



Leichhardt Wanderers Cricket Club

Coaches & Managers
Briefing 2025-26



Welcome to season 2025-26!



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Season calendar - playing



• **IWHJCA** competitions & **Junior Blasters**:

- ✍ Saturday 18th October - competitions commence
- ✍ Saturday 13th December - last round before summer break
- ✍ Saturday 31st January - junior competitions resume
- ✍ Saturday 7th March - last regular round playing date (*TBC pending no. teams*)
- ✍ Saturday 14th & 21st March - semi-final / grand final playing dates

• **Sixers Cricket League** competitions (two competitions, Spring & Summer):

- ✍ Sat 18th / Sun 29th October - Spring comp commences
- ✍ Sat 13th / Sun 14th December - Spring comp final playing date
- ✍ Sat 31st Jan / Sun 1st Feb - Summer comp commences
- ✍ Sat 21st / Sun 22nd March - Summer comp final playing date

• **WHCCA** competitions (seniors):

- ✍ Saturday 20th September - competition commences
- ✍ Saturday 13th December - last round before summer break
- ✍ Saturday 10th January - competition resumes
- ✍ Saturday 21st March - final playing date



Season calendar - events



- ① **LWCC is run entirely by volunteers!**
- ① **Please support your club! Attendance is key: fundraising + building a sense of 'community' + club engagement**
- ① **Share our events with your teams, encourage your teams to attend!**
- ① **Event calendar:**
 - ✍ Friday 26th September - welcome BBQ, uniform & kit collection/sales @ Blackmore
 - ✍ Friday 17th October - additional uniform & kit collection/sales @ Blackmore
 - ✍ November (date TBC) - virtual info session: *Juniors transitioning to "adult cricket"*
 - ✍ Friday 5th December - 'Red & Black Friday' end-of-2025 club celebration
 - ✍ Friday 6th February - 'Summer Friday' club BBQ
 - ✍ Saturday 9th May - Juniors Presentation Evening



Junior team summary

- Full club team summary to be shared via *WhatsApp* & e-mail, including coach & manager contact details
- LWCC team summary (*as at 19th September*):
- **307x** individual player participants registered
- **27x** junior teams:
 - ✍ **5x** Junior Blasters teams
 - ✍ **15x** IWHJCA teams
 - ✍ **7x** SCL teams, including **4x** all-girls teams
- **27x** Friday Blast skills program participants
- **2x** senior teams (West Harbour & Churches CA):
 - ✍ B-grade (men)
 - ✍ D-grade (men)



Training

- Full club training schedule to be shared via *WhatsApp* & e-mail once finalised:
 - ✍ Dedicated training timeslot for all girls' teams: 6-7pm Thursdays @ Blackmore
 - ✍ Senior teams training: 6-7pm Tuesdays @ Blackmore nets only
- Enforced expectation of teams sharing / alternating between nets & outfield from week to week, with teams to rotate between Blackmore & Rozelle Parklands
- Please openly communicate with your fellow coaches & teams – **we are all Wanderers!** Recommend setting up a *WhatsApp* group with each team's coach/manager for your training timeslot, to help plan who trains where each week
- Please bare with us all – this is a new concept and may need development. Our club has grown!



***New for 2025-26* - Rozelle Parklands oval!**



Playing formats - IWHJCA



Competition	Blast	Blast	Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 2	Stage 3
Overs	T12	T12	T20	T20	T30	T30	T30
Ball	Soft plastic	Soft plastic	142g mod	142g leather	142g leather	142g leather	156g leather
Day / Time	Sat 8:30 60 min	Sat 8:00 60 min	Sat 10am 130 min	Sat 10am 130 min	Sat 8am 190 min	Sat 2pm 190 min	Sat 2pm 190 min
Players	6	6	7	7	9	9	11
Pitch Length	14m	14m	16m	16m	18m	18m	20.12m
Boundary (max)	30m	30m	35m	35m	45m	45m	50m
IWHJCA U8 Mixed							
IWHJCA U9 Mixed							
IWHJCA U10 Mixed							
IWHJCA U11 Mixed							
IWHJCA U12 Mixed							
IWHJCA U13 Mixed							
IWHJCA U15 Mixed							



