

# SISSINGHURST CRICKET CLUB

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## SCC JUNIOR SECTION MISSION, VALUES and INFORMATION SHEET FOR 2022 SEASON

At Sissinghurst CC we have a clear mission in terms of what we want to achieve within our Junior Section. That mission is based on the following:

- *Adhering to an inclusive 'One-Club' culture, serving young players, both male and female, and their families, whilst working in partnership with the Clubs Senior players, Committees, the local community, and schools.*
- *Providing top quality coaching and playing opportunities for young players of all abilities, furnishing, and nurturing a junior and then senior involvement in the game.*
- *Producing both male and female cricketers that achieve Area and County recognition, as well as developing all levels of league and social cricketers for the junior and senior sections.*
- *Fostering the development of young players in a safe and secure environment in accordance with the highest sporting values. Player safety will always be put above participation.*
- *Creating and promoting a year-group parental programme that actively encourages the involvement of parents in the development of the junior section.*
- *Strengthening the Junior Section's culture to ensure an environment that is supportive and inspiring for its young cricketers.*

To achieve this mission, there are several core values and behaviours that we expect all players and parents to adhere to should they want to be members of Sissinghurst Cricket Club. These are as follows:

- *All players must practice and play within the laws and in the spirit of the game.*
- *All players must encourage their respective teammates irrespective of the level of individual involvement.*
- *All players must respect their opponents irrespective of the competitive nature of the fixtures.*
- *All players must be polite to umpires and respect their decisions. Do not show dissent by either word or deed.*
- *Listen to your coaches – respect them and work hard to gain their respect.*
- *Know when and where you have a match or training session - being late is disrespectful to both your teammates and coaches.*
- *Invest in and wear the right Club kit, take pride in your appearance and your Club.*
- *At Under 11 level and above all players will be expected to have their own equipment including a protective box, thigh pads and helmet which must be worn for all hard-ball sessions.*
- *Junior members are not allowed to smoke or consume alcohol on club premises or whilst representing the club.*
- *Parents are expected to adhere to the same level of etiquette and behavior as is expected of their children, unsporting behaviour will not be tolerated.*
- *If there is a problem speak to your coach, the Head of the Junior Section or the Welfare Officer.*

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## How Do We Measure Success?

There are some key fundamentals to measuring our success that, if achieved, contribute to making SCC a "SPECIAL" Club. These are:

- *Success in all age-group League and Cup competitions.*
- *Production of excellent cricketers that fulfil their full potential as Junior members.*
- *Enjoyment of the game for all, irrespective of ability or gender.*
- *Continuity and quality in the coaching across all age groups.*
- *Involvement of parents both willingly and productively in support of the age group Lead and Support Coaches and the Junior Section generally.*
- *An active social programme that involves both parents and children in support of the Club and its stakeholders.*
- *Legacy of junior members who go on to represent the Club's senior sides.*

It is important for players and parents alike to understand that from Under 13 and above the Club is playing cricket in a League within which the standard, generally, improves year on year.

It is a competitive League, and the Club makes no bones of the fact that it aspires to win in both League and Cup formats. This can sometimes mean that not all team members get to bat or bowl in certain fixtures. On pitch decisions are left to the Captain and their leadership team (usually three senior players) as part of their strategic development as cricketers, which is actively encouraged by the League, but does not always lead to equal participation.

The Club fully recognises that it can be a real challenge to effectively manage the balance between cricket for all and the participation of Area and/or County level players in competitive League fixtures. We will always attempt to organise intra-Club games or friendlies against other Clubs that allows wider participation, but we may not get it right all the time. As such, in a desire to be **open and transparent**, we would ask that parents, who maybe concerned by this, discuss their child's involvement with the Head of the Junior Section before committing to the payment of the Annual Subs.

## 2021 SEASON REVIEW

The 2021 season will be remembered for the rain which did its best to fall primarily on match days creating a real slog to get games played.

The Club was able to maintain both practice and playing protocols that created a safe environment within which both players and coaches could enjoy their cricket. Across all our Age Groups we once again enjoyed great success. The Under 9's made the Kent Kwik Cricket County finals, the U11's made the final of the Weald of Kent Junior League Cup Competition and the Under 13's completed a third successive unbeaten league season winning the Weald of Kent Junior Under 13 League for an unprecedented third season running.

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As with last season, with all the additional Covid-19 requirements, can we extend our very sincere thanks to all those involved in making it another remarkably successful season.

We are also extremely grateful to all the parents for getting their children to and from training sessions and matches and for your faith in the Club's ability to manage your children's wellbeing in such unprecedented circumstances.

Thanks to the club members who played a part in making it all happen and to Graham White who, once again, ensured that we had one of the best wickets and grounds in the area.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2022 SEASON

Let us all hope that despite the best efforts of Omicron we all manage to have an un-interrupted season. There is much to look forward to:

- Pre-season nets are due to start at 5pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at Cranbrook School. We will be running hardball sessions for the Under 11's, 13's and 16's plus the girls. A separate email to follow.
- We will be entering teams for the Weald of Kent Leagues in Under 9's, 11's and 13's covering both hardball and softball where appropriate.
- We are hopeful that we will have the appropriate numbers to participate in the Kent Girls Under 13's "EIGHTY" League starting in May. Kent's aim is to develop the most progressive club girls cricket league in the country.
- The Weald of Kent League are introducing an Under 18 Summer League to run through July and August which should provide a great opportunity for all our Junior Members, above the Under 13's, to play some summer cricket.
- We have a number of new coaches who have been participating in the ECB Foundation Courses over the winter, we very much welcome their input this season.
- The fund raiser for Project Nets is up and running with **£1,745** already raised. We have set up a Go Fund Me page the link to which is <https://gofund.me/733d6c6f> We will only reach our target of £25,000 with all your help so please do visit the site and give what you can.
- We are setting up a Second-hand Kit shop which will go live in the Spring. We are really hopeful that this initiative will allow the re-circulation of what is essentially new equipment and offer the opportunity for junior members to acquire kit at a fraction of the new cost. More to follow on this.

