



Leichhardt Wanderers Cricket Club

Volunteers'
Briefing 2026-27



Welcome to season 2026-27!



Contact information - cricket

• We are here to support you!

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

• Cricket committee - who are we?

- ✍ 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
- ✍ Adrian Russell
- ✍ Adam Rawson

• Friday Blast program coaches:

- ✍ Jahanara Alam
- ✍ Jatin Jasnani ("JJ")

• Seniors cricket co-ordinator:

- ✍ Dave Anstice



Season calendar – playing dates



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

- ✍ Saturday 17th October – competitions commence
- ✍ Saturday 12th December – last round before summer break
- ✍ Saturday 30th January – junior competitions resume
- ✍ Saturday 6th March – last regular round playing date (*TBC pending no. teams*)
- ✍ Saturday 13th & 20th March – semi-final / grand final playing dates

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

- ✍ Sat 17th / Sun 18th October – Spring comp commences
- ✍ Sat 12th / Sun 13th December – Spring comp final playing date
- ✍ Sat 30th / Sun 31st January – Summer comp commences
- ✍ Sat 20th / Sun 21st March – Summer comp final playing date

• **WHCCA** competitions (seniors):

- ✍ Saturday 19th September – competition commences
- ✍ Saturday 19th December – last round before summer break
- ✍ Saturday 9th January – competition resumes
- ✍ Saturday 20th March – final playing date



Season calendar – event dates



- **LWCC is run *entirely* by volunteers!**
- **Please support your club! Attendance is key: fundraising + building a sense of 'community' + club engagement**
- **Share our events with your teams, encourage your teams to attend!**
- **Event calendar:**
 - ✍ Saturday 26th September – welcome BBQ, uniform & kit collection/sales @ Blackmore
 - ✍ Saturday 10th October – additional uniform & kit collection/sales @ Blackmore + Volunteers' BBQ & Briefing
(*you are here 😊*)
 - ✍ Saturday 12th December – Seniors' X-mas Party
 - ✍ Friday 5th February – 'Summer Friday' club BBQ
 - ✍ **Saturday 8th May – Juniors Presentation Evening**



LWCC team summary



- Full club team summary to be shared via *WhatsApp* & e-mail, including coach & manager contact details
- LWCC team summary (*as at 8th October*):
- **342x** individual player participants registered
- **29x** junior teams:
 - ✍ **6x** Junior Blasters teams
 - ✍ **18x** IWHJCA teams
 - ✍ **5x** all-girls SCL teams
- **38x** Friday Blast skills program participants
- **2x** senior men's teams:
 - ✍ B-grade & D-grade
 - ✍ West Harbour & Churches Cricket Assoc.



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



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 rubber	Soft rubber	142g PVC	142g leather	142g leather	142g leather	156g leather
Day / Time	Sat 8:30 60 min	Sat 8am 60 min	Sat 10am 130 min	Sat 10am 130 min	Sat 8:30 190 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