Playing formats – Sixers Cricket

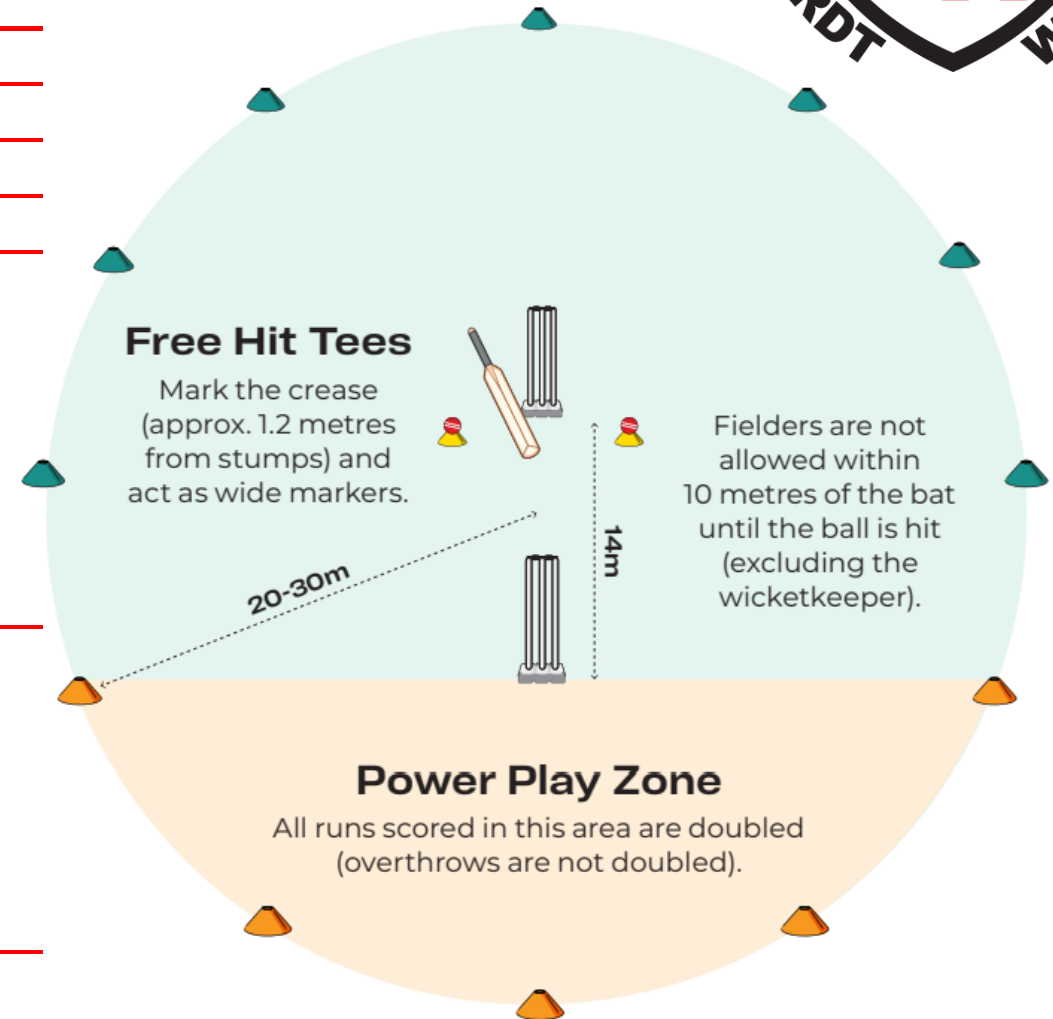


Competition	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 3
Overs	T20	T20	T20	T20	T32	T32 (turf)
Ball	130g mod	142g leather	142g leather	142g leather	156g leather	156g leather (4)
Day / Time	Sat 2pm 130 min	Sat 2pm 130 min	Sat 2pm 130 min	Sun 8:30 130 min	Sun 8:30 210 min	Sun 1:15 210 min
Players	7	9	9	9	11	11
Pitch Length	16m	18m	20.12m	18m	20.12m	20.12m
Boundary (max)	40m	45m	50m	45m	50m	50m
SCL U11 Girls (Sat)						
SCL U13 Girls (Sat)						
SCL U15 Girls (Sat)						
SCL U17 Girls (Sat)						
SCL U13 Mixed (Sun)						
SCL U15 Mixed (Sun)						
SCL U17 Mixed (Sun)						



Playing formats - Blasters

Players	6 per team
Overs	12 per innings
Duration	60-75 mins
Pitch Length	14m (stump to stump)
Boundary	20m - 30m (adjusted for skill level)
Ball	Blast Ball (soft rubber)
Bowling / Fielding	• Bowl all overs from one end • After each over, fielding team rotates in a circular formation • No fielders within 10m of batter • No balls / wides not re-bowled (<i>one free hit from tee</i>) • No balls: cannot be hit because bounced too many times / rolling, above waist height on full. • Wickets = 5 bonus runs to bowling team
Batting	• Batters in pairs for 4 overs • Batters swap ends when dismissed or at end of over • Batters swap ends if a batter faces 3 balls in a row • Umpires to ensure each batter faces <i>approx.</i> 12 balls each • No LBW • Power Play Zone = double runs



Many volunteers make a team



• An 'evolution' of community club-level coaching.

• Managers:

- ✍ Set up a *WhatsApp* group for all parents
- ✍ Publish game details during the week: time, opponent, location/map, etc.
- ✍ Manage player attendance for games, arrange a scorer, umpire, gazebo, snacks, etc.

