



**Aberfeldie St Johns Cricket Club
The Home of the Two Blues**

**Fairbairn Park Middle Pavilion
Woods Street – Ascot Vale VIC 3032**

**JUNIOR HANDBOOK
SEASON 2021/22**

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INTRODUCTION

To our ASJCC Junior Participants – both new and returning, Welcome to the official launch of the Aberfeldie St Johns Cricket Club Junior Program for Season 2021/22. The club has seen exponential growth in the Junior Program over the last few years and this season is shaping up to be even busier than before. However, with the Covid-19 pandemic still effecting the social landscape, we must and will remain wary of the threat that exists to our health & way of life.



My name is Julian Smith. I am the Junior Head Coach and have been in the role for the past six seasons. It's a great honour to hold this position, and I've been fortunate to have had a hand in creating a legacy at ASJCC that involves the development of cricket's future, including 6 debutants in our senior programs in the past 12 months.

I've been a member of the club now for nearly 29 years now and working with kids from the ages of 5 through to 16 has been one of my fondest memories over the course of my time here. I look forward to many more of these happy occasions and watching the future of both ASJCC and cricket as a sport develop.

I would also like to introduce you to our new Club President Obaid Siddique. Obaid takes over from Lauren Gourlay who served four seasons in the role and was recognised & rewarded with life membership at the conclusion of the 2021/22 season. We are in debt to Lauren and thank her for all her magnificent work and dedication to the role & club.

Obaid has been with the club for eight seasons, is a former 1st XI captain and has previously served on the ASJCC committee for the past 3 years. Obaid already has the committee working hard in continuing to develop and further grow the club with plenty of exciting announcements to be made throughout the 2021/22 season.



Aberfeldie St Johns Cricket Club has a long and proud history and through the Junior Program, we look to enrich the club in talent and ensure ASJCC has the best possible future. The program has been recognised by Cricket Victoria in recent seasons with invitations to the Boxing Day Test Match & Melbourne Renegades Big Bash Matches.

If you do have anything to add to the season as it progresses, please refer to the Contacts page at the end of this Handbook. The club representatives are always open to feedback and want to know your thoughts. The only way the program can improve and really benefit all who participate is through the honest feedback of players, parents, and anyone else involved in the program. Any suggestions are warmly received and greatly appreciated.

2020 was a difficult year, and there is no doubt the Coronavirus pandemic has altered the landscape of Australian sport and how we participate. ASJCC are acutely aware that this season again will come with its challenges with COVID always a concern. However, our commitment to the players and families of the club has not wavered in any way. ASJCC will continue to provide the same welcoming and nurturing environment that it always has, with guidance from the governing health and sporting bodies helping us along the way. Nothing will get in the way of us playing under the Two Blues banner and we look forward to seeing you at training and on match days.

SEASON 2021/22

This handbook is designed to provide information about the club, and its Junior Program for Season 2021/22.

Fairbairn Park has been home to ASJCC for a very long time – and once again we call Fairbairn Park’s middle pavilion our home. This combined with the six-lane cricket nets we have access to mean we have an optimum location for cricket – both training and playing. It is a sports hub and one of the most sought-after venues for clubs in the area and ASJCC are thrilled to be able to take tenancy each summer and utilise the amazing facilities.



Fully equipped with team change rooms, medical rooms, an umpire’s room, office, large social area and fully functioning industrial kitchen, the venue has really set the standard for the competition. The powered nets and light fixtures allow us to train at any time of the evening – very handy when daylight savings hasn’t kicked in yet!

Working together with the council, ASJCC have been able to ensure the facility is equipped for all teams at the club to enjoy over the summer months. We pride ourselves on being a community club and providing everyone with a rich, multicultural experience, all the while taking part in a fantastic sport in a social, family friendly atmosphere.



Our Junior Program is not a matter of numbers on a scoresheet – it is represented by families, parents, and children who each bring their own meaning to what the club can be now and how they would like the club to be in the future.

This cannot all be done by the club alone – we need your feedback to ensure we are continuing to provide a positive program that develops and nurtures the talent that is in the community.

