



Heatherdale Junior Cricket Club 2018-19 Handbook



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Welcome to Season 2018 - 2019

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all players, parents, officials and supporters of the Heatherdale Cricket Club (HCC) to season 2018/19.

We have produced this Information Booklet to provide information to all players and parents of our club on:

- how the club operates;
- our expectations of everyone involved (i.e. all players, parents, officials & supporters);
- our Culture;
- contact details; and
- other information relating to Junior Cricket

It is important that all players & parents read this document and, if applicable, we ask parents to explain relevant matters to your child(ren) if he/she is unclear on something contained within this booklet.

If you require clarification on any matter contained in this booklet, please feel free to call me to discuss.

I sincerely hope you enjoy your season with the HCC and will be happy to discuss any aspect of our club with you.

Thanks

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Fact File

Name: Heatherdale Cricket Club (HCC)

Home Ground & Facilities: Heatherdale Reserve, Purches St, Mitcham VIC 3132

Competition: [BHRDCA](#) (Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association). All games are played on synthetic pitches

2018/19 Teams: Stage 1 (Super 7s), Stage 2 (Fast 9s), U12, U14, U16, U18, Girls Stage 1, Girls Stage 2 and Anna Lanning Shield.

Games: Stage 1 & 2 Mixed - U12 Sat 8.30am; U12 and U14 Fri 5pm; U12, U14 and U16 Sat 8.30am, Girls Wed 5pm

Training: Nets located at Heatherdale Reserve Purches St, Mitcham 3132

In2CRICKET Woolworths Blast: Heatherdale Reserve Purches St, Mitcham 3132

Parents Information night: Thursday 20th Sept 7pm at HCC

Website: www.heatherdalecricketclub.com.au

Club email: juniors@heatherdalecricketclub.com.au

Membership Subscription

In order to play competition cricket all players must register and pay membership subscriptions *prior* to the commencement of the season. The Club believes the fees represent very good value for a season of organised sport.

ALL Registration can be completed online <https://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=1359>

Team	Cost for Season 2018/19
In2Cricket Woolworths Cricket Blast	\$99.00
Girls Cricket	\$100.00
Stage 1 (Super 7s)	\$120.00
Stage 2 (Fast 9s) and Under 12s	\$165.00
Under 14s & Under 16s	\$180.00

Program Objectives

The HCC has two (2) main objectives for the Junior Program;

1. To provide a program that develops the skills and game sense of junior cricketers with an emphasis on participation and enjoyment and
2. To provide a legitimate pathway for kids to play senior cricket forever

Club Values

Please refer to the Code of Conduct and Club Values in the club policies section. It is essential that all stakeholders (players, parents, supporters, officials) understand and adhere to the conduct code and value system established by the HCC. Please take the time to read this important document carefully. A great aspect of team sport in the right environment is that our children can learn so much more than the game itself.

Respect, teamwork, sportsmanship, mateship and resilience are some of the qualities that will be developed when everyone works together under the same code of conduct and system of values.

Club Purpose and Vision

HCC's purpose is to inspire and support all players in the area to love the game of Cricket.

At HCC, our vision is to become the "Club of Choice" for aspiring junior cricketers in the area, through the successful implementation of the junior program and adherence to, and promotion of, the Club's values. We believe in all members having fun in a safe and family friendly environment creating long lasting friendships and cricketers forever at HCC.

We aim to deliver the best coaching and support structures in the region through strong investment in development and growth of all players. HCC believes and promotes equity and aims to create and foster an all-inclusive and diverse environment for its players, members and supporters, to enjoy the game of cricket in our region.

Club Administration

HCC is run by an Executive Committee comprising of;

President	Andrew Grealy
Secretary	Martin Lavelle
Treasurer	Tony Grierson
Head of Junior & Girls Cricket	Justin Box
Head of Senior Cricket	Jason North
Sponsorship & Marketing Co-ordinator	Kevin Oakey
ICT & Social Media Co-ordinator	Adam Kucklyz

Along with the Executive Committee, there are many Sub-Committee positions to help aid the efficient and effective running of the club.