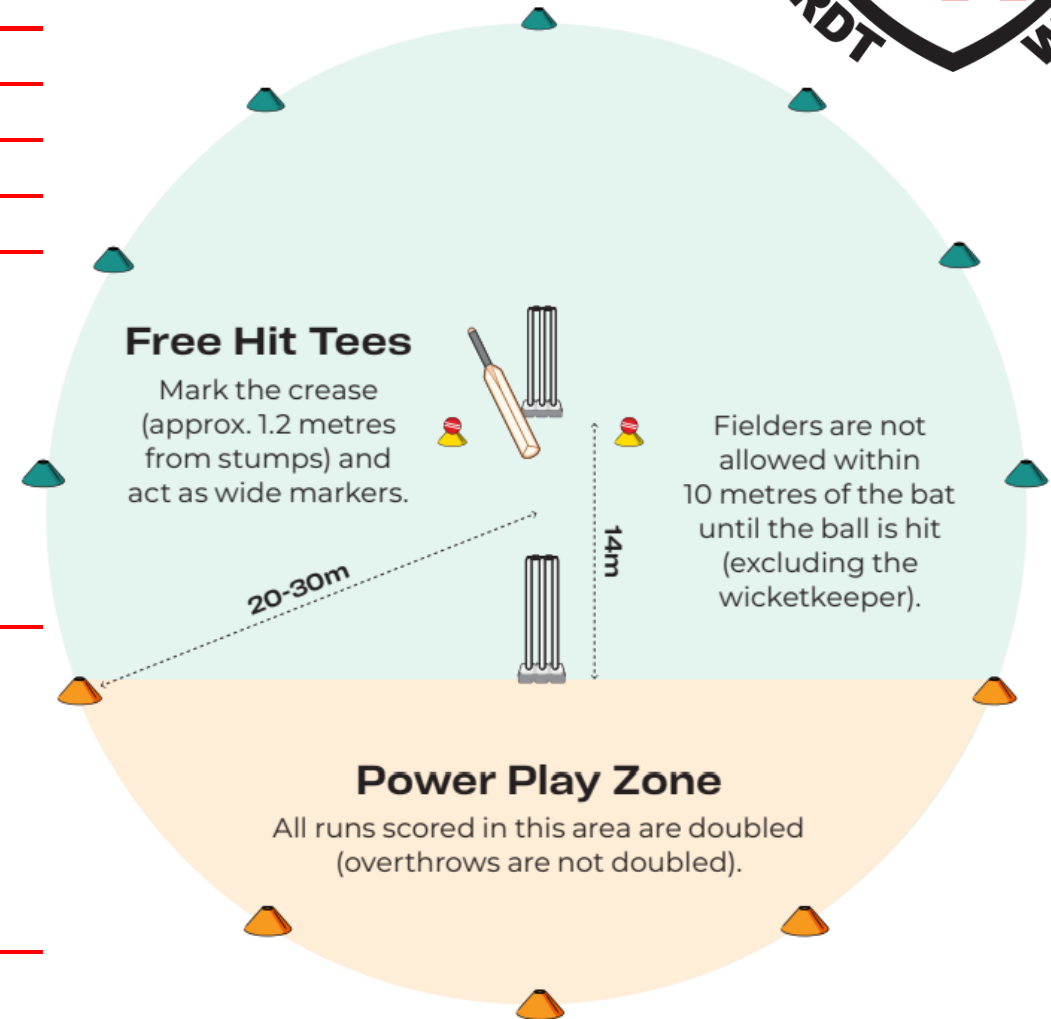


Competition	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 3
Overs	T20	T20	T20	T20	T32	T32 (turf)
Ball	130g rubber	142g leather	142g leather	142g leather	156g leather	156g leather (4)
Day / Time	Sat 2pm 130 min	Sat 2pm 130 min	Sat 2pm 130 min	Sun 8:30 130 min	Sun 8:30 210 min	Sun 1:15 210 min
Players	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



- ② **An 'evolution' of community club-level coaching**
- ② 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).
- ② Assistant coaches, 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.
- ② Managers
- ② Scorers
- ② Umpires
- ② **Committee & club volunteers -**
 - ② How can you help?
 - ② An hour of your time, a small task, sharing your ideas, contacts - it all counts!

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.

- ① Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.
- ① Play hard and play fair.
- ① Accept the umpire's decision.
- ① Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct, and encourage others to do likewise.
- ① Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.
- ① Congratulate the opposition on their successes, and enjoy those of your own team.
- ① 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)



