
- Sixers Cricket League competitions (two competitions, Spring & Summer):
 - ✍ Sat 19th / Sun 20th October - Spring comp commences
 - ✍ Sat 14th / Sun 15th December - Spring comp final playing date
 - ✍ Sat 1st / Sun 2nd February - Summer comp commences
 - ✍ Sat 22nd / Sun 23rd March - Summer comp final playing date
- WHCCA competition (seniors):
 - ✍ Saturday 28th September - competitions commence
 - ✍ Saturday 14th December - last round before summer break
 - ✍ Saturday 1st February - junior competitions resume
 - ✍ Saturday 22nd March - final playing date



Season calendar - events



- Friday 11th October - welcome BBQ, uniform & kit collection/sales @ Blackmore
- Friday 18th October - additional uniform & kit collection/sales @ Blackmore

Planned events:

- Wayward beer tasting evening & beer sales (late Nov / early Dec)
- Junior club presentation evening @ Blackmore clubhouse (late April)
- Zoom information session: representative cricket & transitioning beyond junior cricket
- Zoom information session: introduction to e-scoring through PlayHQ
- 'Summer Fridays': weekly BBQ & beverages @ Blackmore clubhouse, coinciding with juniors training. Merch & uniform sales available.
- **Please support your club - attendance is key! Share our events & encourage your teams!**



Junior team summary



Team	Competition	Stage	Training	Coach	Manager
U10 Black	IWHJCA	1	Thurs 5-6pm	Adam Rawson	Jill Rawson
U10 Red	IWHJCA	1	Weds 6-7pm	Chris Bigg	
U10 White	IWHJCA	1	Tues 5-6pm	Brenton Gadsby	
U11 Black	IWHJCA	1	Weds 5-6pm	Craig Collier	
U11 Gold	IWHJCA	1	Thurs 5-6pm	Steve Gilbert-Davis	
U11 Red	IWHJCA	1	Tues 5-6pm	Michael Bastick	Michael Tilgals
U11 White	IWHJCA	1	Tues 6-7pm	Tim Sparks / Ben Sharkey	Soto Shen
U11 Girls	SCL	1	Thurs 6-7pm	Daniel Moore	
U12 Gold	IWHJCA	2	Weds 5-6pm	Jimi Green	James Lawrence
U12 Red	IWHJCA	2	Tues 6-7pm	Daniel Fitzpatrick	Dorny Mayes
U13 Red	IWHJCA	2	Weds 5-6pm	Dylan Craddock	Hillary O'Dwyer / Emily Blyth
U13 Black	IWHJCA	2	Weds 6-7pm	Michael Rohanek / Harish Auti	David Starkoff
U13 White	IWHJCA	2	Tues 6-7pm	Chris Hudson / Bill Lezes	Gabby Russell
U13 Girls	SCL	2	Thurs 6-7pm	Ben Williams	Christine Hawkins
U15 Gold	SCL	3	Fri 6-7pm	Scott Seymour	Kate Day
U15 White	IWHJCA	3	Fri 5-6pm	James Mabbott / Adrian Russell	Bronwyn Evans
U15 Girls	SCL	3		Chris Fogarty	Barry Rhodes
U17 Black	SCL (turf)	3	Weds 6-7pm	Tony Kelly	Brian Stout
U17 White	SCL (turf)	3	Fri 6-7pm	Ian Aitchison / Gregor Aitchison	Chris Latchford
U8 Black	Blasters	CB	Thurs 5-6pm (Cohen)	David Lloyd	
U8 Red	Blasters	CB	Tues 5-6pm	Andrew Dome	
U9 Black	Blasters	CB	Fri 5-6pm	Nik Warmderdam	Emma Huts
U9 Red	Blasters	CB	Thurs 5-6pm	Albert Eicholzer	
U9 White	Blasters	CB	Weds 5-6pm (Cohen)	Gopal Venkataraman	
B Grade	WHCCA	AA	Thurs 5:30-7pm (Timbrell)	Laurie Wallis	N/A
D Grade	WHCCA	AA	Thurs 5:30-7pm (Timbrell)	Adam Ferguson	N/A



