



Swindon Cricket Club Youth Section (Swindon Sharks)

Information for Parents 2026

- **Membership**

- It is a requirement that your child becomes a youth member of Swindon CC. To achieve this requirement you must complete a membership form and pay the appropriate annual subscription.

It is important that your child is a registered member of the Cricket Club and that we have your correct and current contact details etc for insurance and Safe Guarding purposes. The cost of Youth Annual membership for 2026 is £50 and this includes the official Swindon CC Youth match shirt. (please provide your child's shirt size at the same time as you pay the membership)

[Youth Cricket – Swindon CC](#)

- **Subscriptions**

- It is preferred that no weekly subscriptions are collected at Winter nets as it helps with financing the hire of the facility if 10 sessions are paid for up front.
- Two Winter Net Sessions free to new players.
- Two Summer Sessions are free to new players.
- On Match days £2 per player to be paid to team manager/coach. This covers the general cost of putting on the match including new balls etc.

- **Summer outdoor training**

- £3.50 subs per attendee (or £6 for 2 siblings) to be paid on arrival.

It is important that your child registers when he/she arrives at the Club for Summer Training not just so that money can be collected, but, **more importantly**, so that we are aware who is in attendance in case of emergency. It is preferred if at least one parent or guardian can remain “on site” during the Summer sessions.

Please make sure that you keep us updated with any changes to contact information.

- **Team Selection**

- Before each Match the age group manager will enquire about availability of ALL players for the Match – **confirming availability does not automatically mean your child will be playing.**
- The age group manager will advise age group coach of availability and the coach will then select team for the Match.
- The age group manager will confirm the venue, the team, the start time etc for the Match.
- **The Coach will select team based on primarily on age and Coaches opinion as to the safety of the player and ability to concentrate during a match situation, followed by ability, number of matches already played (which could be in other teams), attendance at nets/training, general behaviour and attitude – coaches will try to be fair to all youth members.**
- Under 10's – School Year 5 and below with hard ball experience – will be considered for Under 10, 11 and 12 matches
- Under 11's – School Year 6 with hard ball experience – will be considered for Under 11, 12 and 13 matches
- Under 12's – School Year 7 – will be considered for Under 12, 13, 14,15
- Under 13's – School Year 8 – will be considered for Under 13, 14,15 and 16 and Seniors (from 13th birthday)
- Under 14's – School Year 9 – will be considered for Under 14,15 and 16 and Seniors.
- Under 15's – School Year 10 – will be considered for Under 14,15 and 16 and Seniors.
- There could be exceptions to the above, subject to the rules that are applicable to certain Competitions.
- All players at all age groups will be expected stay to the end of all games to shake hands with opposition and support their teammates.

- All players when not batting are expected to watch the match and support their teammates.
- To be “of age” your child needs to be the appropriate age before 31st August. EG an Under 10 is anyone who is not 11 until 1st September

Kit available from : [Shrey Sports](#)

Official Swindon CC match shirt to be worn for all matches at all age groups, if possible (this is to encourage inclusivity but also to promote our Sponsors).

Official Swindon training shirt to be worn for all training sessions, if possible (for the same reasons as above).

- Your child must have their own helmet. Wearing a helmet that is too large or too small is particularly dangerous.
- Any kit that has been outgrown by your child can be brought to the club on training nights to be sold on for club funds.
- If your child needs new kit check the donated stock first as you may grab a bargain and the club will benefit from your purchase
- Cricket spikes are important as a lot of injuries at cricket matches occur when fielding because the player slips in the outfield due to inappropriate footwear.
- **Help Needed**
 - Swindon CC is run entirely by volunteers
 - At Home Matches help is required to make and sell refreshments, work behind the bar, set out the pitch, keep the place tidy etc – full training and instruction will be given.
 - Are you interested in becoming a Scorer?
 - Are you interested in becoming an Umpire?
 - Are you interested in becoming a Coach?
 - Are you interested in becoming a Manager?
 - Are you interested in becoming a Sponsor?
 - Are you interested in becoming a Child Welfare Officer?
 - Do you have any fund raising ideas?
 - Please see **Jon Hault** or **Paul Kettle** if you have any ideas or would like to know more.
 - Please try and give up some time on the *Get Set* for Cricket Weekend.
 - Please try and stay at matches and at training sessions to support your child and the rest of their team.
 - If you have a dog, they are most welcome at the Club, but please clean up after them and keep them under control.

- **Facilities**

- The Club House can be hired for birthdays, christenings , engagements, anniversary parties and presentation evenings for several other sports – Reduced venue hire is available to members but a charge may be applicable if you require bar staff. Just Ask.

Fixtures & Results: <https://swindonstaffs.play-cricket.com/>

We want all parents and players to see Swindon Cricket Club as YOUR club not just the club where your child plays cricket.

Useful Contact Information

(Please refer to the Club Notice board for more information)

Address – Hinksford Lane Swindon DY3 4NU

Jon Hault – Youth Chairman and Club/Child Safeguarding Officer – 07976 412102

Vicky Richards – Club/Child Safeguarding Officer – 07896 560034

David Darlaston – Club Chairman – 07970 175707

Daisy Perry – Coach – 07368 239619

Jenny Macconnell – Coach/ Ladies and Girls Manager – 07921 185778

Andy Davies – Ground Availability and Grounds Staff – 07940 381706

Chris Lester – Coach - 07939 050995

Paul Kettle – Coach and Sponsorship – 07577 530371

Phil Arch – Coach – 07941 031086

Richard Whalley – Senior ALL STARS Activator – 07956 675989

Darren Foot – Coach – 07843 260412

Tom Bywater – ALL STARS Activator – 07412 672179

PLEASE CAN YOU LET YOUR TEAM MANAGER OR COACH HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SO THAT FUTURE INFORMATION, NEWSLETTERS, MEETING MINUTES ETC CAN BE CIRCULATED AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE AND REMEMBER TO UPDATE US WITH ANY CHANGES TO MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ETC.

OUR PREFERRED METHOD OF GENERAL COMMUNICATION IS "WHATSAPP" but Please use WhatsApp as an information service ONLY. Please do not post general messages.