



Northern Counties Cricket Club

JUNIOR SECTION WELCOME PACK

We Don't Like Cricket...We Love it !!!!



**CRICKET
SCOTLAND**

United

Dynamic

Integrity

Determined

Inclusive

Excellence

A Warm Welcome To Northern Counties C.C.

The aim of this pack is to provide parents and players, both new and existing, with information about the club, the coaching and what you and your children can expect.



2023 Training Dates & Times



Training for children is held at the following times at The Northern Meeting Park, Ardross Street, Inverness

| Team Name/Age Group: | Dates: | Times: | Team Contact |
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|  Bobcats for 5 to 8yrs | Tuesdays, 18th April – 20th June | 16:30 - 17.30 | Abbi Thorp, abbithorp@aol.co.uk |
|  Junior Wildcats for 9 to 14yrs | Tuesdays, 18th April - September | 16:30 - 18:00 | Jon Ford, jonrebeg@hotmail.co.uk |
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Meet some of the Club Family

As with most sports clubs, Northern Counties Cricket Club is run by volunteers. These people are players, parents and supporters who give their time to ensure children benefit. They administer the club, conduct the coaching and help transport children to activities and games. **We don't always dress like this!!**



Club Executives:

President... Jon Ford

jonrebeg@hotmail.co.uk

Secretary... Alison Pacey

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Treasurer... Matthew Latimer

Junior Coordinator... Abbi Thorp

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1st Team Team Captain Will Ford

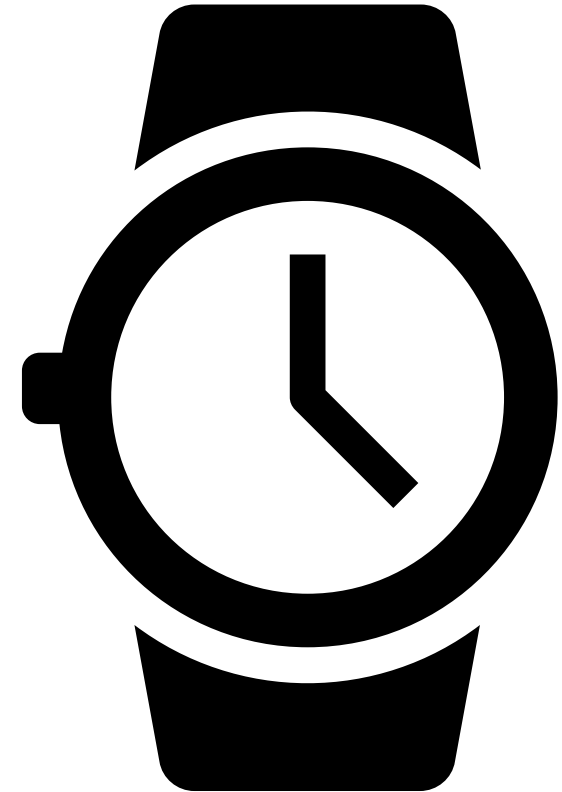
Pick Up & Drop Off

▶ Drop Off/Pick Up Times

Training starts at 16.30 and ends at 17.30 or 18.00. Coaches are setting up and are not able to be available to supervise children dropped off earlier than 16.15. Late arrival causes disruption and affects the quality of training, however, we understand situations can arise.

▶ Children must be collected at the end of the session promptly and where parents/carers are happy to allow their children to make their own way home, the coach should be informed in advance.