Training schedule



Team	Coach(es)	Ground	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
U11 Red	Michael Bastick	Blackmore	5-6pm			
U10 White	Brenton Gadsby	Blackmore	5-6pm			
U11 White	Tim Sparks / Ben Sharkey	Blackmore	6-7pm			
U12 Red	Daniel Fitzpatrick	Blackmore	6-7pm			
U13 White	Chris Hudson / Bill Lezes	Blackmore	6-7pm			
U11 Black	Craig Collier	Blackmore		5-6pm		
U12 Gold	Jimi Green	Blackmore		5-6pm		
U13 Red	Dylan Craddock	Blackmore		5-6pm		
U10 Red	Chris Bigg	Blackmore		6-7pm		
U13 Black	Michael Rohanek / Harish Auti	Blackmore		6-7pm		
U17 Black	Tony Kelly	Blackmore		6-7pm		
U9 White	Gopal Venkataraman	Cohen		5-6pm		
U8 Red	Andrew Dome	Blackmore			5-6pm	
U9 Red	Albert Eicholzer	Blackmore			5-6pm	
U10 Black	Adam Rawson	Blackmore			5-6pm	
U11 Gold	Steve Gilbert-Davis	Blackmore			5-6pm	
U11 Girls	Daniel Moore	Blackmore			6-7pm	
U13 Girls	Ben Williams	Blackmore			6-7pm	
U8 Black	David Lloyd	Cohen			5-6pm	
B Grade	Laurie Wallis	Timbrell			5:30-7pm	
D Grade	Adam Ferguson	Timbrell			5:30-7pm	
U9 Black	Nik Warmerdam	Blackmore*				5-6pm*
U15 White	James Mabbott / Adrian Russell	Blackmore				5-6pm
U15 Gold	Scott Seymour	Blackmore				6-7pm
U17 White	Ian Aitchison / Gregor Aitchison	Blackmore				6-7pm
U15 Girls	Chris Fogarty					

**to be confirmed*

- Strong expectation of teams sharing / alternating between nets and outfield from week to week.
- Please openly communicate with your fellow coaches & teams - we are all Wanderers!
- Back up options at Timbrell Reserve and Cohen Park if required, please contact.
- Regular Friday afternoons - everyone encouraged to come for a drink & BBQ at Blackmore clubhouse.

Spirit of cricket

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also **within the Spirit of Cricket**. The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, match officials and, **especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents**.

Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.

- ➊ Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.
- ➋ Play hard and play fair.
- ➌ Accept the umpire's decision.
- ➍ Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct, and encourage others to do likewise.
- ➎ Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.
- ➏ Congratulate the opposition on their successes, and enjoy those of your own team.
- ➐ Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.

MCC - The Laws of Cricket (2017 Code 3rd Edition - 2022)










Many volunteers make a team



- **An 'evolution' of community club-level coaching.**
- Managers:
 - ✦ Set up a WhatsApp group for all parents
 - ✦ Publish game details during the week: time, location/map, etc.
 - ✦ Manage player attendance for games, arrange a scorer, umpire, etc.
- Scorers:
 - ✦ Paper scoring and e-scoring required (depending on home/away)
 - ✦ E-scoring guides for PlayHQ are online (refer to **LWCC Cricket Hub**), plus e-scoring courses.
- Trainers / 'net captains':
 - ✦ *Anyone* can help at training/games: parents/guardians, older siblings; no cricket experience required!
 - ✦ Help keep the focus, e.g. "next bowler up" in the nets, throwing/hitting balls in the field, timing batter rotation, batter 'throw downs' at games, running stretches/warm-ups, general 'wrangling', etc.
 - ✦ Aim is to allow coaches to focus on coaching and skill development, which often requires some one-on-one time with individual players.
- Umpires - for junior teams, no qualifications necessary, just read the rules sheet for your format.
- Coaches:
 - ✦ Every team needs an appointed coach to be able to record games in PlayHQ.
 - ✦ **All coaches need a valid Working With Children certification (which is free through Service NSW).**

Playing formats - IWHJCA








Competition	Blast	Blast	Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 2	Stage 3
Overs	T12	T12	T20	T20	T30	T30	T30
Ball	Blast ball	Soft plastic	142g mod	142g leather	142g leather	142g leather	156g leather
Day / Time	Sat 8:30 60 min	Sat 8:30 60 min	Sat 10am 130 min	Sat 10am 130 min	Sat 8am 190 min	Sat 2pm 190 min	Sat 2pm 190 min
IWHJCA U8 Mixed							
IWHJCA U9 Mixed							
IWHJCA U10 Mixed							
IWHJCA U11 Mixed							
IWHJCA U12 Mixed							
IWHJCA U13 Mixed							
IWHJCA U15 Mixed							



