

# BRAYWOOD CRICKET CLUB

## *JUNIORS*

### INFORMATION PACK 2011

We hope to include here most of the information you need to answer any questions you and your child may have about our junior cricket.

- **Our aim** – is to provide a safe and friendly place for your child to learn cricket and have fun doing so.
- **Our coaches** – are qualified through the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) at either Level 2 (Coach) or Level 1 (Coaching Assistant). They are CRB cleared through the ECB. We are all volunteers.
- **Welfare of your children** – we have a Safeguarding Policy which sets out our commitment to ensuring that children have a safe and positive experience learning cricket at our club. A copy of the policy is available at our sessions or you can view it on our website. The Club Welfare Officer, Trish Eldrid (contact details below), is the point of contact should you or your child have any concerns that you wish to report confidentially.
- **Our season** – We hold coaching sessions on Sunday mornings, 10 – 12, from 1st May until 28th August, that's 18 sessions. Matches are played either on Sunday mornings or on midweek evenings as notified during the season. We aim to run league teams in Under 11 and Under 13 age groups in 2012.
- **Our fees** – £30 for the season, covering coaching sessions and matches. These can be paid at any Juniors session by cash or cheque, or by cheque posted to the Juniors Manager.
- **Enrolment** – we need you to complete our Annual Registration form. This can be obtained from our website, from the Juniors Manager or at any Sunday coaching session. If you are not sure whether our sessions are suitable for your child, we are happy for them to come along for a taster session.
- **Our club** – was established in 1920, and has about 40 playing members and numerous retired-from-playing members. They all contribute voluntarily, in various ways, to enable Braywood to continue playing a high standard of cricket at our well-regarded private ground in Fifield. We run two Saturday XIs in the Marrant Chilterns Cricket League, a Sunday XI which plays friendlies and in the National Village Cup, and a Twenty20 midweek evening league team called "Braywood Knights".
- **Our helpers** – whether club members, friends or relatives are an important part of our family oriented club. They are CRB cleared depending on the nature of their role.
- **Cricket clothing** – we ask, for safety reasons, that a white top be worn to cricket sessions. We recommend trainers as footwear (spiked boots can be an advantage but cannot be worn on all-weather pitches, including in our practice net. They are also an expensive item for fast growing feet).
- **Cricket kit** – we provide bats, pads, boxes for the boys, batting gloves, wicket-keeping gloves and pads and helmets. If you wish to bring along your own kit, please try to make sure it fits comfortably and does not restrict athletic movement (for example, oversized batting pads restrict your running between the wickets).
- **Cricket bats** – a special plea from the coaches: if you buy your own, please avoid buying one that is too long or too heavy as this restricts the learning of good batting technique. We are happy to advise and guide before you buy, just ask.

- **Hang on to your kit!** – Please mark all kit with your name, particularly sweaters, caps, bats, gloves, boxes, helmets and water bottles.
- **Sun and heat protection** – the hot summer sun can have a big impact on children. We recommend they wear a hat or cap, use sun block skin protection, and bring a drink to avoid dehydration. Drinks should be brought in plastic bottles. We always have a mid-session break for drinks and provide tap water for all.
- **Weather problems** – if it rains it can become too dangerous to play and we would call off the session, and would expect children to be collected early. If it looks like the session will be unable to start, you should call the clubhouse and/or the Juniors Manager to check.
- **Risk areas** – everyone needs to be careful around the car park area alongside the road and behind the clubhouse. Children must not be allowed on to these tarmac areas and your help in checking on this would be welcome.
- **Management** – of Braywood Juniors is in the hands of our Juniors Committee comprising the three people listed below. If you have any suggestions to help us improve please let one of us know.
- **Communication with you** – is something we try to keep up to date with. Our website at [www.braywoodcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.braywoodcricketclub.co.uk) has a dedicated page for Juniors and we issue newsletters for our young cricketers and parents a couple of times each summer.

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