• Scorers:

- ✍ Paper scoring and e-scoring required (depending on home/away)
- ✍ E-scoring guides for PlayHQ are online (refer to **LWCC Cricket Hub**), plus e-scoring courses.

• Trainers / 'net captains':

- ✍ *Anyone* can help at training/games: parents/guardians, older siblings; no cricket experience required!
- ✍ Help keep the focus, e.g. "next bowler up" in the nets, throwing/hitting balls in the field, timing batter rotation, batter 'throw downs' at games, running stretches/warm-ups, general 'wrangling', etc.
- ✍ Aim is to allow coaches to focus on coaching and skill development, which often requires some one-on-one time with individual players.

• Umpires – for junior teams, no qualifications necessary, just read the rules sheet for your format.

• Coaches:

- ✍ Every team needs an appointed coach to be able to record games in PlayHQ.
- ✍ All coaches need a valid **Working With Children** certification (which is free through Service NSW).

Spirit of cricket

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also **within the Spirit of Cricket**. The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, match officials and, **especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents**.

Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.

- ➊ Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.
- ➋ Play hard and play fair.
- ➌ Accept the umpire's decision.
- ➍ Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct, and encourage others to do likewise.
- ➎ Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.
- ➏ Congratulate the opposition on their successes, and enjoy those of your own team.
- ➐ Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

