

Wigan Cricket Club Junior Section Newsletter



Introduction

Welcome to the Wigan Cricket Club Junior Section Newsletter. The Newsletter aims to inform parents and players of the proposals for the Junior Section over the next 12 months. We are in a period of rebuilding the section and we hope that by outlining our plans you will see the commitment from the Club towards all of our junior players.

The Newsletter will become the regular way of the club communicating with parents and players. We will use it to consult about any changes we are thinking of, inform you about social events, highlight outstanding junior performances both in junior and senior cricket, as well as pass on regular news from the club.

The quickest, most cost effective and most environmentally friendly way of distributing the Newsletter is by email. It would be helpful therefore if you could send your email address to me steven.martlew@btinternet.com with the name of your child and the age group they play in contained within the subject field. If you are not online please let your respective age group manager know and we will arrange for a newsletter to be printed.

Short Term Plans for the Junior Section

The club appointed Phil Armstrong earlier this year to over see all the coaching throughout the club - from Senior players through to the Juniors. Phil will be running a 3 day cricket school at the club from the 11th - 13th August.

The morning sessions will start at 9am and finish at 12 noon. These are for the under 9 and under 11 age group.

The afternoon sessions will start at 1pm and finish at 4pm and are for the under 13, under 15 and under 17 age group.

The cost for all 3 days is £30 per child. As well as getting 9 hours quality coaching from an ECB Level 2 coach, you will also receive a T-Shirt and refreshments.

To book onto the course please contact Phil on 07815 540842

Medium Term Plans for the Junior Section

The club have identified 10+ individuals who wish to become qualified ECB coaches. They will be carrying out their coaching qualifications throughout the winter. However, if you are interested in becoming a qualified ECB coach please contact Phil on the number above.

If you wish to help out but don't want to go as far as becoming a coach you can become a parent helper. All coaches, all managers and all parent helpers are CRB checked

Winter training will commence in January 2011 and the club are attempting to block book a dedicated indoor cricket facility in the Wigan area. More information will follow on this.

Long Term Plans - Season 2011

Once the club has a pool of qualified ECB coaches available, each team within each age group will be allocated 2 coaches. This means that from January 2011 onwards your child will receive a quality coaching session every week as well as an opportunity to represent the club in competitive cricket throughout the 2011 Season.

Following suggestions from parents the club is also looking to provide a club cap and a Wigan CC shirt for every player that joins the club. Further Wigan CC liveried kit will also be available at competitive prices. More to follow on this.

We are also looking to adopt the T20 branding of the Wigan Wizards for the 2011 Season. Each team would be called Wigan Wizards U9s, U11s etc.

Where are we now?

Whilst we have plans to improve the Junior section for 2011 there have been some fantastic performances this season so far.

The under 9s and Under 10s have played 11 matches and won two games with big improvements throughout the season so far. Both wins came against Winstanley Park Dragons

The under 11s currently sit on top of the league and are 1 game away from becoming champions

The under 13s have played 8 and won 2 so far with good team and individual performances.

The under 15s have had a difficult start to the season but have been well captained by Sam Humphries and are improving each week both individually and as a team. A number of the players are playing senior cricket and hopefully that first win is just round the corner.

The under 17s have currently won 3 out of 6 games with notable performances from Jonathan Potts, Phillip Evans, Patrick Evans, Sam Fell, Jason Case, Danny Carberry and Charles Taylor.

Jonathan Potts, Charles Taylor, Patrick Evans, Sam Humphries and Danny Carberry have represented the 1st team.

Patrick Evans, Sean Evans, Sam Humphries, Sam Fell and Daniel Carberry have represented the 2nd team.

Sean Evans, Matthew O'Neill, Curtis Edwards have represented the 3rd team.

Full Team reports and 2010 season's statistics will be available in the August newsletter.

Forthcoming Social Events

The club hold a series of Social events throughout the year. These are designed to raise funds for the cricket section as well as an opportunity for club members to socialise with each other. We would like as many parents of junior players to know about these. Some forthcoming events are (more details will follow nearer to the time)

- Friday October 1st - there is a Comedy & Curry night
- October Junior Presentation Night
- December Junior Section Christmas party
- Friday February 11th - Valentines Ball

Junior Section Representatives

Phil Armstrong - Phil is a qualified level 2 ECB coach. Prior to coming to Wigan Phil was responsible for developing a thriving junior section at Ormskirk Cricket Club. Phil will ensure our team of coaches deliver quality coaching sessions from 2011 onwards. He will do this by sharing good practice, new coaching techniques and mentoring all our new coaches. Phil is also available for one to one coaching sessions.

Tracy Nelson - Child Welfare Officer. Tracy is the clubs qualified Child Welfare Officer. Tracy is Niall Nelson's mum, Niall plays for the under 13s but will step up to the under 15s next season. If you or your child have any concerns you can speak to Tracy in confidence.

Mark Cullen - Mark is the second Team captain and has also been helping out in the running of the under 15s this season. Mark currently represents the Junior section on the Wigan Cricket Committee.

Steve Martlew - I will be taking over the role of Junior section secretary. I will represent all the interests of the junior section at the cricket committee. I will also make sure that all parents and players receive regular information about what is happening in the club.

Coaches - Our coaches will be responsible for coaching our teams but also ensuring we have the right equipment available to deliver quality coaching sessions. Again this demonstrates the commitment from the club towards the Junior section. Each team will also have an administrator. The administrator will liaise with opposition teams with regards to fixtures, ensure the players know where and when to meet, confirm results on the Play-Cricket website etc. If you are interested in being your teams administrator please let me know.

Finally..

This is your newsletter, if you want to see anything specific in it please let me know.

We hope you can see the plans the Club have for the junior section and how much they are supporting it. We hope you will play your part in supporting the section in achieving its aims.

We want Wigan Cricket Club to be known as a place where any child can come, no matter what their cricketing ability, and enjoy a quality, affordable cricket session in a fun and safe environment.

Thanks for your support

Steve Martlew