Misconduct

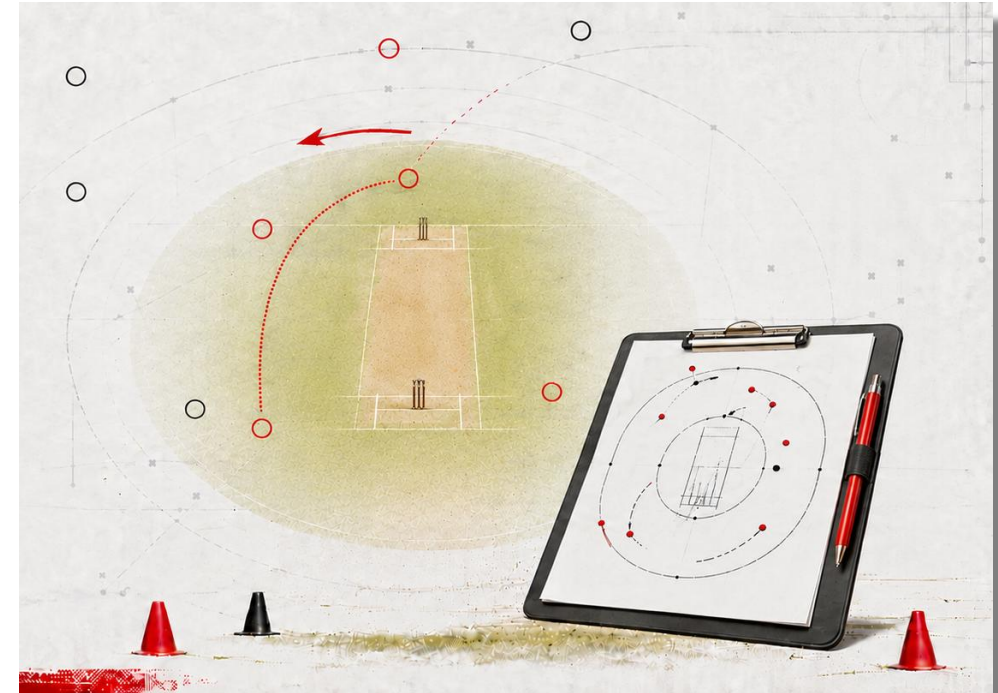
- **Please ask all parents, players and officials in your clubs to agree that their goal (and our goal as an Association) for season 2026/27 is to have **zero** instances of misconduct.**
- Any player, umpire, parent or official found guilty of misconduct, either on the ground or within the precincts of the playing area, shall be liable to disqualification or other such penalty as the Committee may deem appropriate. For the purposes of this rule, "misconduct" shall include:
 - ✍ Assault or attempted assault of an umpire, scorer, player, parent or a spectator.
 - ✍ Any overt conduct, indicating dispute, as distinct from question, of a ruling given by an umpire or a person officiating as an umpire or scorer.
 - ✍ Any unseemly words or gestures used by any person concerning an umpire, scorer, another player, parent or a spectator.
 - ✍ Consuming or being under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs (excepting medical prescriptions) on the field of play or while acting as a team manager, coach or other official.
 - ✍ Engaging in any form of conduct or behaviour detrimental to the spirit of the game or likely to bring the game into disrepute.



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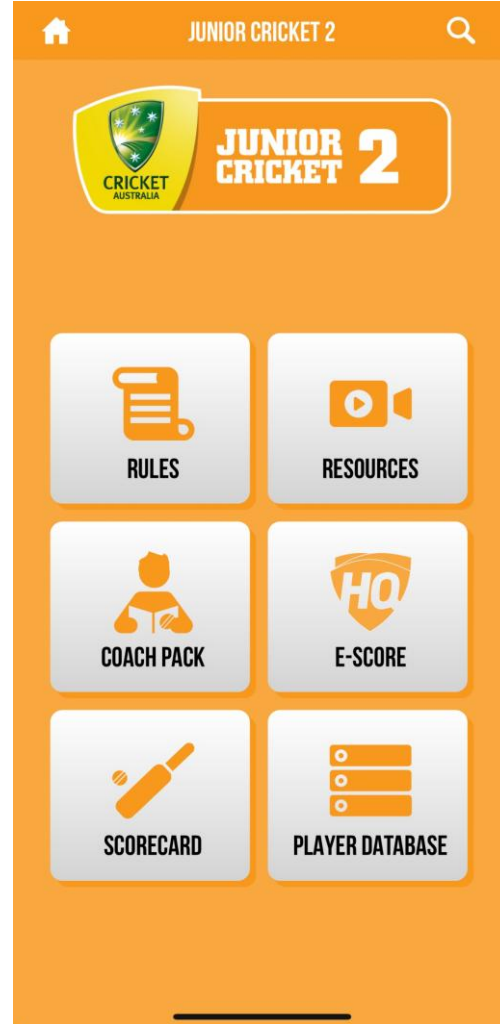
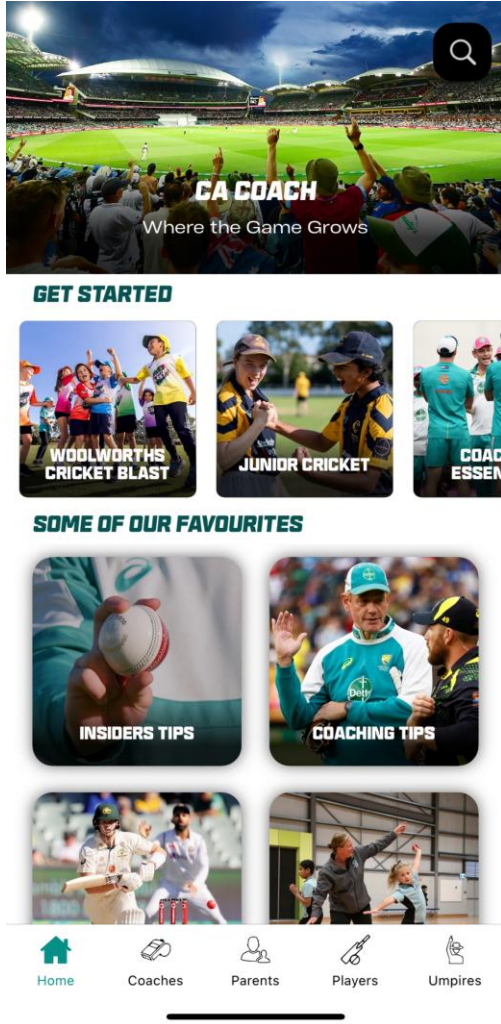
Coaching tips