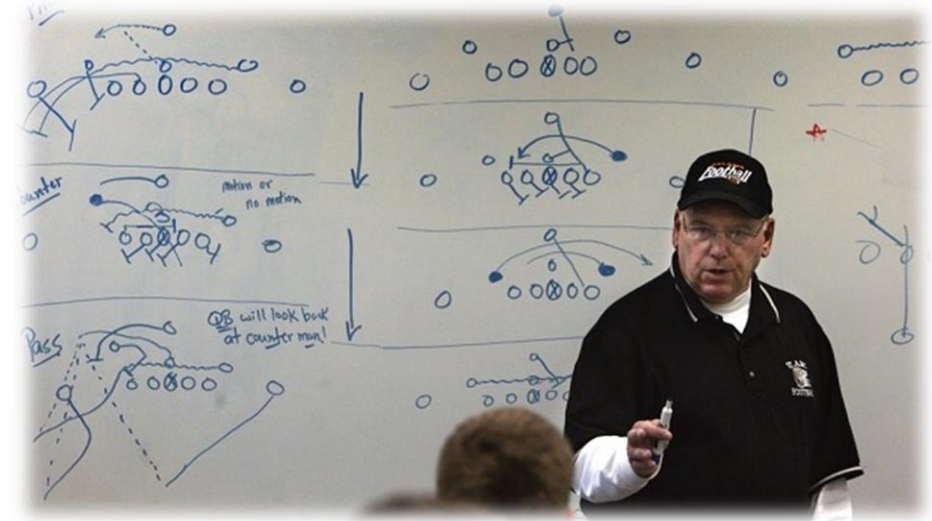
Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.

MCC - The Laws of Cricket (2017 Code 3rd Edition - 2022)



Game day tips – part 1

- ① **It's all about kids, not parents! Set the example.**
- ① **Be positive, be patient. Train how you want to play!**
- ① LWCC junior incidents:
 - ✍ 2023-24 tally = zero
 - ✍ 2024-25 tally = zero
 - ✍ 2025-26 target = zero!
- ① Blasters & junior cricket is all about rotation, balance and an equal go for all players, regardless of skill.
- ① Coaches to use their judgement to balance “match ups”, e.g. play a stronger batting pair against stronger bowlers and vice versa.
- ① Aids with fostering enjoyment for all players in their initial years playing cricket – we want our kids to enjoy the game, so they come back for more next season!



Game day tips – part 2

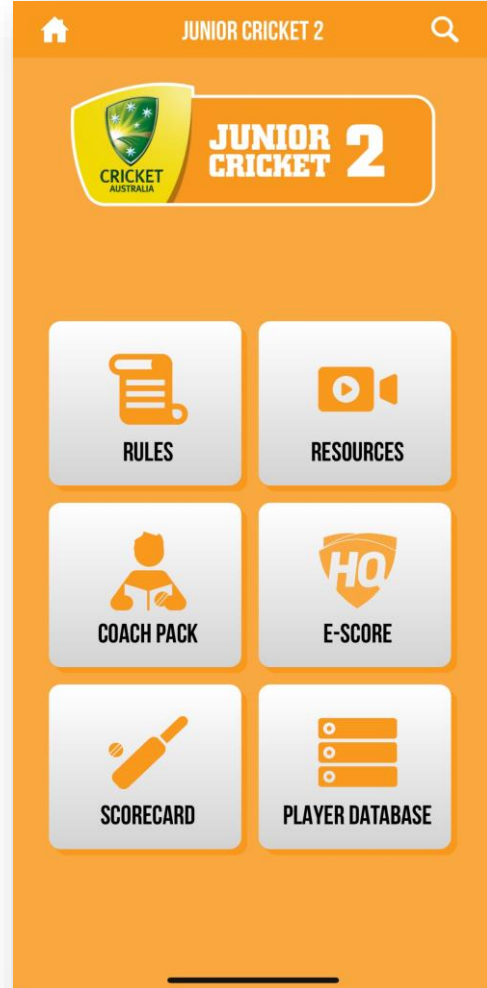
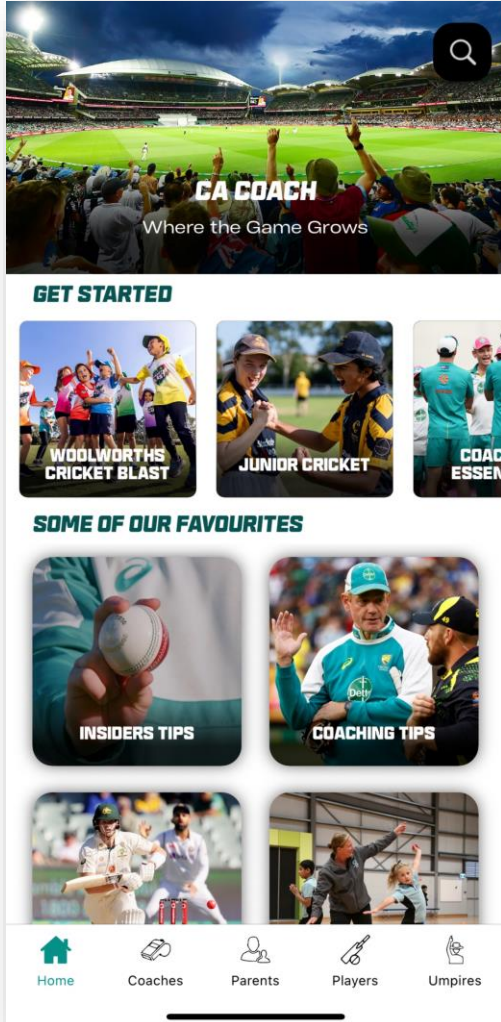