A key position on the HCC Committee is that of the **Head of Junior & Girls Cricket (Justin Box)**. This is an Executive Committee role, which recognises the importance the Club places on the Junior program (Boys and Girls cricket). Justin is primarily responsible for the implementation and organisation of the Junior program. Supporting Justin is a Junior Sub-Committee made up of parents who are interested in contributing to the development of the Junior Program.

For the ongoing success of the Junior Program, the Sub-Committee needs to be replenished with new faces every year with ideally each age level represented.

The Junior Sub-Committee appoints a Junior Coaching Co-Coordinator who oversees and supervises the training program and communicates with and advises the individual Coaches.

All club administrators, junior team coaches and team managers must have completed a 'Working with Children' check in accordance with the policy mandated by Cricket Victoria.

Simon de Roos has also just taken the responsibility of managing the Girls Cricket as well, he will continue the communication. He can be contacted on femalecricket@heatherdalecricketclub.com.au

Team Administration

The most important roles for each team are:

1) Coach

- The coach is responsible for the running of the team during games and at training sessions. They must have completed a Level 1 Coaching Course, have a current 'Working with Children Check' and comply with the BHRDCA and Club Code of Conduct.
- The Club would like to appoint an Assistant Coach to support the Coach at games and at training.
- Coaches normally either play for the seniors or are parents of junior players. Anyone interested in Coaching can express their interest via the Junior Co-Coordinator.

2) Team Manager

- The Team Manager is responsible for the administration of the team. They organise duty rosters and administration for Match days and are a conduit for team and club information. Most communication is sent via email. All Team Managers must have a current 'Working with Children Check'
- Match Day Roles:
 - The Team Manager will organise the following roles that need to be filled by parents for each game:
 - Afternoon/Morning Tea
 - Scorer
 - Umpire (if required)
 - Set up and pack down duty
- The Team Manager will normally send out a notice prior to games containing basic match information and role rosters.

3) Scorers

- The Club expects someone from each family to learn how to score. Whilst a little daunting at first, it is a great way to learn about the game and support your child's team. The Club aims to run Scoring training sessions to assist people to become capable scorers.
- Scoring nights will be the 10th Oct or 17th Oct at 7.30pm at the HCC club rooms

Playing Attire and Equipment

All players must wear a blue coloured HCC shirt and white cricket pants. Players are strongly encouraged to wear a HCC cap at all times and a broad brimmed hat on sunny days. Always apply sunscreen to exposed skin – even if it is not hot, as sunburn still occurs on cooler, cloudy days.

The Club provides a basic playing kit for younger teams and although most players possess their own equipment; we recommend that every player has their own protective device (box) as we do not provide these in our equipment for younger players.

It is compulsory for all players to wear the following protective equipment whilst batting:

- Helmet
- Gloves
- Protective device (box)
- Pads
- Wicketkeepers must also wear a helmet

It is very important for players to be concentrating and aware at training. Balls can be hit at speed and be hazardous for those not watching. Avoid turning your back to the nets and be on the look out to warn others, be careful with other smaller kids around as well.

Always use the appropriate equipment at training and during games to minimize the likelihood of injury.

Match Days

All players should arrive at the match venue no later than the time announced by their Coach/Team Manager

Players who arrive late for their match and have not communicated with their respective Coach may be disadvantaged in regard to their place in the batting and bowling order.