- ❶ **It's all about kids, not parents! Set the example.**
- ❷ **Be positive, be patient. Train how you want to play!**
- ❸ Inner West Harbour cricket – and junior cricket in general – is a small world. You will often come across the same people season after season – make early impressions count in a positive way!
- ❹ Blasters & junior cricket is all about rotation, balance and an equal go for all players, regardless of skill.
- ❺ Coaches to use their judgement to balance “match ups”, e.g. play a stronger batting pair against stronger bowlers and vice versa.
- ❻ 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!



Coaching resources

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



- Cricket NSW periodically hold Coaching Courses
- Location: CNSW Cricket Central, 161 Silverwater Road
- We'll communicate dates and times for these courses to you
- However, your coaching journey starts online, with the newly-launched Coach360 platform....

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Child Safeguarding for Coaches

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Junior Cricket Umpire

Completed: 01/04/26

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Cricket Blast Coach

Completed: 01/04/26

✓ Active

Certificate

Community Coach Accreditation

Completed: 01/11/25

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Umpiring



- Umpires for junior teams: no qualifications necessary, just familiarise yourself with the playing conditions for your format and the by laws (all available on **Cricket Hub**).
- A free online umpiring course (with certificate) available on the **Coach360** platform
- **Communication is key!**
 - ✍ Pre-game – talk through rules points with opposing umpire (or coach)
 - ✍ **The main goal is to aim for consistency between innings**
 - ✍ But remember, kids are here to **learn** and **enjoy playing** the game – think: “does this decision help them achieve this?”



Umpiring – game day tips

- Can use chalk / tape to mark **creases and guidelines for wides**. Spray paint cans can also be used (by adults) – but not in white please (use another colour if you must)
- Typically (especially with younger age groups) it's ideal for bowlers to be initially given a warning by the standing umpire for **front-foot no balls**; no balls are called for subsequent deliveries (but agree with other team pre-game)
- **LBW dismissals** (for Stage 2, i.e. U12 and older) – decisions should be “**plum**”, i.e. give benefit of the doubt to batters (from both teams)
- **Non-striker run outs** (i.e. “Mankadding”) is only permitted after **one warning** is given to the batter – the other umpire and scorers must be informed of the warning. (Note: this is an IWHJCA by law and differs from the official MCC law, where warnings are no longer required).
- For a ‘caught’ dismissal, the **new batter always faces strike**, regardless of whether the batters crossed before the catch was taken.



Game day tips – weather



- All weather-related policies – and how they impact the score / result – are covered by the Association by laws – available on the **Cricket Hub** or **IWHJCA website**
- **Extreme heat:**
 - ✦ Utilisation of Heat Stress Risk Assessment (HSRI) tool, available online (*see following slide*).
- **Rain / storms:**
 - ✦ Unless formally cancelled prior, everyone needs to show up to the ground during wet weather expecting to play; coaches/umpires make the decision at the ground about whether to play or not.
- **Lightning:**
 - ✦ Lightning in the area presents a serious threat to the safety and lives of all on the field. Play should cease immediately and the "30/30" rule should be followed.
- 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, slippery pitch / field, extreme heat, etc.).



