



## Junior Pre-Season Newsletter

**Welcome to the 2024-25 cricket season at the Wendouree Cricket Club.**

### Club Web Site

The Wendouree Cricket Club web site has everything you need to know about playing cricket for WCC, it is a fantastic resource and is regularly updated with important cricketing information including dates, match reports and club news. <https://www.redcaps.com.au>

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### Uniform Orders – CLOSING SOON!

All of our club clothing and merchandise is now handled by Hip Pocket Workwear and Safety.

**Our Club no longer holds stocks of shirts, caps or any other clothing - this must be purchased through Hip Pocket.** We have worked with Hip Pocket to create an extensive catalogue and all our items are very reasonably priced. You'll find that in most cases our club branded clothing is cheaper than similar items available from large sporting goods shops.

Hip Pocket have 2 stores in Ballarat:

- 1265-1267 Howitt Street, Wendouree
- Shop T26, Delacombe Town Centre, 315 Glenelg Highway, Smythes Creek.

Phone: [03 5339 5446](tel:0353395446)

<https://ballarat.hippocketworkwear.com.au/shop-by-customer/sports-club/wendouree-cricket-club/>

### Numbers & Names on Shirts

**Senior Players and Junior GIRLS** are able

to have a **NAME and NUMBER** printed

onto their RED One-Day/Training shirt.

**Junior Boys** are able to have a **NAME only** printed on their shirt.





## Stack Team App

**This will be the most important communication tool for all juniors at WCC. Please ensure you have the 'app' on your phone so you don't miss vital information including last minute venue changes for games and training updates.**

Many Parents will already have the Team App downloaded from last season or from footy, netball or other sporting clubs. If you have the app, simply search Wendouree Cricket Club and register with our club.

If you do not have the app, search 'Team App' in the iTunes store or at Google play for your Android phone.

This app allows WCC to communicate with parents of specific teams or all the juniors in a timely way.



### Wendouree Cricket Club Season 2024/25

Join our app and stay up to date with our latest information – It's free!

Follow these steps to join our app:

Scan the QR code below & download **Stack Team App** or visit [www.teamapp.com](http://www.teamapp.com)

Sign up to Stack Team App and log in to your account.

Search for 'Wendouree Cricket Club' and request to join.



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Contact:  
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## Registration – NOW OPEN!

If you haven't registered yet for junior cricket 2024-25 please register now!

You must be registered before you can play – you are not covered by insurance until registered.

Please copy and paste the below link into your browser and select: **BCA Juniors, Summer 2024/25**

Then scroll to the bottom to **Get Started**.

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/0300a9>

If you have any issues with your login or password, please contact the WCC PlayHQ Administrator Brett Yates at [brett.yates17@gmail.com](mailto:brett.yates17@gmail.com)

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## WCC Team selection process

- WCC are fortunate to have a team of dedicated coaches that work tirelessly though the winter to select the best team for each WCC junior cricketer.
- An individual assessment of each child is completed in consultation with their coach from last year and our junior coordinator to facilitate informed placement of each player into a team that will suit them the best. This will consider their cricketing ability, leadership skills, friendship groups and compatibility within a team structure. Coaches want to ensure every junior has an optimal cricketing experience in a safe and appropriate environment.
- The Junior Coordinator and coaches have already met on several occasions and spent hundreds of hours in the off season assessing each child, discussing their progress and development needs and formatting team lists. The need to challenge kids so they keep developing while not crushing their confidence is a balancing act that we are constantly monitoring.
- As with previous seasons, there will be some tweaking of the team lists in the first month of the season as we find the right niche for each child in our program.
- If you have any concerns about the level at which we have placed your child, please contact Adam Ridley at [wcc.juniors@outlook.com](mailto:wcc.juniors@outlook.com) to discuss this – we welcome your input into your child's development and enjoyment of the game.

***If for any reason your child does not intend to play junior cricket at Wendouree this season, please advise us ASAP. There is a waiting list of kids wanting to play at Wendouree and we will be finalising teams soon!***

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## Parental Support/Contribution

- *'Many hands make light work'*
- Parental engagement and support at our club is one thing that we pride ourselves on.
- We have many committed parents who are happy to take on various roles, but we are always looking for extra help with formal roles such as coaching and small informal tasks (scoring, cooking a BBQ, etc. that help spread the load.
- If you are interested in assisting in any capacity (no cricket knowledge or background needed for many of the roles) please contact us and we can find a role that suits your skill set and available time.
- We have well in excess of 150 kids in our junior program (probably around 180 when we include the kids in cricket blast).
- This is the largest Junior Cricket program in Ballarat and requires a huge commitment to maintain.
- Your support each week (particularly on game days) with scoring, helping with warm ups, setting up boundary markers, offering assistance to the coaches, providing a **healthy snack** and just hanging around to support the kids is vital to the success of our club.
- The kids get much more enjoyment out of their cricket when they have parents there watching them, the coaches are supported and we continue to build our Redcaps 'tribe' when parents engage with their child's team and are there to watch their kids play and help out.
- We understand that everyone is busy. Families often have multiple kids playing a variety of sports at different locations, but scheduling regular time to be at your child's cricket games and helping out in some small capacity is very rewarding.