Modified Rules for U12's – (including Girls cricket)

Following a successful trial last season Cricket Australia will continue with a modified version of the game for players Under 12 years. In the BHRDCA we play two (2) of these formats Stage 1 and Stage 2, they are called Super 7's (Stage 1) and Fast 9's (Stage 2). The link below provides more in-depth information on these new formats;

<https://community.cricket.com.au/clubs/junior-formats/format-summary>

Training

- **Girls** – Sunday mornings from 10.15am – 11.30am; Monday nights 5.15pm - 6.15pm
- **Under 12s, Fast 9s & Super 7s** - Wednesday night (times to be determined by the coach)
- **Under 14** – Monday nights at 6.15pm
- **Under 16** – Tuesday night at 6pm and Thursday night at 4.45pm (Basic finish time is 6pm but opportunity is there to continue training with the Seniors)

In the 2018-19 seasons we are introducing the *Big Brother, Little Brother, Little Sister* training nights – starting Thursday 25th Oct. More details to come but this will give all junior players the opportunity to be trained by senior players on a Thursday night, rather than your normal training session during that week.

Players are expected to attend all training sessions and are requested to arrive at a suitable time that will enable you to commence training at the allocated time. If you are unable to attend or will be late, please contact your Coach and advise him/her of your anticipated time of arrival or absence from that training session. All players are required to attend training to be considered for selection.

Failure to attend training &/or advise your Coach of your absence or lateness may prejudice your allocation of playing time.

Club / Competition Policies

HCC is committed to upholding its policies for all members, players, parents and supporters in order to provide a safe and collaborative environment for all.

A list of full HCC policies can be found on our website at <http://www.heatherdalecricketclub.com.au/club-policies/>. HCC is constantly reviewing and updating this page, so if there are questions in relation to any of these policies, you can speak to any of the contacts below.

Parent Feedback Channels

At HCC we welcome open and constructive comments from parents about trying to improve the club in line with its vision and values. HCC has open and confidential channels available for any parents whom have issues with anything in the club from team selections, to coaches and to general behaviour within our community. You can safely raise these issues with the following people;

Name	Title	Contact Tel	Email
Justin Box	Head of Junior & Girls Cricket	0438 502 915	juniors@heatherdalecricketclub.com.au
Andrew Grealy	President	0432 275 931	president@heatherdalecricketclub.com.au
Anthony Stewart	HCC Welfare Officer		welfare@heatherdalecricketclub.com.au

Heat Policy

The BHRDCA Extreme Conditions Policy shall be implemented by the Committee of Management when the temperature for **Melbourne** is forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology to reach **40° C** during normal hours of play in the respective section.

- Twilight Grades: 5.00pm – 8.15pm
- Junior Grades: 8.30am – 11.45am

Parents will be advised via email, text or social media if this happens. If you are not advised then proceed to the ground.

Wash outs

Cricket is a summer sport but from time to time we do have wet weather where we cannot play. If games are called off prior we will send an email, text or advertise on our social media pages. The competition can only make these early calls, not the club, we will advise you as soon as a decision is made. If no call is made on calling off a wet weather game early please proceed to the game as if you are playing.

Parents/Guardians for Under 12 age

For Parents of children under the age of 12 a parent is required to be at training or games. If a parent cannot be there or need to leave they need to advise the Coach / Team manager. Another parent will also need to make sure there is another parent who is acting as a guardian while you are not available.

While we are not as strict on the Under 14/16 ages it is advised to follow the same process. Coaches need to have a contact if games finish early.

Junior BHRDCA Rules & By-Laws

The Junior BHRDCA competition rules are published on the association website here:

<http://www.bhrdca.com.au/rules-regualtions/junior-competition-rules/>

Copies will be included to all Coaches & Team Managers along with their scorebooks at the commencement of the new cricket season.

Coaches Objective

- A **fair and equal opportunity** for all players to shine and enjoy the game of cricket
- Key objective is **participation** for all players in every grade
- An obligation to improve **ALL players** in the team, not just a select few
- To not allow the scoreboard to dominate decisions around development and participation
- To provide an environment where all players have fun and enjoy playing cricket

What does Club Success look like?