Game day tips - HSRI tool





Heat Stress Risk Index Tool

Inner West Harbour Junior Cricket Association

Select Ground

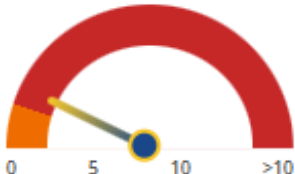
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Blackmore Oval

Get Weather

Blackmore Oval - Clear | 17°C | 64% | 13km/h | 0% | Updated: 05:31 pm

HEAT STRESS RISK ASSESSMENT



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RISK SCORE

Play Proceeds as Normal

Conditions suitable. Standard hydration recommended.



Managing your team



Manager tasks:

- ✍ Set up a *WhatsApp* group for your team
- ✍ Publish game details during the week: time, opponent, location/map, etc.
- ✍ Manage player attendance for games (e.g. *WhatsApp* poll)
- ✍ Additional tasks could include arranging who will help score or umpire for the match, or who could supply a gazebo, cooler/ice, snacks, etc.
- ✍ **Please help communicate all club announcements and important information to your teams!**
- ✍ Managers should act as the main liaison between club administration and their teams.

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.leichhardtcricquet.com** → **Cricket Hub**:
 - ✍ Playing formats for each stage & 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 club calendar, presentations, scoresheets, 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!

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General Cricket & Club Resources



LWCC Club Calendar - Season 2026-27
(9th September 2026)



Community Umpiring Technique Guidelines
(Cricket Australia)



Equipment Checklist *(U10s & older)*



Cricket NSW Helmet Fitting Guide



Cricket Fielding Positions Guide *(source: ESPN cricinfo)*



LWCC 'Rep & Beyond Club' Presentation



LWCC Coaches & Managers Briefing - Season 2025-26
(19th September 2025)



Team Volunteers - Guide to Roles & Responsibilities



Cricket Ball Guide 2025-26 *(all formats / comps)*



Cricket Australia Junior Pathway

Scoring Resources



PlayHQ E-Scoring Quick Reference Guide



PlayHQ Cricket E-Scoring Booklet



Paper Scoring Summary Sheet
(source: NSWCUA)



Quick Reference Guide to Paper Scoring
(source: NSWCUA)



Cricket Paper Scoring Manual
(source: NSWCUA)



Junior Cricket Scoresheet - Stage 1



Junior Cricket Scoresheet - Stage 2



Junior Cricket Scoresheet - Stage 3

Checklist

Before Game

- ☐ Ensure device is compatible
- ☐ Fully charge device
- ☐ Update latest version of browser
- ☐ Have scoring-enabled PlayHQ login
- ☐ Share resources with scorers

Game Day

- ☐ Connect to internet
(can score offline if downloaded prior)
- ☐ Login and score game

End Of Game

- ☐ Submit game result
(connect to internet to do this)
- ☐ End scoring session
- ☐ Check scores have finalised

Scoring

Scorers:

- ✍ E-scoring and 'traditional' e-scoring required (depending on home/away)
- ✍ However, it's now more common that both teams score using the e-scoring platform - one team scores "Live" as the primary and the other scores "Offline"
- ✍ E-scoring guides for PlayHQ are online (refer to **LWCC Cricket Hub**), plus e-scoring courses.
- ✍ Whilst potentially appearing intimidating initially, the e-scoring platform is quite brilliant - most people never look back once they learn!
- ✍ Try and encourage people sharing the role - it's easy and a great way to enjoy the game!