Playing formats - Sixers Cricket



Competition	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 3	Stage 3
Overs	T20	T20	T20	T32	T32
Ball	130g mod	142g leather	142g leather	156g leather	156g leather (4)
Day / Time	Sat 2pm 130 min	Sat 2pm 130 min	Sat 2pm 130 min	Sun 8:30 210 min	Sun 1:15 210 min
SCL U11 Girls (Sat)					
SCL U13 Girls (Sat)					
SCL U15 Girls (Sat)					
SCL U15 Mixed (Sun)					
SCL U17 Mixed (Sun)					

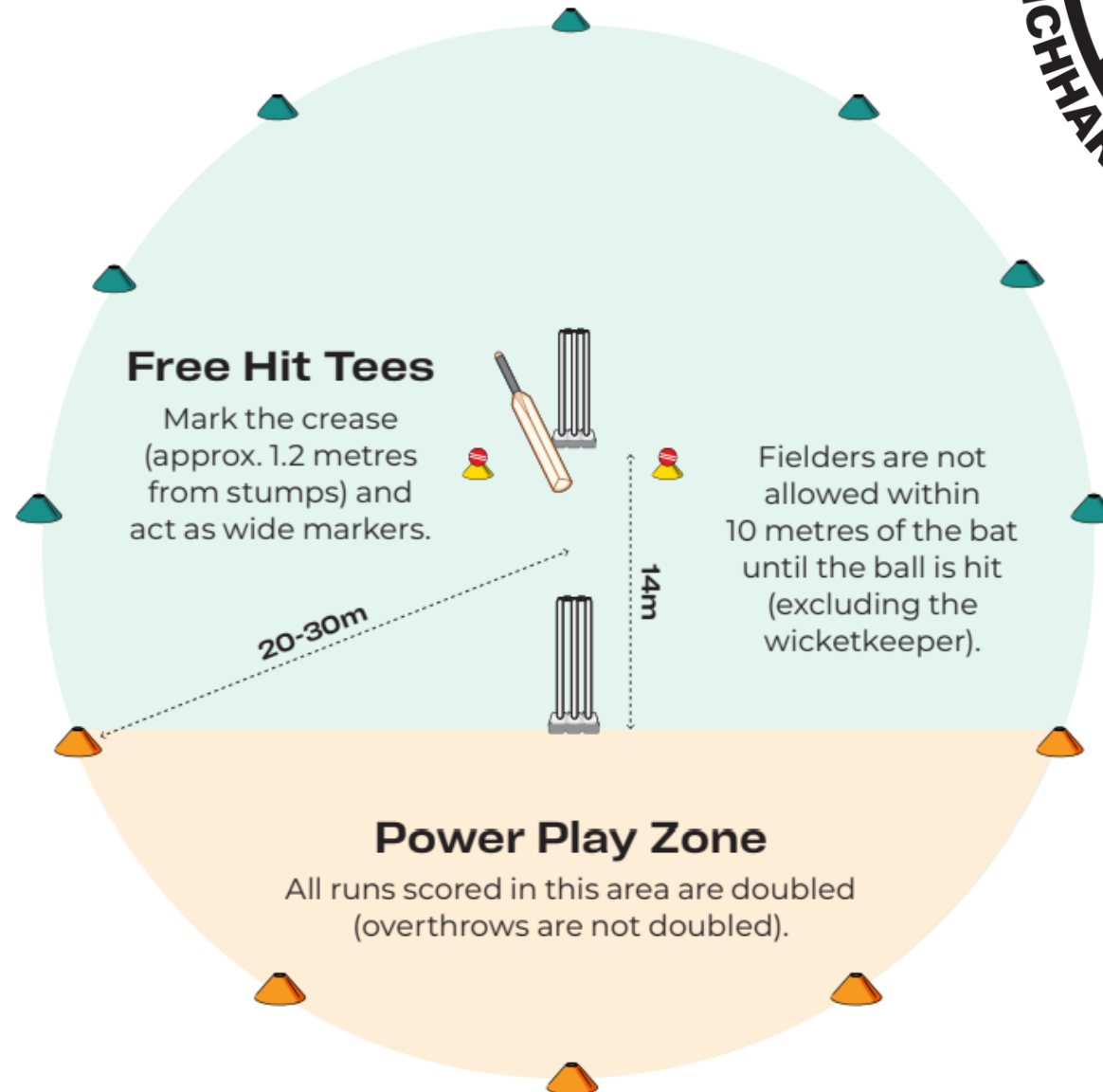


Playing formats - Blasters



BLASTERS OVERVIEW

Players	6 per team
Overs	12 per innings
Duration	60-75 mins
Pitch Length	14m (stump to stump)
Boundary	20m - 30m (adjusted for skill level)
Ball	Blast Ball / Kookaburra Softaball
Bowling / Fielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowl all overs from one end • After each over, fielding team rotates in a circular formation • No fielders within 10m of batter • No balls / wides not re-bowled (<i>one free hit from tee</i>) • No balls: cannot be hit because bounced too many times / rolling, above waist height on full. • Wickets = 5 bonus runs to bowling team
Batting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batters in pairs for 4 overs • Batters swap ends when dismissed or at end of over • Batters swap ends if a batter faces 3 balls in a row • Umpires to ensure each batter faces <i>approx.</i> 12 balls each • No LBW • Power Play Zone = double runs



Stage 1 overview



Players	7 per team
Overs	20 per innings
Duration	~130 mins (2 hours + 10 mins)
Pitch Length	18m (stump to stump)
Boundary	30m / 35m (max.)
Ball	142g mod (U10) / 142g leather (U11)
Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max. 7 players on field at once • Max. 9 players in team (rec.) • Min. 5 players
Batting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 9 players may bat • Number of balls each batter will face = balls in innings / number of batters • All balls count towards batter's ball count (inc. no balls / wides) • Unlimited dismissals (swap ends) - 4 runs added to bowling team score • No LBW • Batters swap ends after each over

Bowling

- Max. 6 balls per over
- No balls / wides not re-bowled (no free hits)
- All players must bowl at least one over (up to 9 players)
- Max. 4 overs per bowler
- No bowler to bowl more than 1 over more than any other player
- Cannot bowl consecutive overs
- Bowl all overs from one end
- **No ball = bounce more than once before popping crease**

Fielding

- Wicket keeper change at 10 overs
- Rotation of fielders recommended
- No fielders within 15m of batter
- Only 2 fielders behind popping crease on leg side (exc. keeper)
- **Max difference of 1 fielder either side of wicket (off vs on)**



Note: minor differences between IWHJCA & SCL rules formats – refer to **Cricket Hub**