- Communication is key!
 - ✍ Pre-game – talk through rules with opposing coach / umpire
 - ✍ Use chalk / tape to mark creases and guide markers for wides
 - ✍ *Typically*, with younger age groups, bowlers are initially given warnings for front foot no balls, before no balls are called for subsequent deliveries (agree with other team pre-game)
 - ✍ **Aim for consistency between innings**
- Dismissals (U12+)
 - ✍ Batting team umpire to stand at bowler's end for duration of innings
 - ✍ LBW decisions should be plum, give benefit of the doubt to batter
- Weather:
 - ✍ Extreme heat policy on **Cricket Hub** – please refer.
 - ✍ Rain – unless formally cancelled prior, everyone needs to show up to the ground during wet weather, expecting to play.
 - ✍ Teams/coaches to assess conditions and use discretion to mutually agree to call off play if there is **any risk of injury or danger** (e.g. lightning).



Coaching assistance

- **CA Coach & CA Junior Cricket** apps recommended:



- **Cricket NSW "Level 1" Community Coaching Course**

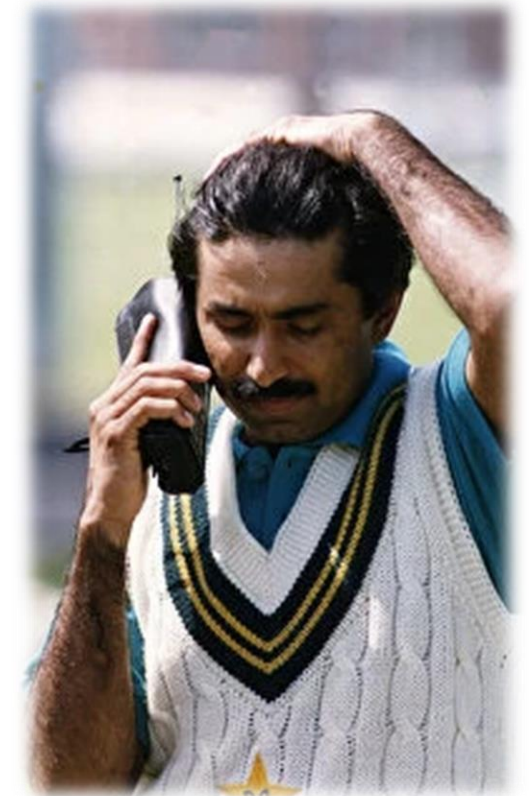
- ✍ Date: Tuesday 28th October 2025
- ✍ Time: 6pm - 8pm
- ✍ Location: CNSW Cricket Central, 161 Silverwater Road