Short-term: All kids want to come back and play cricket in 2019-20

Long-term: All Kids are still playing cricket in 20-30 years' time

How the Coach is expected to coach

- 1 Coach for 1 team approach
- Engage the kids, not standing around waiting
- A coach must be pre-organised with all drills
- Remember everyone is a volunteer
- Focus for training needs to be more catching, hitting, bowling and fielding
- Working in smaller groups, rotating type workshops, high intensity at training
- 1-hour training sessions
- Parents helping can mean a coach can coach, not coordinate
- Ensuring players support each other off the field when batting, by encouraging them to sit together and watch the game.
- Do not keep fielders in the same spot for the whole 20-25 overs. Rotate players around the ground as it keeps them in the game.
- To ensure kids understand their fielding positions
- To ensure kids understand the rules of the game

Girls, Super 7s, Fast 9s and Under 12s

All players and teams at Super 7s, Fast 9s, Under 12s / Girls cricket level must have an equal rotation system;

- Everyone bowls 1 over, before anyone bowls a 2nd over
- Suggestion is to rotate batting order 2 places each week. e.g. if a player starts at 1, they would move to 3, then 5, then 7 and then 9 and finish at 11, before they go back to the top again.
- Innings should be kept to 30 balls max per player before they retire in a 2-day game. (competition requirement)
- Innings should be kept to 15 balls max per player before they retire in a 1-day game. (competition requirement)
- Everyone should have a go at wicket keeping. No player should be the wicket keeper each week

Under 14s/16s

All players and teams at Under 14s and Under 16s level must have an equal rotation system;

- Under 14s have a retirement at 60 balls (2-day game) and 30 balls (1-day game)
- Coaches are asked to make sure kids are rotated in the batting order as well to again develop all players equally
- Bowlers in 14s/16s have restrictions on overs so all players get a go, and Coaches are asked to involve everyone in the game

Parents Support & Code of Behaviour

- Please make sure we all support the coaches and work with them
- Make sure the Coach has extra help, so the Coach can coach the kids
- Encourage your kids to want to develop and improve, not to win
- Please try not to call out and yell too much, particularly to run as it can be confusing for kids. And then the kids will follow your lead and yell at their team mates
- Our Parents & Supporter Code of Behaviour, endorsed by Cricket Victoria, is on our website

Communication

Players are asked to inform their Coach or Team Manager if they are unavailable, or will be late, to training or matches.

Please do not ask anyone else to pass on a message to the coaches – do it yourself. Failure to effectively communicate this information to your Team Coach could impact upon a player's match participation.

As we have done in past seasons, our preferred means of communication to players/parents is via email and our website. Please ensure the club has at least one email address and a mobile number you can be contacted on. Most information will be sent by your Team Manager but be on the lookout for information from the Head of Junior & Girls Cricket.

The Club also produces and distributes a fortnightly newsletter which includes both Junior and Senior match reports as well as many light hearted and humorous anecdotes from around the Club.

Social media channels are available for all members. At present, we have a main Heatherdale Facebook page as well as one specific to our Junior division. You can find them here;

Main HCC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/heatherdalecricketclub/>

Juniors HCC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/heatherdalejuniors/>

Social Events

The Club will hold 5 major events during season 2018-19. These nights are a great way to gather as a club and socialise in a relaxed and friendly environment. It is also a great opportunity to mix with the senior side of the Club and for the younger boys and girls to rub shoulders with some of the greats of HCC.

A meal is provided, the canteen is open and junior match reports conducted so the performances and efforts of everyone can be lauded in front of the whole Club.

A highlight of the social calendar, particularly for the younger children, is the annual **Christmas Party on Saturday 22nd December 2018 from 5.00pm**. Santa usually makes a grand entrance bearing gifts for all young Dales!

Our **five (5) major social events** are as follows;

Date	EVENT
Saturday 20 th October 2018	HCC SEASON WELCOME NIGHT
Saturday 24 th November 2018	TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 22 nd December 2018	CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday 9 th February 2019	PINK STUMPS DAY
Saturday 2 nd March 2019	\$\$\$ REVERSE RAFFLE NIGHT

In season 2018-19, HCC are having Junior Back to the Club Rooms nights, more details to come but our first one will coincide with the 20th Oct Welcome Night and start around 5.30pm for some food and drinks at the club along with some awards. There is a great family friendly culture at HCC and your family and friends are most welcome to join our Heatherdale community as often as you can. Back to Club Room nights will continue once a month throughout the course of the cricket season.