Protective Equipment

- The following is **compulsory** for all batters and wicket keepers:
 - Helmet
 - Pads
 - Batting / wicket keeping gloves
 - Protector / box (males)

Stage 2 overview



Players	9 per team
Overs	30 per innings
Duration	~190 mins (3 hours + 10 mins)
Pitch Length	18m (stump to stump)
Boundary	45m (max. & rec.) / 35m (min.)
Ball	142g leather
Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max. 9 players on field at once • Max. 11 players in team (rec.) • Min. 7 players
Batting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 11 players may bat • Batters are dismissed - max 8. wickets per innings* • Retirement based on ball count • All balls count towards batter's ball count (inc. no balls / wides) • All modes of dismissal (inc. LBW) • Batting team umpire to stand at bowler's end for innings • Retired batters can return in order they retired (no ball limits from then)*

Bowling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 ball overs (max. 8 balls) • Max. 2 no balls & wides re-bowled (last over requires 6 legal balls) • All players must bowl 2 overs min. and 5 overs max. • No bowler to bowl a 5th over until all players have bowled 2 min. • 9 or less = all players must bowl 9 or more = all players bowl, WK opt. • Cannot bowl consecutive overs • Bowl all overs from one end then change ends after 15 overs • No ball = bounce more than once before popping crease
Fielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wicket keeper change at 15 overs • Rotation of fielders recommended • No fielders within 10m of batter (except off side slips, gully, WK). • Only 2 fielders behind popping crease on leg side (exc. keeper)

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Protective Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following is compulsory for all batters and wicket keepers: • Helmet • Pads • Batting / wicket keeping gloves • Protector / box (males)
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Stage 3 overview



Players	11 per team
Overs	30 per innings
Duration	~190 mins (3 hours + 10 mins)
Pitch Length	20.1m (standard pitch, stump to stump)
Boundary	50m (max. & rec.) / 40m (min.)
Ball	156g leather
Umpire	1x umpire supplied by each team, umpires rotate bowler's end each over
Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max. 11 players on field at once • Max. 13 players in team (rec.), 11 may bat, 11 may bowl • Min. 7 players
Batting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batter may be retired once they have faced no less than 30 balls • Compulsory retirement at 60 balls or 50 runs • All modes of dismissal (inc. LBW) • Batting team umpire to stand at bowler's end for innings • Retired batters can return in order they retired (no ball limits from then)

