



Player/Parent Information Kit

Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association Inc.

Junior Representative Program

2025/26

Introduction

Congratulations on being selected to participate in the Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association (MPCA) Junior Representative Squad Program.

It is a wonderful achievement to be selected in an MPCA junior representative team and we hope that the experiences you will have over the coming season help to develop you as a cricket player and as a person.

This information kit has been put together to provide information on the roles and responsibilities of both players and parents, as well as a number of forms that need to be returned to the MPCA Admin prior to your commencement in the 2025/26 teams program.

It is important that you read and understand this entire document. For those that have children participating in this program, it is important that you as parents explain what is required and expected from your children. It is important that you understand, that should any of these requirements not be adhered to, you may be excluded from the team.

All players need to complete the following steps prior to **Wednesday 10th December 2025**:

1. Payment and Registration via PlayHQ here: [PlayHQ LINK](#)
2. Player Code of Conduct (Page 5)
3. Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct (Page 8)
4. Parent / Guardian Agreement Form (Page 9)
5. Player Information & Uniform sizing (Pages 10-11)

Forms that need to be completed are to be returned to MPCA Admin Office, email admin@mpca.asn.au.

Training

All MPCA junior representative players are expected to attend training sessions as set out and planned by their representative coaches. Times and venues will be advised by the squad coach or team manager. The day and time will be advised and will be worked out by the coach on venue availability and to minimise clashes with players' local club competition training sessions.

If you cannot attend a training session, you should advise either the Coach or the Team Manager prior to the session. Consistent non-attendance at team practice will result in suspension or possible removal from the program.

Uniforms

Uniforms are to be part supplied by the, MPCA (playing shirt, shorts, broad brim hats and caps) and part by the player (cream cricket pants, shoes socks etc).

Domestic Competition Requirements

All players in the MPCA Junior Representative Under 12, 14 & 16 Program are required to play in one of the MPCA's Junior Age Based Competitions for an MPCA affiliated club.

Fees

The Representative Cricket Contribution Levy for a player involved in the MPCA Junior Cricket Representative Program is \$220.00 (inclusive of GST) which assists in covering costs for competition fees, uniforms, umpires and other expenses associated with competing in the Carnival.

These fees are payable only by those players selected in a VMCU carnival or higher representative team. An MPCA Junior Cricket Representative Player will only be eligible to play if they have registered and paid through PlayHQ via the following Link: [PlayHQ LINK](#)

Registration and Payment is due by Wednesday 10th December 2025

Terms & Conditions

1. You will abide by the directions of the Squad Coach, Team Manager and all MPCA officials and helpers at all times.
2. You will attend all training sessions as directed by your Squad Coach, Team Manager and / or the MPCA. You will be punctual and behave appropriately.
3. All information will be delivered to you by your Squad Coach, Team Manager or the MPCA. If you intend to miss training for any reason you must contact the Squad Coach or Team Manager to notify them that you will not be attending training and to make sure you have not missed any information.
4. If any of your personal details change, you must notify the Team Manager as soon as possible.
5. You will do your best to reach your full potential in sport, school and other responsibilities.
6. You will abide by the MPCA Players Code of Conduct.
7. If at any time you are taking medication of any form, you will notify the Coaching staff or Team Manager.
8. You will not consume alcohol, drugs or any other banned substances for any recreational purposes or to enhance your performance and you accept the possibility of being excluded from the squad program if found to have done so.
9. If you cause any damage to any property of any other person, club or entity you or your parents may be required to pay for the repair or replacement of the damaged property.
10. You must continue to play for your local MPCA affiliated club or team.
11. Any team issues should be discussed with the Team Manager first, then if it is not able to be resolved satisfactorily in liaison with the Coach, refer all matters in writing to the MPCA Junior Administration Officer for mediation.
12. Photographic and/or video analysis or MPCA promotional material may involve your or your child's image(s). Use of these images ARE STRICTLY MONITORED by the MPCA Junior Pennant Committee and Board.

Please Note:

Breaching any of these Terms & Conditions may result in my exclusion or expulsion from the MPCA Junior Representative Program.

Players Code of Conduct

Cricket is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment & health. This Code of Conduct has been developed by Cricket Australia to give participants some guide to the expectations it has on those participants. It is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in cricket. As a result, the quality of participation will be improved so people are more likely to start and continue their involvement in cricket.

Understand and play by the rules

Understanding and playing by the rules is your responsibility. The rules exist for the safety, proper order and enjoyment of all people involved in cricket. The lessons to be learned in this respect, in cricket, are lessons that can and should be carried over into all aspects of your life. Do not ignore or deliberately break any rules. Do not let yourself or your team down.

Respect the Umpire and other Officials

Umpires and officials have a difficult task to perform, and you could not play the game without them. They are there to enforce the rules of play, but they cannot always be right. Accept bad calls graciously. Abuse of umpires is unacceptable behaviour. Players who consistently dispute decisions or do not accept bad decisions are bad sports.

Control your temper

Verbal abuse of officials is a serious offence. Verbally abusing other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is also not acceptable or permitted. Loss of temper is not only unpleasant for other participants in the game; it can distract you and have an adverse effect on your concentration and effectiveness on the field.

Work equally hard for yourself and your team

You owe it to yourself, and the others involved in your team to train and play to the best of your abilities. Your team's performance will benefit, and so will you. If you are half-hearted about your involvement in the sport you will become dissatisfied and lose out on much of the enjoyment and satisfaction you can derive from giving it your best.