We are the #asjccfuturestars



WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLASTER PROGRAMS

Woolworths Junior Blasters

- Ages:** 5 years – 7 years (boys and girls)
Venue: Fairbairn Park Ground #4
Sessions: 12
Dates: Tuesday 26th October 2021 – Tuesday 14th December 2021
Tuesday 25th January 2022 – Tuesday 15th February 2022
Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Cost: \$99.00
Includes:



Junior Blasters

Register: [Click here to register - select "Woolworths Junior Blasters"](#)

Woolworths Master Blasters

- Ages:** 7 years – 10 years (boys and girls)
Venue: Fairbairn Park Ground #4
Sessions: 12
Dates: Tuesday 26th October 2021 – Tuesday 14th December 2021
Tuesday 25th January 2022 – Tuesday 15th February 2022
Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Cost: \$99.00
Includes:



Master Blasters

Register: [Click here to register - select "Woolworths Master Blasters"](#)

ASJCC UNDER 10s

The first step in the pathway to competitive cricket. All equipment is provided by ASJCC, with soft balls and small light bats, shortened pitches and basic cricket rules. All kids get to have a bat and bowl and their first experience of cricket as a true team sport. Training commences in September 2021, with Friday night matches commencing shortly after. Boys and girls of all ages welcome.



- Ages:** Up to 10 years (boys and girls)
- Venue:** Home games - Fairbairn Park Ground #4
Away Games - Venues TBA
- Dates & Time:** Training Days - Thursdays 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Match Days - Fridays 4:45pm – 7:30pm
- Cost:** \$120.00
- Includes:** ***New Members:*** Hat and Shirt
Returning Members: Club apparel discounts



Register: [Click here to register - select "Junior Cricket" and follow the prompts](#)

ASJCC UNDER 12s

The pathway continues with the Under 12s using a real cricket ball (142g), official umpires, LBW and all rules in place. Competitive matches against U12 teams in the NWMCA. Matches vary from 1-day games to 2-day matches so players get to experience both formats of cricket. All equipment is provided by ASJCC. Training commences in September 2021, with Friday night matches commencing shortly after. Boys and girls of all ages welcome.



- Ages:** Up to 12 years (boys and girls)
- Venue:** Home Games - Fairbairn Park Ground #4
Away Games - Venues TBA
- Dates & Time:** Training Days - Thursdays 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Match Days - Fridays 4:45pm – 7:30pm
- Cost:** \$120.00
- Includes:** See the Under 10s inclusions

Register: [Click here to register - select "Junior Cricket" and follow the prompts](#)

ASJCC UNDER 14s

Following on from the U12 match experience, the game consists of full-length pitches, a full size cricket ball (142g) and matches varying from the 1-day games to 2-day formats. Equipment is provided by ASJCC for both home and away matches. Training commences in September 2021 with high performance coaching provided - Seasonal matches commencing October. Boys and girls of all ages welcome.



- Ages:** Up to 14 years (boys and girls)
- Venue:** Home Games - Fairbairn Park Ground #4
Away Games - Venues TBA
- Dates & Time:** Training Days – Thursdays 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Match Days – Fridays 4:45pm – 7:30pm
- Cost:** \$120.00
- Includes:** See the Under 10s inclusions

Register: [Click here to register - select "Junior Cricket" and follow the prompts](#)

ASJCC UNDER 16s

Be a part of our inaugural Under 16s team as we look to expand the ASJCC Junior Program. Matches varying from the 1-day games to 2-day formats. Equipment is provided by ASJCC for both home and away matches. Training commences in September 2021 with high performance coaching provided – Season commencing October. Boys and girls of all ages welcome – an exciting opportunity to be a part of ASJCC club history – the final frontier in transitioning to senior cricket.



- Ages:** Up to 16 years (boys and girls)
- Venue:** Home Games - Fairbairn Park Ground #4
Away Games - Venues TBA
- Dates & Time:** Training Days – Thursdays 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Match Days – Fridays 4:45pm – 7:30pm
- Cost:** \$150.00
- Includes:** See the Under 10s inclusions

Register: [Click here to register - select "Junior Cricket" and follow the prompts](#)

PAYMENTS & REGISTRATIONS

All registrations and payments (EFT & Credit Card) can now be made online via the links provided in each of the team details – you can also click [here](#) to be taken directly to the website.

If you would like to make a direct deposit, the club bank details are below. Please ensure you use your child's name as the reference so our Treasurer can confirm any payments with names on the team lists.

Account Name: Aberfeldie Baptists St John Cricket Club

Account BSB: 033 549

Account Number: 136651

ENSURING THE SAFETY OF ASJCC JUNIORS

Cricket is a sport loved and cherished around the world - part of the popularity and appeal is the unique characteristics, traditions and values that define the game. It also offers a safe environment where juniors can grow with the sport and learn from each other.