Bowling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 ball overs • All no balls & wides are re-bowled • Minimum of 5 players to bowl • Maximum of 4 over spells • Maximum of 6 overs per bowler • Cannot bowl consecutive overs • Bowl all overs from one end then change ends after 15 overs
Fielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotation of fielders recommended • No fielders within 10m of batter (except off side slips, gully, WK). • Only 2 fielders behind popping crease on leg side (exc. keeper)

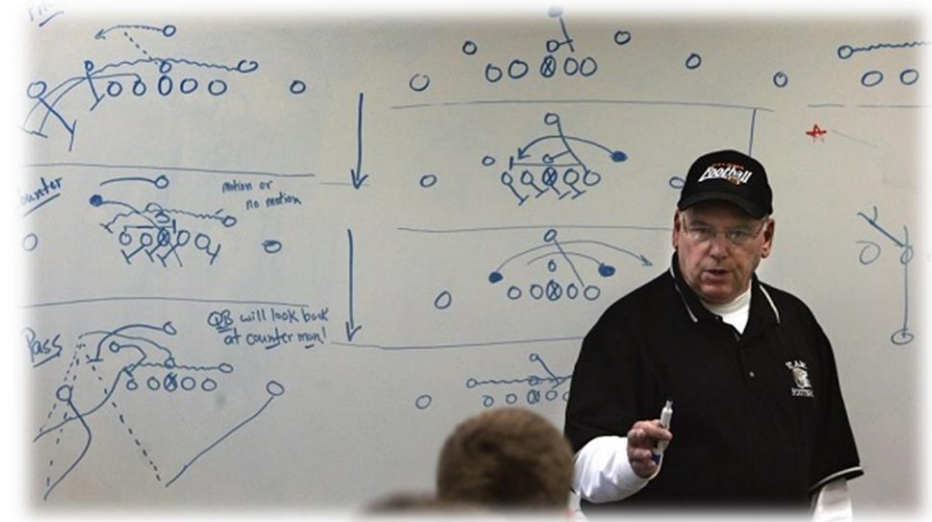
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Protective Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following is compulsory for all batters and wicket keepers: • Helmet • Pads • Batting / wicket keeping gloves • Protector / box (males)
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Game day tips



- 📌 **It's all about kids, not parents! Set the example.**
- 📌 **Be positive, be patient. Train how you want to play!**
- 📌 LWCC junior incidents:
 - ✍ 2023-24 tally = zero
 - ✍ 2024-25 target = zero!
- 📌 Blasters & junior cricket is all about rotation, balance and an equal go for all players, regardless of skill.
- 📌 Coaches to use their judgement to balance "match ups", e.g. play a stronger batting pair against stronger bowlers and vice versa.
- 📌 Aids with fostering enjoyment for all players in their initial years playing cricket - we want kids to enjoy the game, so they come back for more!
- 📌 **CA Coach & CA Junior Cricket** apps recommended.



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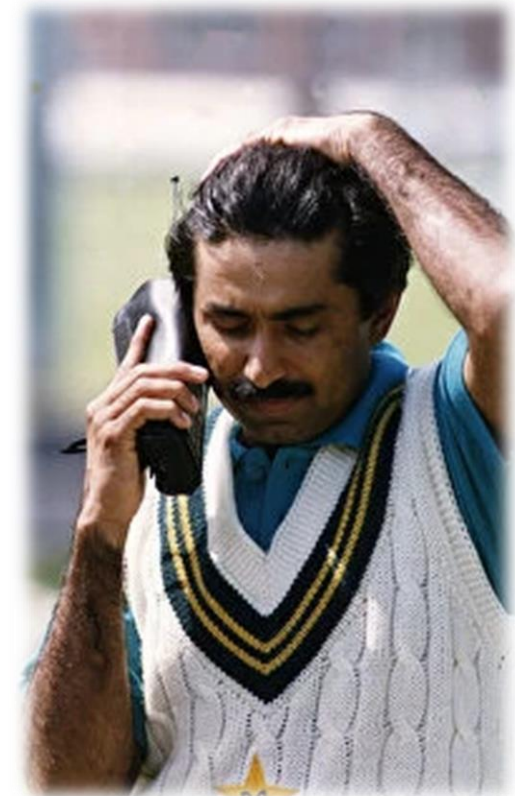
- Communication is key!
 - ✦ Pre-game – talk through rules with opposing coach / umpire
 - ✦ Use chalk / tape to mark creases and guide markers for wides
 - ✦ *Typically*, with younger age groups, bowlers are initially given warnings for front foot no balls, before no balls are called for subsequent deliveries (agree with other team pre-game)
 - ✦ Aim for consistency between innings
- Dismissals:
 - ✦ Batting team umpire to stand at bowler's end for duration of innings
 - ✦ LBW decisions should be plum, give benefit of the doubt to batter
- Weather:
 - ✦ Extreme heat policy on **Cricket Hub** – please refer.
 - ✦ Rain – unless formally cancelled prior, everyone needs to show up to the ground during wet weather, expecting to play.
 - ✦ Teams/coaches to assess conditions and use discretion to mutually agree to call off play if there is **any risk of injury or danger** (e.g. lightning).