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## Changes for Season 2024-25

- **U14 Girls**

Games: Now **Monday** at 5pm. (Arrive at 4.30pm) Season Start 14th October

- **U17 Training**

Training will be in conjunction with the Senior squad for this season.

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## First games for 2024-25

(to be confirmed when the BCA releases their fixtures for Juniors)

– Fixtures will be found on [Play HQ](#) when released.

- U17 Boys and U17 Girls – **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 5pm**. Post Christmas Return – 4<sup>th</sup> February
- U15 Open – **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 8:30am**. Post Christmas Return – Sat 1<sup>st</sup> February
- U14 Girls – **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 5pm**. Post Christmas Return – 3<sup>rd</sup> February
- U13 Open – **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 5pm**. Post Christmas Return – 31<sup>st</sup> January
- U11 Midweek – **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 4:30pm** for 8 weeks. Post Christmas Return – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February for 6 weeks.

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## Play HQ – Season Fixtures

Play HQ is where you will find all the season fixtures

(Once they are released by the BCA)

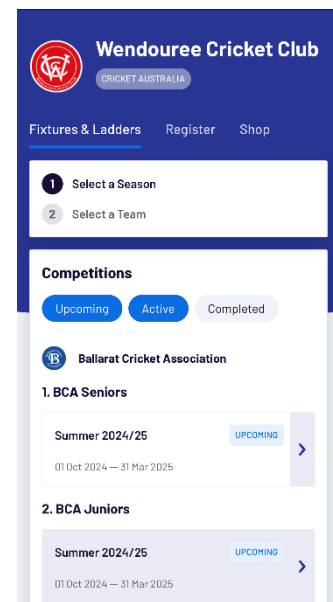
Search: Wendouree Cricket Club

& select BCA Juniors Summer 2024/25

You will then be able to select your team from the list.

Teams will be announced closer to the season start via

The WCC Junior Co-Ordinator Adam Ridley.





## Outdoor Training – Days and Dates

- U17 Boys – Thursdays from 5:15 in conjunction with the Senior group. Wendouree Cricket Nets.
- U17 Girls – Sundays at 10am – Wendouree Cricket Nets. Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> October.
- U15 Boys – Tuesdays at 4:30 – Wendouree Cricket Nets. Beginning 17<sup>th</sup> September.
- U14 Girls – Sundays at 10am – Wendouree Cricket Nets. Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> October.
- U13 Boys – Mondays at 4:30 – Wendouree Cricket Nets. Beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September.
- U11 Boys & Girls – Sundays at 10am – Wendouree Cricket Nets. Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> October.

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## Scoring

We need scorers for each team every week. Scoring is probably the single most important job that needs to be done each week – without scorers, games cannot proceed. It's not a difficult task, is reasonably easy to pick up and there are always people around who can teach you and help you out. There are always 2 scorers (1 from each team) so you are never on your own.

The below links provide information on how to score on the PlayHQ website. The WCC provides scoring iPads to each team, however if you are interested in using your own we are happy to help you set this up.

<https://support.playhq.com/hc/en-au/articles/5132680466969-How-To-E-Score-Cricket>

[https://support.playhq.com/hc/en-au/article\\_attachments/22921408805657](https://support.playhq.com/hc/en-au/article_attachments/22921408805657)

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## 2024-25 Season Launch – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 7:30-8:30

- We will hold our season launch at 7:30pm at the Wendouree Club Rooms (Holloway-Knight Pavillion) at CE Brown Reserve – this event will go for no longer than 1 hour.
  - The Wendouree Cricket Club invites all players, past players, supporters, sponsors, families and any other members of the community to the 2024-25 season launch.
  - BBQ Provided, Drinks at Bar Prices.
  - Please RSVP through Team App.
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If you have any queries about any of the above information or other cricketing issues please don't hesitate to contact Adam Ridley on 0477 021 232 or at [wcc.juniors@outlook.com](mailto:wcc.juniors@outlook.com)

Regards,

Adam Ridley  
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