HCC also has Presentation Nights for both Juniors & Seniors. These are held at the conclusion of the Finals series and is a lovely way to celebrate the season with family and friends. Date TBC.

Fundraising and Charity

The Club will run a fundraising *Chocolate Drive* in November 2018 to help fund junior coaching in 2019-20 season. Stay tuned for more information from your Team Manager.

Stay tuned for requests for volunteers to help raise some funds for the junior program – free sausages thrown in!

HCC have also assisted with the promotion of several charities in recent years, including **Pink Stumps Day** a fantastic initiative to raise funds for the McGrath Foundation to increase Breast Cancer awareness and support. HCC is also committed to supporting members of their community and we have a proud history of growing awareness and supporting other charitable organisations that impact our members.

Representative Cricket

At the Clubs discretion players from U12 - U18 may be nominated to try out for BHRDCA and/or Cricket Victoria Youth Premier Pathway Representative teams. Nominations are based on previous performances, cricketing ability, attitude during games and at training and alignment to HCC values.

Players will be advised of their nomination by the Head of Junior & Girls Cricket and be contacted by BHRDCA regarding trial sessions.

Merchandise

A wide array of merchandise is available through our online *Team App Heatherdale* store. All purchases will be sent to the club to be picked up once available. The link to order merchandise is below;

<https://heatherdalecricketclub.teamapp.com/store>

Club Song

HCC is proud to have their own club theme song. Written by the Life Member and the late Michael Sole, for generations this song has been sung when teams win premierships. It is sung to the tune of "*The Road to Gundagai*"

**We're the team that will fight
for our colours Blue and White
We are the team from Heatherdale
For the wickets we are taking
and the runs that we are making
Will take us to the final flag final flag
There's no side with the pride that can take us in their stride
We are the team from Heatherdale**

Sponsorship

At HCC, we value our great sponsors who support our club. Their continued support is truly appreciated, and we ask all members to in turn, support them in their business ventures. Great people, great businesses with a community minded outlook is something both HCC and our sponsors share in common.

Our sponsors can be viewed on our website here: <http://www.heatherdalecricketclub.com.au/our-sponsors/>

Specifically, we thank our Premium Sponsors who support our Juniors and development of Boys & Girls cricket in our region;

ENGAGE 1 ON 1 PSYCHOLOGY



Johann and his team at Engage 1 on 1 Psychology provide mental health services to children, adolescents, adults, couples and families. They are heavily involved in local schools and provide a wonderful service to our community. Engage 1 on 1 Psychology will be down at many functions throughout the course of the season so please do say hello.

NOEL JONES



The team at Noel Jones in Mitcham, led by Matthew Scafidi, do an amazing job at helping sell your home for the best possible price or helping you buy property in our area. Great supporters of community sport and with many years of localised knowledge and care for our region, you can trust Matthew and the team at Noel Jones to deliver for you.

NEW BALANCE



Justin and his team at New Balance provide great support to HCC. A long-time sponsor and fan of community cricket and junior development, you can trust New Balance to look after all your cricket equipment needs. What's more, you can get a huge discount by purchasing online. Simply quote **HCC30** at checkout to get 30% off your online purchase.

MENZCLUB



Menzclub Ringwood, located in Eastland Lvl 2, led by Joe Scuderi and his amazing team specialise in casual and formal clothing. To look dapper for your next event, pop into the store and we guarantee their service will be second to none. Quote *Heatherdale Cricket Club* for some amazing discounts.

2018/19 Contact List

Club Contacts

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Secretary	Martin Lavelle	Ph: 0439 559 131 secretary@heatherdalecricketclub.com.au

Junior & Girls Sub-Committee

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