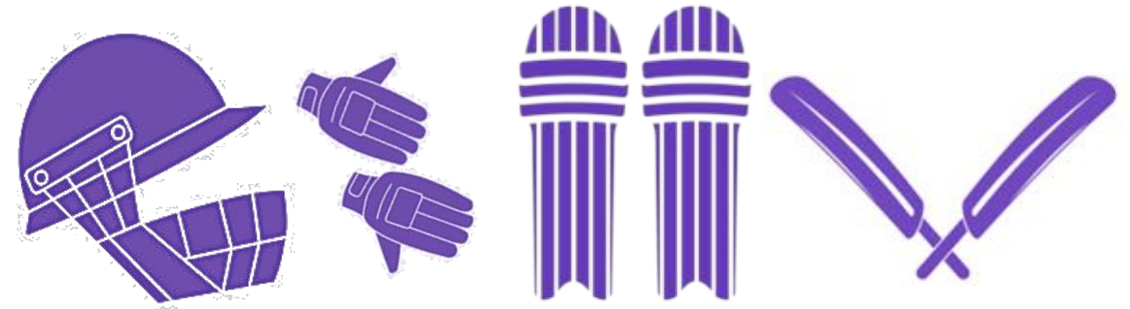
▶ If you are running behind for pick-up, please notify the contact listed on the previous page via the Whatsapp group as soon as possible.



Equipment and Protection

Our junior members are welcome to train in whatever they feel comfortable in, as long as it is safe. This generally means comfortable fitting clothing and closed toes trainers/shoes.

We also have NCCC training and playing kit that can be viewed and ordered at <https://www.klasklothing.co.uk/products/sports-club-shops/northern-counties-cricket-club>



We aim to provide club equipment that members can borrow at our sessions.

Our Junior Wildcats and Bobcats all play with a soft ball but as they progress towards senior cricket they will be introduced to and play with a hard ball. This is a significant step and we will ensure that this transition is carried out safely and at the child's pace.

Although we aim to have a functional range of pads, gloves, bats and helmets for our members to access (with the necessary sanitisation protocols in place), abdominal protectors cannot be shared. Members wishing to use these must bring their own.

Communication & Social Media

- ▶ You will have received a “**Partnership with Parents**” form. We ask that you complete this promptly and return it to one of the coaches.

This information is needed so that we know who to contact in case of emergency, if there are any medical conditions that we need to be aware of and various permissions that we need amongst other necessary information.

This information is not shared with any third party and is stored securely.

We use Whatsapp to communicate amongst parents on a day to day basis. Our Facebook page -<https://www.facebook.com/NorthernCountiesCricketClub> - is our “magazine” and gives up to date information for all club matters

Our Website - www.invernesscricket.co.uk - is our “Reference Library” and can be used to browse our club policies, constitution, fixtures, match reports etc

Putting A Face To The Name

1st team captain and lead coach
Will' Ford



Fav ourite Superhero: The Hulk
Fav ourite Subject: PE
Food I Like: Steak

Contact Details...



w.ford137@me.com

CWPO...Jon Ford



Fav ourite Superhero: Spiderman
Fav ourite Subject: Any Science
Food I Like: Pasta or beans on
toast!

Contact Details...



jonrebeg@hotmail.co.uk

Junior Coordinator - Abbi Thorp



Fav ourite Superhero: Supergirl
Fav ourite Subject: PE
Food I Like: Chocolate.

Contact Details...



abbithorp@aol.co.uk

Child Wellbeing & Protection Policy Statement

Northern Counties Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding, promoting and supporting the protection and wellbeing of all children in our care. We recognise our responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation. We embrace difference and diversity and respect the rights of all children and young people. Everyone at the Club will be made aware of the policies and procedures in place to protect children in our care and to promote their wellbeing.

Underpinning principles:

1. A child is recognised as someone under the age of 18
2. A child has the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of sporting activities
3. The protection and wellbeing of all children in our care is everyone's responsibility
4. A child, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socioeconomic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity has the right to protection from all forms of harm and abuse
5. A child has the right to express views on all matters that affect them, should they wish to do so
6. A child's rights, wishes and feelings should be respected and promoted
7. The best way to promote the wellbeing, health and development of a child is to work in partnership with the child, parents/carer's and other relevant organisations

Child Wellbeing & Protection Policy Statement

To keep children safe in our Club we will:

- Promote the wellbeing of children through opportunities to take part in cricket safely
 - Put in place policies and procedures to promote the wellbeing and protection of children
 - Have a Club Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer
- Recruit, train and support our cricket volunteers/staff to prioritise the wellbeing of children who take part in our activities and protect them from harm
- Require our cricket volunteers/staff to adopt and abide by the child protection policy and procedures including the Code of Conduct for working with children
 - Respond to any child wellbeing or protection concerns in line with our policy and procedures.
 - Monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of the child wellbeing and protection policy and procedures regularly If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of a child at our Club, please do not hesitate to contact the Club Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer (CWPO)



For more information on our Child Wellbeing and Protection Policy contact the club CWPO



Northern Counties Cricket Club requires all members and players to observe the following standards of practice, including verbal and non-verbal actions when involved in activities with children. All concerns about a breach of these Codes of Conduct will be taken seriously and responded to in line with our Club Procedures for Responding to Concerns about Child Abuse.

Northern Counties C.C. - Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct - Our Promise To You

Northern Counties coaches and volunteers will embody Good Practice towards all its junior members by...



...being role models – welcoming, positive, encouraging and respectful



...making cricket fun, enjoyable and promote fair play



...implementing and championing Club Safe in Cricket Guidelines



...treating all children equally, with respect, dignity and fairness



...involving parents/carers wherever possible



...building balanced relationships based on mutual trust

Code of Conduct - Our Promise To You

Northern Counties coaches and volunteers will embody Good Practice towards all its junior members by...



...including children in the decision-making process whenever possible



...working with children in a public place, wherever possible



...putting the wellbeing of each child first before winning or achieving



...giving enthusiastic and constructive feedback



...recognizing the developmental needs and capacity of children



...challenging instances of poor practice, abuse or bullying

Code of Conduct – What's Not Accepted

Unacceptable practice within our club includes...



...putting excessive pressure on children, pushing children against their will



...giving only negative feedback



...unequal treatment that could lead to resentment, jealousy or misinterpretation



...taking photographs without the appropriate consent



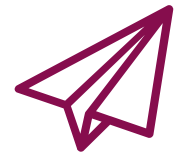
...spending a lot of time alone with children away from others



...assisting with bathing or dressing tasks that children can do for themselves



...smoking, drinking alcohol, misuse of illegal substances or the use of foul or offensive language



...failing to pass on a disclosure from a child about potential abuse

Code of Conduct – What's Not Accepted

Unacceptable practice within our club includes...



...inviting or allowing children to stay with you at your home or sharing a bedroom alone with a child



...allowing allegations or observations of bullying or abuse to go unchallenged, unrecorded or not acted on



...touching a child in a sexually suggestive way, playing sexually provocative games or making sexually suggestive comments to a child, even in fun



...threatening, coercing or bullying a child or deliberately reducing a child to tears as a form of control



...unofficial communication with a child through telephone or social media



...forming intimate emotional, physical or sexual relationships with children



...allowing the use of swearing, sexualised, racist or homophobic language by staff/volunteers or children



...rough physical contact or games between adults and children

General Information

Northern Counties Cricket Club provides opportunities for all young people, their parents and volunteers to become involved in cricket.

The club encourages fun, participation, sportsmanship and the social aspects of sport to anyone interested in participating. All we ask in return is that you respect the other members of the club, other teams and officials who support the game.

Northern Counties Cricket Club is part of Cricket Scotland, the National Governing Body of the sport. Our juniors currently play friendly fixtures against other, similar age group, North of Scotland Cricket Association (NoSCA) teams.

We have been generously supported by the following organisations: The Cricket Development Trust, The National Lottery Community Fund, Scotmid, HBS Ring, Monsternet, Teclan, NoSCA, Aldi and Team Tutors. Thank You.



Further Information and Support



NCCC Child Protection Policy : <https://www.invernesscricket.co.uk/policies/child-protection-policy/>

NCCC Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthernCountiesCricketClub>

NCCC Website : www.invernesscricket.co.uk

Cricket Scotland - <http://cricketscotland.com>

NoSCA - <http://www.nosca.net>

