



We Are Blackburn!

Junior Club – The way we play the game

Blackburn Junior Cricket Club (BJCC) exists to provide an opportunity for local girls and boys to play cricket. Established in the late 1880's, BJCC is a community and family-based club run by volunteers.

BJCC strives to strike a balance between participation and competitiveness where the priority is for players, coaches, team managers and families to have an enjoyable and rewarding cricketing experience.

We believe in participation, development, friendships and fun. With a focus on these core values, our aim is to encourage every player to grow their love of cricket and continue to play the game for many years to come.

We encourage families to get involved in the club, and if your young cricketer is showing potential we encourage and support you to pursue representative pathways. The evidence reveals kids who enjoy their cricket, will attend more training sessions, thereby increasing the chance they will perform at their best. We encourage every player to play at the highest level their potential allows, thereby enhancing their love of the game.

At training and in match play, we promote a culture of support for teammates, and learning to play as a team.

As part of the participation and development, we work with your child to improve their batting, bowling, fielding and understanding the rules of the game and teach them game sense and strategies.

We support the inclusive culture of the broader club and recognise the effort put in by those who keep the club moving forward.

We apply a holistic team/club approach where decisions made should benefit the playing group as a whole rather than an individual. In priority order the BJCC values are:

Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging and inclusive • Humility in success and failure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect each other, opposition and umpires • Fair play in the spirit of the game
Opportunity & Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Platform to participate in cricket • Movement between sides during the season is limited as we promote a team culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team selection considers many factors: Strength of Association, strength of grade, team balance, friendships • Representative cricket • Parents to be Team Coach, Assistant Coach or Team Manager
Fun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy the company of friends • Having a laugh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not treating the game or result too seriously
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve cricketing skills • Game sense and awareness • Leadership skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn umpiring and scoring – players and parents
Competitiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to win and lose graciously • Game strategy and tactics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor sportsmanship and sledging not tolerated • Team numbers capped

Cricket is a sport that fosters lifelong friendships and connections. Many of the senior players at Blackburn were also junior cricketers at the club. Due to our size and involvement with representative level cricket, we are able to provide advice and support on cricketing pathways. More broadly, cricket at Blackburn provides wonderful lifelong connections and, in many instances, has helped players with their careers off the field. At Blackburn, we value community spirit.

Celebrate diversity

Cricket Victoria's (CV) Harmony in Cricket philosophy celebrates the message that cricket is a **game for everyone**. We proudly acknowledge that Blackburn Junior Cricket Club is a place where everybody, regardless of his or her cultural background, religion, gender, age or ability feels welcome.



Junior Club – Participation Guidelines

	Participation	Competitiveness	Description	Team Numbers Capped at
Girls	100%	0%	Bowling – All players bowl in every match Batting - All players bat in every match Fielding – Players will receive equal fielding & wicketkeeping time	N/A
Super 7's	100%	0%	Bowling – All players bowl in every match Batting - All players bat in every match Fielding – Players will receive equal fielding & wicketkeeping time	9
Fast 9's	100%	0%	Bowling – All players bowl in every match Batting - All players bat in every match Fielding – Players will receive equal fielding & wicketkeeping time	11
Under 12 A	70%	30%	Bowling – All players bowl in every match Batting - All players bat in every match Fielding – Players will receive equal fielding time	13
Under 12 B	80%	20%	Bowling – All players bowl in every match Batting - All players bat in every match Fielding – Players will receive equal fielding time	13
Under 14 A	60%	40%	Batting & Bowling –All players will either bat or bowl in every match Fielding – Players will receive equal fielding time	13
Under 14 B	70%	30%	Bowling – All players bowl in every match Batting - All players bat in every match Fielding – Players will receive equal fielding time	13
Under 16 A	30%	70%	Batting & Bowling –All players will either bat or bowl in every match Fielding – Players will receive equal fielding time	13
Under 16 B	30%	70%	Batting & Bowling –All players will either bat or bowl in every match Fielding – Players will receive equal fielding time	13

Note: While every attempt is made to follow these guidelines, sometime game or weather conditions make this not possible, for example during a one-day match or when kids bat their allocated balls and not leaving enough balls for others to bat (no non-compulsory retirements). BJCC endeavours to field teams in a wide range of age groups and gradings to help maximise the opportunities for every junior player.

Other clubs may have different priorities and approaches, but this has no influence on the way junior cricket is played at Blackburn. The club greatly values the involvement and support of parents in upholding these values, and the club encourages parents to acknowledge the achievements of opposition players as well as our own.