Communication & resources



- Coaches & managers **WhatsApp** group - please ensure you're added!
- **Club newsletter** - please subscribe via our website & ask your team to as well!
 - ✍ Brief match reports / highlights encouraged weekly
 - ✍ Season honour roll - featured every week for the season and online:
 - ✍ Bowling: **4-wicket** hauls, hat-tricks
 - ✍ Batting: 50s & 100s
 - ✍ Fielding: 3x catches, run outs and/or stumpings (any combo!)
- **www.leichhardtcricet.com** → **Cricket Hub**:
 - ✍ Playing format cheat sheets & competition rules
 - ✍ PlayHQ e-scoring guides & paper scoring guides
 - ✍ Season calendar
 - ✍ Other useful resources, e.g. equipment guide, volunteer guide, ground maps, club policies, fielding position guide, etc.
- Social media → please support your club and give us a follow!
 - ✍ **Instagram**
 - ✍ **Facebook**





Leichhardt Wanderers Cricket Club



Cricket Hub

The **LWCC Cricket Hub** is filled with all the useful resources & documents that may be required for coaches, managers, scorers, parents, players and other volunteers.

You will find general resources such as equipment guides, fielding positions and our policy documents, as well as all of the rules and laws for the various competitions and playing formats.

If there's anything useful that you feel is missing, please get in touch and let us know!

[Contact Us](#)

General Cricket Resources



Equipment Checklist (U10s & older)



Team Volunteers - Guide to Roles & Responsibilities

Scoring Resources



PlayHQ E-Scoring Quick Reference Guide



PlayHQ Cricket E-Scoring Booklet



Cricket NSW Paper Scoring Summary Sheet

Cricket Blast - Resources



Blast Format & Rules



Blast Score Sheets

Inner West Harbour Junior Cricket Association - Resources



By Laws 2024



Stage 1 Playing Conditions 2024-25 (U10 & U11)



Stage 2 Playing Conditions 2024-25 (U12 & U13)



Stage 3 Playing Conditions 2024-25 (U15)



Cricket Blast Playing Format 2024-25 (U8 & U9)



Notes for Umpires & Scorers



Methods of Dismissal

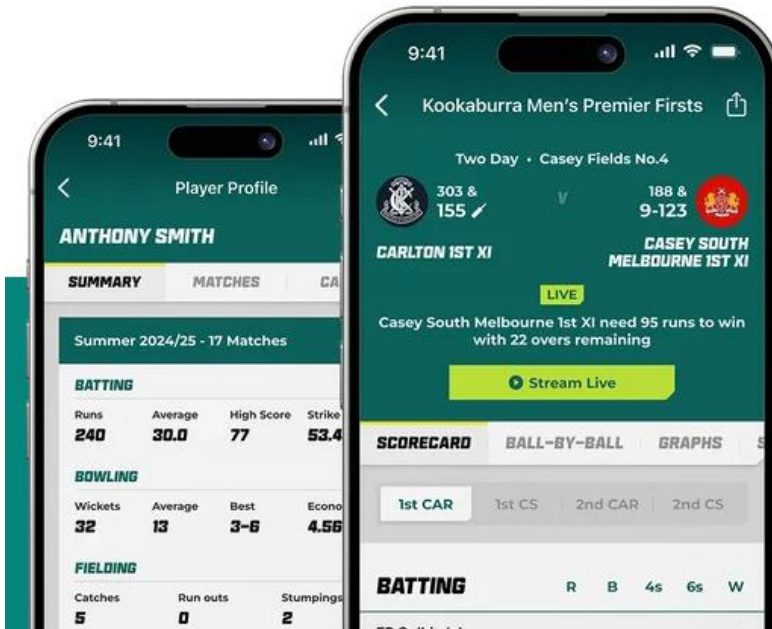


Match Timing Guidelines

PlayCricket app



- Anyone can download the **PlayCricket** app, with free registration
- Players, family & friends can track teams, games, comps & players!
- Quick guide to setting up a team/comp/player available in the **Cricket Hub**



PLAYCRICKET APP

The only app for cricket players, coaches, administrators, umpires and parents/guardians. Log in using your CricketPlus account to get a customised feed of the matches that matter to you.