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**

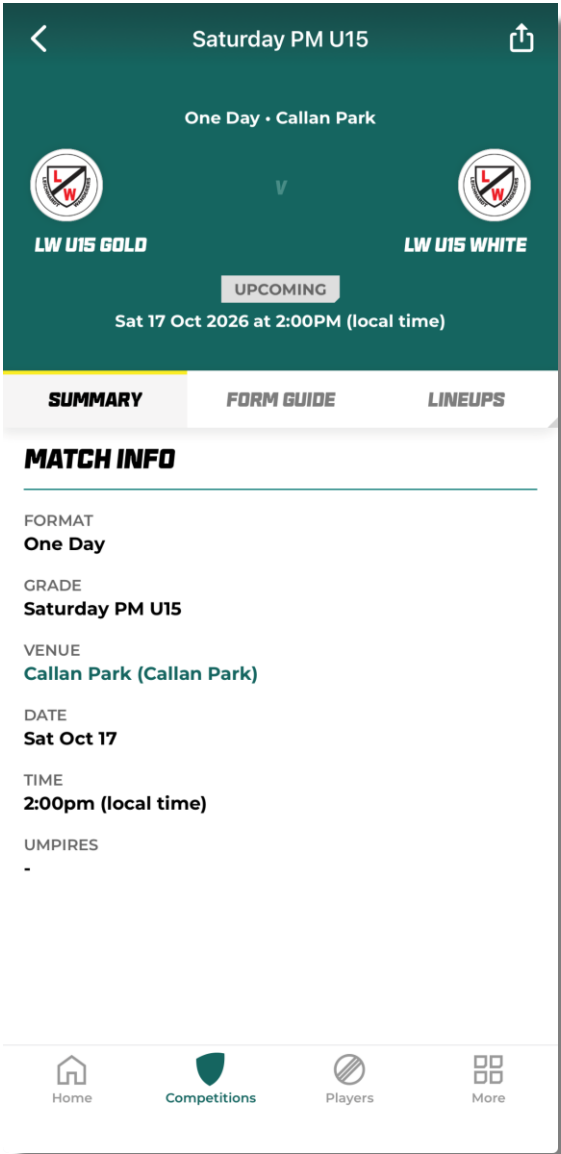
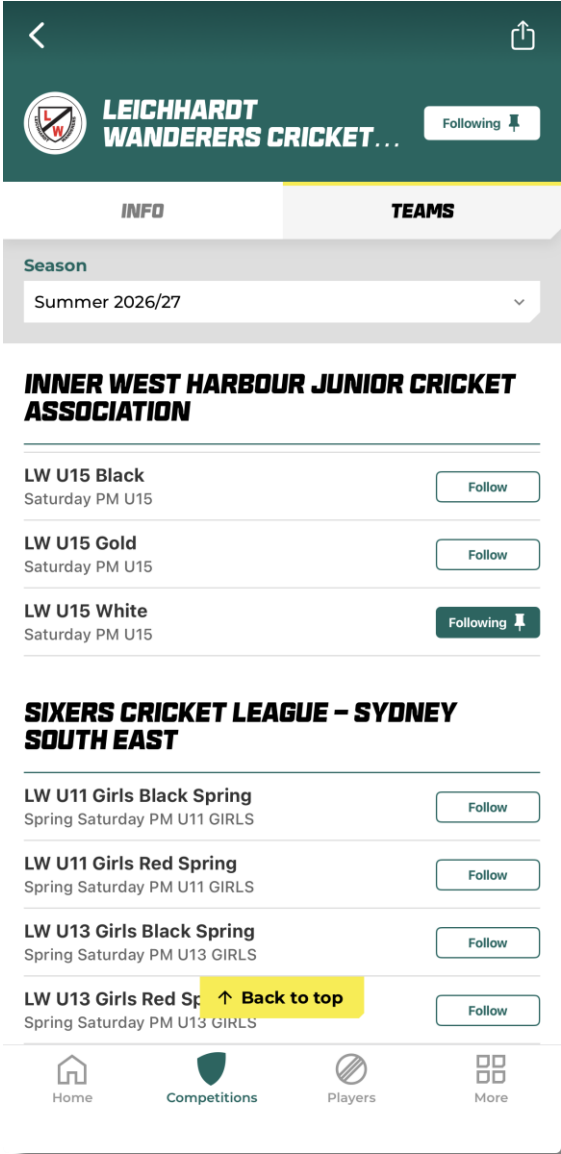
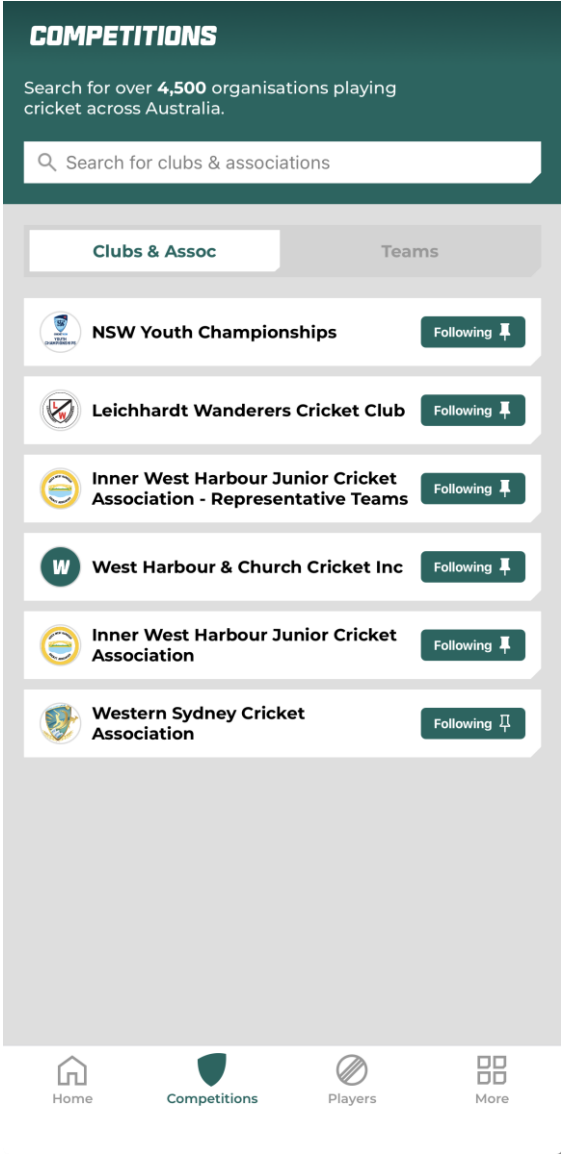
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PLAYCRICKET APP