Aberfeldie St Johns Cricket Club is committed to the safety of all participants in the Junior Program and have adopted the structure set out by Australian Cricket. This allows junior cricketers to play the great game whilst developing their skills in a safe and sportsmanlike environment.

The below resources are to be read through as members of ASJCC. Visit our website and familiarise yourselves with the content – copies will also be available in the Club Canteen at all times throughout the season. There are also forms that need to be downloaded and signed. If you do not have access to a printer, the forms will be available at the Club before the season commences.

In addition to these manuals and forms, the club has numerous First Aid resources available at Fairbairn Pavilion, should the need ever arise.

POLICIES AND MANUALS TO READ

- Australian Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children & Young People
- Australian Cricket's Looking After Our Kids for Clubs & Associations

FORMS TO BE DOWNLOADED AND COMPLETED

- ASJCC Image Consent & Release Form
- ASJCC Member Protection Declaration Form
- ASJCC Asthma Action Plans (if applicable)

COVID SAFE CRICKET IN SEASON 2021/22

There is no doubt the summer of cricket has taken a new shape; the Coronavirus pandemic has altered the landscape of cricket in 2021/22. One thing is for certain - ASJCC has the safety of all its players and family members at the forefront and we will not compromise it in any way.

The Committee has worked incredibly hard over the off-season to ensure all safety protocols are in place and meet the Victorian Government and Cricket Victoria standards, as well as those passed down by the North Western Metropolitan Cricket Association (NWMCA).

Contact tracing will be completed via a QR code that has been specifically set for the club to track who has attended training sessions. It is compulsory for all attendees to check in at each session. Upon arrival, scan the QR code via your smart phone and enter your details.

Please note that strict privacy restrictions are in place and records are automatically deleted every 28 days.

To see all ASJCC Covid Safety measures, please head to the website and click on the Covid-19 tab at the top of the page. Here you will find policies, Covid-Safe plans and a list of all registered safety officers. At last count, the club has 16 members who have completed the online training course.

If you have any questions regarding Covid Safety or the policies and protocols developed by the club, please do not hesitate to contact the club – the list of Covid Safety officers is on this handbook's *Contacts* page.

Remember: playing cricket in a pandemic is a privilege - not a right. We must all work together to stay Covid safe.

THE ASJCC QR CODE

This QR code will be displayed at the club rooms at all times – whenever you expect to be at Fairbairn Park for any longer than 15 mins, you must sign in and out.

ASJCC ATTENDANCE REGISTER
DON'T FORGET TO CHECK IN AND OUT



KEY CLUB CONTACTS

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Junior Facebook Page www.facebook.com/CricketBlastASJCC
Club Facebook Page www.facebook.com/ASJCC



RECRUITING AND THE FUTURE OF ASJCC

As the club continues to grow, so does the scope of our expansion. With our current Junior and Senior setup, we have the potential to be fielding strong teams each week across the board – juniors, senior men's, and women's.

This cannot happen without your support and feedback. ASJCC uses your views, your thoughts, your opinions, and suggestions to shape the programs and the vision of the club to be the number one club to play at in the Maribyrnong area.

One of the most powerful tools we have in recruiting, is word of mouth. Attached to emails sent by the club, and available on the website and Facebook pages, are the PDF flyers for the Junior Programs:

- Junior Blasters
- Master Blasters
- Under 10s
- Under 12s
- Under 14s
- Under 16s

Please download the resources – copies of the Recruitment flyer are available on both Facebook and the website – and forward them to friends and family; we also encourage you to 'like' the club's official Facebook pages and spread the word via those links as well.

As the Junior Head Coach, I am all about family, friendships and a positive culture that reflects both on and off the field. Cricket is an amazing sport – it can challenge you, take you out of your comfort zone and develop skills kids never thought they could have. In addition to this, the relationships built through this teamwork can have incredibly positive long-term effects.

I am always available to answer any queries at any time. You can find my contact details on the previous page and via any of the club's social media platforms.

I sincerely do hope you can join us on this exciting journey as we head into another fantastic summer of Aberfeldie St Johns cricket. It really is the place to be in Season 2021/22.

Kind regards



Julian Smith
Junior Head Coach
Aberfeldie St Johns Cricket Club