Wanderers Medal

- Known as the 'Noella Merrick Medal' until 2024
- Our cricket club's most prestigious award:

"The Medal is awarded to a junior cricketer who has modelled the Spirit of Cricket and made a substantial contribution to the life of the club, on and off the field. Previous winners have included junior cricketers who have coached and supported younger teams, trained parents in online scoring or led and motivated team-mates. We encourage nominees from all age groups and nominations can be made by any club member or their family."

- Written nominations with description of player achievements & contributions welcome towards end of season
- Nominees and winners announced on Presentation Day, alongside male & female champion players



SCL – Code of Conduct

- For 2025/26 cricket season, **Cricket NSW** is introducing a mandatory Code of Conduct training requirement for every team participating in SCL competitions.
- Training Requirement & Purpose:
 - ✓ All teams must ensure that two nominated representatives complete Code of Conduct training by the commencement of Round 3 of the competition.
 - ✓ This initiative is designed to ensure a minimum understanding of code of conduct and the relevant processes within every team and to proactively reduce the frequency and severity of incidents, helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for all participants, volunteers, and supporters.
- Process Details:
 - ✓ Each team must nominate two representatives.
 - ✓ Both representatives are required to watch a short 8-minute video available on the CNSW website.
 - ✓ After viewing the video, they must complete and submit a declaration confirming their understanding of the Code of Conduct processes prior to Round 3. **More to follow from the LWCC committee.**



CRICKET NSW



Child safety

- ❶ **Everyone in this room is responsible for looking out for the safety of children and young people.**
- ❷ Our club has made a commitment to children and young people and their parents/guardians to provide a safe physical and online environment for all children and young people.
- ❸ Coaches, junior co-ordinators and Blast co-ordinators engage most frequently with children and young people. You need to follow our Code of Behaviour and look out for the safety of junior members.
- ❹ Appropriate documentation regarding child safety and our policies is available at **www.leichhardtcricket.com** → **Cricket Hub**:
 - ✦ Cricket NSW's Fair Play Declaration (signed by LWCC)
 - ✦ Cricket NSW's Code of Conduct Procedures
 - ✦ Australian Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People
- ❺ **Child Safety Officer → Jill Rawson**



Contact information - cricket



- **We are here to support you!**

- ✍ E-mail: **leichhardtcricquet@gmail.com**

- Cricket committee:

- ✍ Chris Hudson - *President* (0423 969 844)
 - ✍ Gabby Russell - *Registrar* (0422 957 066)
 - ✍ Jill Rawson - *Child Safety Officer*
 - ✍ Dan Moore - *Girls' Cricket Co-Ordinator*
 - ✍ Christine Hawkins
 - ✍ Brian Stout
 - ✍ Adrian Russell
 - ✍ Adam Rawson
 - ✍ Albert Eicholzer

- Friday blast program co-ordinators:

- ✍ Mudge & Lucy Wakeling

- Seniors cricket co-ordinators:

- ✍ Adam Ferguson & Rick Scully



Represent your club!

🔴 Cricket training kits available! Order through [PlayHQ → Shop](#).



Thank you!

We are Leichhardt Wanderers Through and Through!



● **As volunteers who give up your valuable time, we are here to support you!**

- ✍ E-mail: **leichhardtcricquet@gmail.com**
- ✍ Contact me (Chris Hudson) any time as needed: 0423 969 844

● **Please use & refer to www.leichhardtcricquet.com often!**

● The **Cricket Hub** also answers many common questions!

● **Q&A?**

