

Tunbridge Wells Youth cricket FAQs

QUESTION	ANSWER may refer to other pages on the TWCC website
MEMBERSHIP	
What are the benefits of membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and playing on The Nevill using the same high quality facilities as Test and County stars • 18 weeks youth training on Friday evenings, at 2 hours per session • Attendance at adult nets for those older youth players wishing to attend • State-of-the-art outdoor 4-lane cricket nets with bowling machines • Specialised visiting coaches with targeted sessions • Free, new TWCC cricket shirt each year • Use of Club pavilion and TWCC cricket week marquee bar (also for parents, guardians and friends) • Free entry to Kent County Cricket week at The Nevill • Opportunity to purchase discounted tickets for Kent 1-day matches at The Nevill (if applicable)
Can anyone join	<p>All playing activities are for Club members only. There are restrictions on new memberships when our lists are full as we must maintain the ratio of coaches to players at a safe and effective level.</p> <p>See YOUTH - APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP page</p>
Can my son/daughter be a member of more than 1 cricket club	<p>Our cricket programme is for members only and our efforts are directed at preparing members to play for TWCC, both now and in the future. Members are of course free to join other clubs at the same time, but competition rules usually preclude playing for more than one club in a season; and in any event, we don't expect a player who is selected for a TW match to turn down the invitation in favour of playing for another club and especially if that match is against TWCC.</p>
At what age can players join the Club	Young people need to be in school year 2
At what age can I put my child's name on the Application List	As soon as possible. See YOUTH - APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP page. We operate on a first come first served basis when dealing with new memberships.
At what age does youth cricket finish	The Youth section's activities tailored for young cricketers continue to age 18. From an earlier age players can start participating in adult training and matches.
As a parent, how do I become a member	See MEMBERSHIP page
GIRLS CRICKET	
I see you include girls; what are the details	<p>Girls have full training and match programmes and are fully integrated members of the youth section TWCC.</p> <p>See YOUTH CRICKET GIRLS page and YOUTH - APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP page.</p>

TRAINING & COACHING	
When is summer coaching	Y2 –Y8 Friday evenings. Boys YR9+ Tuesday evenings
When does coaching start	Last Friday in April.
When does coaching end	Last Friday in August.
How long are the sessions	Y2 2 5.15-6.15 others normally from 6.30 -8.30 (depending on light)
How much does it cost	Summer is part of membership fee.
When can youth players train in the adult group	All youth players aged 14 may attend adult nets sessions if they wish
Who can I speak to with detailed questions	YOUTH CHAIRMAN, see CONTACT US page
Do youth players need special kit	Not in year 2/3/4. (& see next items). Members get a new Club playing shirt every year. Any colour trousers/trainers/caps are fine. In due course cricket whites (trousers) and boots/trainers/cricket caps – not fashion caps.
Where can I get playing kit	Annual membership includes the cost of a TWCC cricket shirt. Club caps and other training kit are available from the Club online shop, see KIT & LEISURE WEAR page, and then click on shirt picture.
Playing for the first time with a hard ball When does my son/daughter need to buy equipment and what items?	From year 5 a member needs: own bat (appropriate quality for hard ball cricket) and for boys a box (to be worn either with a jockstrap or appropriate pants/swimming trunks to keep the box in place - no boxer shorts!). Pads, gloves and helmets are also recommended but not compulsory as the Club has a selection of gloves, pads and helmets for members' use at the start.
If the weather is bad how can I find out if training is still going ahead	See website- TRAINING YOUTH, where regular bulletins are posted if playing conditions are in doubt. <u>Please don't try to contact us</u>
Do you offer winter coaching	Not at present (2018)
Can you offer one-to-one separate coaching for members	The Club does not offer this but some of our coaches do private work. Ask Youth Chairman.
When are the outdoor nets open for members to use	The nets are available for use from March 1 to October 30 every year in accordance with our license agreement with TWBC. Members are advised the combination lock number at the start of each season.
MATCHES	
What matches are played	Mini matches at training. Comprehensive match programme including league cricket, festivals and friendlies.

VOLUNTEERING	
Can I offer my help	YES, YES, YES! We need cricketers and non-cricketers alike; those who are not cricketers to help with all sorts of tasks vital to keeping the Club developing its youth cricket programme; and those with cricket knowledge who would like to coach or team manage. See VOLUNTEERS PAGE
Who are the people running the Youth section	Most of us are parents whose sons/daughters have been, or currently are, in the Youth section. We are all volunteers; many are qualified ECB (England & Wales Cricket Board) Cricket Coaches.
CLUBMARK & FOCUS CLUB	
I see you have Clubmark accreditation – what does this mean	The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and the Kent Cricket Board (KCB) have formally recognised Tunbridge Wells Cricket Club as a safe, effective, child-friendly club. We have to produce a very detailed evidence file containing for example, certificates of Coaching, Child Protection, First Aid, and Criminal Records Bureau checks, to prove that our volunteers are appropriate persons to be working with young people. We also have to prove that we have effective policies and processes in place for all parts of our activities.
Can I see the evidence file	Yes. You will see that it also incorporates the TWCC Youth Cricket Handbook, a complete guide to the way we run Youth Cricket at the Club. Ask the Youth Chairman
LOST PROPERTY	
What happens if some kit is left behind after coaching	If found it gets put in the lost property box. Please <u>mark all clothing and kit</u> .
What happens if we bring home someone else's kit or Club property by mistake	Please hand it in to whomever is in charge, on your next visit. Please check bags regularly, balls regularly and innocently land in members' kit bags!