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.

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PlayCricket app



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 - lwccchildsafety@gmail.com**

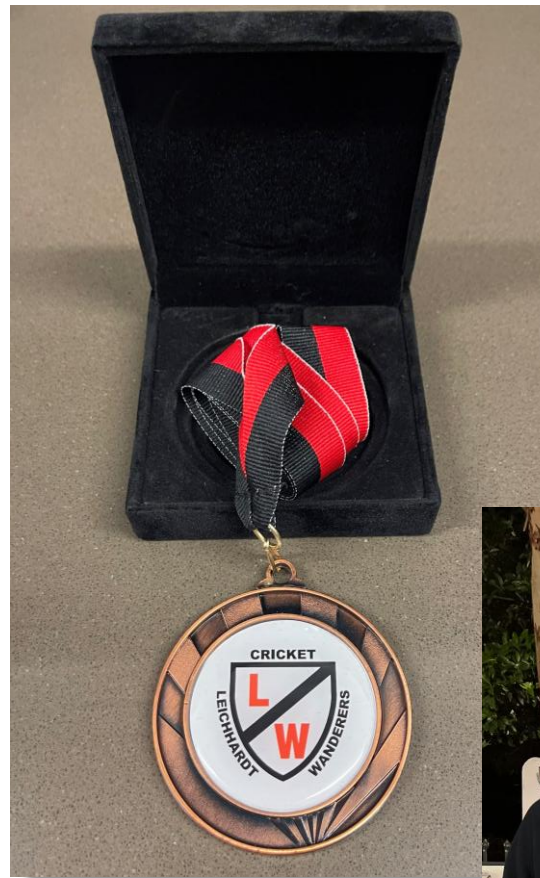


Wanderers Medal

- 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 teammates. 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 and encouraged (towards end of season)
- Nominees and winners announced on Presentation Day, alongside girls & boys champion player awards



Thank you!

We are Leichhardt Wanderers Through and Through!



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

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

- **Please use & refer to leichhardtcricke.com and the **Cricket Hub** often!**

- ✍ We pride ourselves on keeping our website up-to-date, informative and useful. It is *your* resource and should be everyone's first port of call for all questions!



Q&A?