Communication & resources



- Coaches & managers **WhatsApp** group - please ensure you're added!
- Weekly **newsletter**:
 - ✦ Brief match reports / highlights encouraged weekly
 - ✦ Season honour roll - featured every week for the season:
 - ✦ Bowling: 5-wicket hauls
 - ✦ Batting: 50s & 100s
 - ✦ Fielding: 3x catches, run outs and/or stumpings
- **www.leichhardtcricquet.com** → **Cricket Hub**:
 - ✦ Playing format cheat sheets & competition rules
 - ✦ PlayHQ e-scoring guides & paper scoring guides
 - ✦ Season calendar
 - ✦ Other useful resources, e.g. equipment guide, volunteer guide, ground maps, club policies, fielding position guide, etc.
- Social media → please support your club and give us a follow!
 - ✦ **Instagram**
 - ✦ **Facebook**





Leichhardt Wanderers Cricket Club



Cricket Hub

The **LWCC Cricket Hub** is filled with all the useful resources & documents that may be required for coaches, managers, scorers, parents, players and other volunteers.

You will find general resources such as equipment guides, fielding positions and our policy documents, as well as all of the rules and laws for the various competitions and playing formats.

If there's anything useful that you feel is missing, please get in touch and let us know!

[Contact Us](#)

General Cricket Resources

[Equipment Checklist \(U10s & older\)](#)[Team Volunteers - Guide to Roles & Responsibilities](#)

Scoring Resources

[PlayHQ E-Scoring Quick Reference Guide](#)[PlayHQ Cricket E-Scoring Booklet](#)[Cricket NSW Paper Scoring Summary Sheet](#)

Cricket Blast - Resources

[Blast Format & Rules](#)[Blast Score Sheets](#)

Inner West Harbour Junior Cricket Association - Resources

[By Laws 2024](#)[Stage 1 Playing Conditions 2024-25 \(U10 & U11\)](#)[Stage 2 Playing Conditions 2024-25 \(U12 & U13\)](#)[Stage 3 Playing Conditions 2024-25 \(U15\)](#)[Cricket Blast Playing Format 2024-25 \(U8 & U9\)](#)[Notes for Umpires & Scorers](#)[Methods of Dismissal](#)[Match Timing Guidelines](#)

Child safety



- ② **Everyone in this room is responsible for looking out for the safety of children and young people.**
- ② Our club has made a commitment to children and young people and their parents/guardians to provide a safe physical and online environment for all children and young people.
- ② Coaches, junior coordinators and Blast coordinators engage most frequently with children and young people. You need to follow our Code of Behaviour and look out for the safety of junior members.
- ② Appropriate documentation regarding child safety and our policies is available at **www.leichhardtcricket.com** → **Cricket Hub**:
 - ✦ *Cricket NSW's Fair Play Declaration (signed by LWCC)*
 - ✦ *Cricket NSW's Code of Conduct Procedures*
 - ✦ *Australian Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People*

Contact information - cricket



- **We are here to support you!**

- ✦ E-mail: leichhardtcricquet@gmail.com

- Cricket committee:

- ✦ Chris Hudson - *President* (0423 969 844)
 - ✦ Gabby Russell - *Registrar* (0422 957 066)
 - ✦ Christine Hawkins
 - ✦ Brian Stout
 - ✦ Krishna Ghosh - *Child Safety Officer*
 - ✦ Adrian Russell

- Friday blast program co-ordinator:

- ✦ Mudge Wakeling

- Seniors cricket co-ordinators:

- ✦ Adam Ferguson & Laurie Wallis



Represent your club!

🔴 New merchandise now available! Order through **PlayHQ** → **Shop**.



Puzzled? Q&A time!