Most of the League fixtures will be during the weeks of the Schools Summer Term except Cup Finals which will be at the end of August for all except the Under 9's. Once the Fixtures have been agreed we will circulate to all those signed up members across the Age Groups so that dates get in your diary early. **It is hugely important to team planning that if you know there are dates your child will NOT be available you let your Team Managers know at the earliest opportunity.**

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## Girls Cricket – Kent Girls Under 13’s “EIGHTY” League

We have been approached by Kent Cricket Board to enquire as to whether Sissinghurst Cricket Club would participate in the Kent Girls Under 13’s “EIGHTY” League in 2022. Kent’s aim is to develop the most progressive club girls cricket league in the country. It is based on adapting the rules of the highly successful ECB 2021 [The Hundred](#) competition. The Kent’s Girls Club Under 13s “EIGHTY” League will start in May 2022. It will involve at least 16 teams divided into four cluster groups and will operate on Sunday afternoons until mid-July. The Finals Day will take place in early September. Matches are 8 aside, hardball, pairs cricket.

In order for SCC to be eligible **all players must be members of the club**. We can field one Year 9 as long as they are not a current county player.

This presents a fantastic opportunity for the girls however it is hugely dependent on the following:

1. **We must have at least 12 girls in Years 7 and 8 (possibly the better players in Year 6) who are playing hardball cricket at school.**
2. **If we commit, we MUST have full commitment from the girls to be available for all match days.**

From last year’s membership numbers, we will not have enough players available so we need to make a real push to increase membership.

We will continue to run softball cricket for a younger less experienced girl members. We are also exploring the potential for a Weld of Kent Junior Girls Softball League to ensure some competitive matches during the season.

## REGISTRATION

I am delighted that Christina Dyas has agreed to continue with the Junior Administration duties for this coming season.

Last year we requested everyone to complete new registration documents to ensure that our records are up to date.

If you registered last season and there are no major changes of detail e.g., Change of address / contact numbers etc then there is no need to complete forms again this year.

## BUT.....

If you wish to re-join then please just let Christina know by email and confirm that your details have not changed. If your children have schoolfriends who may be interested in joining please give us a mention and pass this note on.

Please use the email below:

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If anyone needs 2021 registration forms, they will be available shortly on the club website or Christina can email out to you. The website is at: [www.sissinghurstcricketclub.org.uk](http://www.sissinghurstcricketclub.org.uk)

## COACHING DATES/TIMES

Under 9's: SUNDAY mornings 09.45am-10.45am.

Under 11's: SUNDAY mornings 09.30am-11.00am

Under 13's: SUNDAY mornings 11am-12.30pm.

Under 16's: SUNDAY mornings 11am-12.30pm

Girls Section: SUNDAY mornings 11am-12.30pm

U11 girls (Years 5/6/7 can train with the U11 teams at 09.30am if they prefer)

Sunday Coaching will commence on **Sunday 24th April** and run every Sunday morning to the **12<sup>th</sup> July**.

Any youngsters too old for the junior teams can join Senior club night on a Wednesday from 6pm once the season commences.

## PRE-SEASON INDOOR NETS

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## PAYMENT

The costs for children at years 1-4 at £75.00 and years 5-11 at £85.00.

We are asking this year, in an attempt to reduce the administrative burden, that **All Payments** are by BACs Transfer to; Lloyds: Account Number: 00286889 Sort Code: 30-92-36 Reference: (Surname) Junior Subs

As a last resort Cheques payable to Sissinghurst CC can be brought along to the first session. **The costs include all coaching sessions, match fees and a £10 contribution to the Junior shirts should the introduction of new sponsors require a change to the design of the 2021 kit.**

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## TEAM MANAGERS and ASSISTANT COACHES

U9 – Daryl Lloyd and Mike Godfrey

U11 – David Carr, Lewis Clift and Jon Agar

U13 - Tom Elliott and Tim Grierson-Rickford

Girls Section - Simon Latham and Tim Rainbird (plus Daryl Lloyd when available)

U18 – TBC

We are always looking for new Coaches so if any parents would like to assist with the teams as 'team managers' or coaching assistants then please let me know.

If you are interested and would like to attend any ECB coaching assistant or full coaching courses the club will cover the costs.

## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

An important element of what makes SCC a Special Cricket Club is the social element that sits alongside the cricket. We are keen to organise and maintain an active programme of social events that not only promote the Club but also raise the valuable funds required to improve the facilities we all enjoy.

If you would like to be involved in the organisation of this programme or have ideas on certain types of events, please can you let us know.

## SPONSORSHIP

A key element of our progression is raising funds to allow for such things as Permanent All Weather Net Cages or further improvements to the playing surface which will not be possible without greater levels of sponsorship. If you are interested in sponsoring the club personally or via your business please let me know.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Simon Latham

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