



U8S AND U9s COACHES AND MANAGERS GUIDE

FOR COACHES AND MANAGERS

NEW rules regarding Blue Card/Member Declaration Form

New Blue Card laws came into effect on 31 August, more details regarding new requirements will be discussed at the coaches and managers meeting. If you have a current Blue Card, please email me with your Blue Card Registration Number.

Valley Junior Facebook Page

The club encourages you to join our Valley Junior Facebook page, as information regarding blanket cancellations due to wet weather are posted here, and other information you may wish to share with your team.

Wet Weather Procedure

Please check BOM weather reports on the day of training or game night. **Do not train if lightning is imminent.**

Training Cancellations on-site at Ashgrove sportsgrounds

Manager or Coach, please check our Facebook page, the club will send out a blanket cancellation if there is heavy rain and the fields are waterlogged or if any sign of lightning. The team manager will contact the team and confirm training is cancelled.

Training Cancellations off-site

The team manager, after discussion with the Coach, should contact the team if rain has affected the field and training is cancelled.

Training Day

Your first training session:

Under 8s Monday 5th October from 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Under 9s Tuesday 8th October from 5:00pm – 6:00pm

At Valleys Sports Ground, Yoku Road, Ashgrove.

Coaches, if you cannot make this training time or are training off-site, please contact me as soon as possible, so we don't include your team on the training field map.

Game Cancellations

Will be posted on the Valley Junior Facebook page, if the rain is heavy enough making the game unplayable due to the slippery surface or in the event of lightning. **Please do not assume the game is not on if the rain is sprinkling as the rain may pass and the games may continue.** The game is on till a decision is made that its off and we will do our best to communicate the cancellation as soon as possible.

Game Day

Ask your team if anyone has a table for the scorers but parents should bring their own chairs to score.

COACHES ROLE

Please follow the [Coaching Guide](#), (Attachment 1) developed by Clinton Kempnich, Junior Chairman (Level 3 CA coach). Please contact him if you have any questions about the guide at c.kempnich@valleycricket.org.au.

On Friday nights, the coach from each team will need to umpire on the field - one stands at the bowlers' end and the other at 'square leg'. If the coach needs a break, you can call on parents who know the rules to umpire.

Game Night Setup

Please check [Attachment 2](#) for game setup details.

Kits and Scorebooks

The club provides a team kit to every team that contains everything necessary for the game. However, as players progress through the age groups, they often prefer to have their own equipment.

Due to COVID restrictions, it is mandatory for all players to own their helmet, batting gloves and full inner gloves. Bats, batting pads and wicketkeeping gloves will still be provided in the kits.

Coaches (or if not available, the manager), please collect your team kits and scorebooks on **Sunday 4 October between 12:00pm – 4:00pm**. Each kit contains one sets of stumps, bats, balls, pads, wicketkeeping gloves and other equipment required for training and competition nights.

It is mandatory for all players to wear a helmet when batting and wicketkeeping.

The Club keeps a small range of cricket gear at the clubhouse, please don't hesitate to contact Martin Bell, Equipment Officer, m.bell@valleycricket.org.au or phone him on 0403 577 897, if you are missing training equipment or cricket gear, run out of balls or have gear which are the wrong size.

Generally, the Coach keeps the kit and the Manager keeps the scorebook for the season and brings it to each game. Teams are required to score in the book to keep track of number of balls each child will face, however, no formal statistics will be recorded on MyCricket.

Cricket Coaches Australia (CCA) ID required for all Valley Coaches

All coaches will require a CCA ID number. If you have already registered with CCA, please email me your ID Number, as the Club is required to keep a register. If you do not have a CCA ID number, please find attached details on 'How to register for a CCA ID'. ([Attachment 3](#))

MANAGER'S ROLE

Below are some duties of a Manager:

- Create a scoring roster, this is **essential**, so all parents can have time to enjoy their child's cricket experience. (Do not include the Coach - they will be umpiring on the field).
- On game day, keep a list of the batting order and ensure the next two batters are padded up and ready to go on the field. Make sure the the game is flowing and the opposition fielders are not kept waiting.
- Notify the team if training or games gets cancelled due to rain. Please make sure you add your team's contact numbers to your phone.
- Send out weekly reminders to your team regarding the draw – who, where and what time you are playing, where to park etc.
- Communicate any further information received from the club, eg. Photo Day, Family Fun Day
- Optional: Create your own communication link to your team via 'What's App', 'Team App' or group text message.
- Encourage parents to register with Facebook, Twitter and Instagram so you all get updates on cancellations due to bad weather.

MANAGERS, PLEASE SEND OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO ALL PLAYERS IN YOUR TEAM

1 Season Calendar

Keep a copy of the Season Calendar nearby for all details regarding the cricket season. (Attachment A)

2 Training

When you arrive on training day, please go to the allocated training spot. A training field map will be emailed to all coaches and managers. The training map will be also be placed on the Clubhouse noticeboard. This spot should be your regular training area for the entire season. **Please make sure children do not train or play on the centre cricket pitches as the premier teams use them on the weekend. Please keep your children away from the nets during training.**

U8s, U9s and U10s do not require the nets until they have mastered the basic skills of cricket.

3 Game Night

Your first game will be on Friday 9 October from 5:45pm. Amy, Junior Registrar will be completing the draw for both U8s and U9s. Once the draw is finalised, she will send an email to the Coaches and Managers. Managers, please circulate the draw to your team.

A reminder - It's the responsibility of each parent to get their own kids padded and ready to bat. It's good to have two kids padded up, ready to go so the game flows smoothly and kids on the field are not kept waiting. Your game should go for less than 2 hours. **It's important to finish on time between 730-745pm.**

4 Scoring Guide

Please see attached "How to Score Guide". Keep a copy at the scoring table on Friday night for reference. (Attachment B)

5 Canteen Roster

During Friday night games, the Canteen is open at the Valley Clubhouse and we rely on volunteers to assist in the Canteen and on the BBQ. All U8, U9 and Girls teams will be rostered for Canteen and BBQ duty. Volunteers will be required to assist for 1hr 15mins to either cook at the BBQ or serve at the canteen. Donna, our Canteen Supervisor will be there to assist all parents. Please note: The Volunteer Levy refund does not include volunteering for Canteen duty. The Canteen roster will be emailed to the Manager once finalised.

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7 Cricket Gear

The club provides a team cricket kit to every team which contains cricket pads, bats, balls and training equipment, so there is no requirement to purchase these items.

Players are asked to wear the following to the game:

Shirt	A plain white collared shirt or shirt with the Club logo
Pants	White long pants
Shoes and socks	Any sport shoes and white socks
Cap or hat	Valleys junior baggy blue caps are provided to all new junior players only A broad-brimmed white hat is NOT required until children play on Saturdays

Due to COVID restrictions, it is mandatory for all players to own their helmet and batting gloves when batting. Bats, batting pads and wicketkeeping gloves will still be provided in the kits.

For hygiene reasons, we recommend all players purchase their own protective box.

If families have not purchased cricket gear yet, we recommend they purchase from [Keith Dudgeon Cricket Specialist shop](#) at 64 Koorong St, The Gap. Please support our Platinum Sponsor who has been a wonderful supporter of the Club for over twenty years. They stock all our Valley Cricket Club clothing and all other cricket items.

8 Social Media

If you haven't done so already, please join one or all of our social media groups for important updates and to share in the Club Community. Please encourage your team to join as well, as all cancellations of Friday night games will be published there first.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ValleyCricket

Instagram: @valldistrictcricketclub & #GoValleys

Twitter: @valleydcc & #GoValleys

Snapchat: @valleycricket