Be a good sport

Acknowledge all good plays whether they are by your team or the other team. Good manners and respect can be infectious. Everyone likes to be praised when they do something well. If you acknowledge the achievements of your opponents, it is likely they will do the same for you and your team. Part of participation in sport is respect for all participants of the game. Your opponents are entitled to proper courtesy and respect. Always congratulate and respect your opponents whether you win or lose.

Treat all players as you would like to be treated

Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. Just because one of your team cannot perform as well as you does not mean that they are not trying. Everyone makes mistakes. Do not abuse or ridicule another player when a mistake is made. Constructive guidance and encouragement when a player does well will assist that player to improve their game.

Play for the "enjoyment of the game" and not just for parents and coaches

Playing any sport, including cricket, should be fun. This doesn't mean that you shouldn't take it seriously, however, at the same time you should enjoy the game. If you enjoy an activity, you will perform much better and derive far more benefit from it than if it is an unpleasant experience. You may experience pressure from your coach, parents and others to perform outside your capability or desires. Whilst this can be positive and may be their way of showing you support in your activities, you should resist it when it is no longer enjoyable.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person

Regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, religion, or other factor irrelevant to the game, all persons connected with cricket are entitled to equal treatment and respect. Avoid any remarks that could be construed as offensive or discriminatory. Sometimes even a joke may give offence. Even if a person refers to themselves with a particular label, it should not be taken as an invitation for you to do so. Using discretion is essential and it is better to stay on the side of caution.

Be prepared to lose sometimes

Everyone wins and loses at some time. Be a fair winner and a good loser. Disappointment at losing is natural, but it should not be obvious to the point of being unpleasant to others. Just as unpleasant can be a boastful winner. Recognise that even in defeat, the loser has achieved something, just by playing. Not everything in life can be a winning situation. Losing can be an important learning experience for your wider life goals.

Listen to the advice of your coaches and try to apply it at practice and in games

Your coach(es) has been appointed to coach your team because they have certain abilities and experience. Apart from skills training, your coach(es) can provide you with helpful advice on all aspects of playing cricket. Make the most of the opportunities provided to you to work with your coach(es) to have a happy and successful experience in cricket.

Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided

Facilities and equipment cost money and will only function properly if kept in good order. Ensure that you do not abuse anything provided for your use.

This code of conduct is in accordance with MPCA / Cricket Australia.

Breaching the Players Code of Conduct may result in my exclusion or suspension or expulsion from the MPCA Junior Cricket Representative Program.

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Name of Player

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Signature of Player

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Date

Parent's Code of Conduct

Cricket is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment & health. This Code of Conduct has been developed by the MPCA / Cricket Australia to give participants some guide to the expectations it has on those participants. It is intended to assist everyone to obtain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from their involvement in cricket. As a result, the quality of participation will be improved so people are more likely to start and continue their involvement in cricket.

Encourage your children to participate for their own interest and enjoyment, not yours

Support your children in their participation in cricket, however, do not force them to play if they don't want to. Sport is played by children for enjoyment and fitness. It is good for their bodies but should also be good for their minds. If they feel too much pressure from you it may make them rebellious or even depressed. It is very tempting for parents who are involved in a sport or have children with abilities they wish they had themselves to try and force the children to participate, or to participate at a level to which they do not aspire to. Resist the temptation.

Encourage children to always play by the rules

Just as responsible parents teach their children to obey the law, so should you encourage your children to play sport in accordance with the rules. If your children show no respect for the rules of cricket, they can also come to believe that breaking the law is also acceptable. If you constantly see your children breaking the rules, you should be prepared to correct them at an appropriate time.

Teach children that an honest effort is always as important as a victory

Your children will suffer many disappointments in their lives. You should teach them from an early age that whilst a win in cricket will bring them much pleasure, it is not the most important thing. Participating to the best of their ability is far more important than winning. You can help them learn this, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.

Focus on developing skills and playing the game. Reduce the emphasis on winning

If children see that an effort is rewarded by an increase in skills, they will derive considerable pleasure and see the importance of striving to improve over the necessity to win every game. Primary responsibility for skills training rests with the child and their coaches, but you can assist with their enthusiasm by attending games, encouraging them to practice away from formal training and games, and by even joining them with this practice.

A child learns best by example. Applaud good play at all times

Acknowledge all good plays whether it is from your child's team or the opposition team. Good manners and respect can be infectious. If you acknowledge the achievements of your children's opponents, it is likely that your children will follow suit. This can assist to create a positive and supportive climate for all children involved in the game.

Do not criticise yours or other children in front of others

Reserve constructive criticism of your own children to private moments. Children can be very sensitive and feel strong humiliation if they are criticised in front of their peers. When you do feel it is necessary to speak to your child about something, make the effort to explain what the problem is and why you are concerned about it. If you can see some way of avoiding the problem in the future, also explain this to the children. Give your children an opportunity to offer you an explanation. You are not communicating with your children effectively if all the communication is one way.

Accept decisions of all umpires as being fair and called to the best of their ability

Umpires and officials have a difficult task to perform and your children could not play the game without them. They are there to enforce the rules of play but cannot be right all of the time. Accept bad calls graciously. Abuse of umpires is unacceptable behaviour. Players and parents who consistently dispute decisions or do not accept bad decisions are bad sports. If you disagree with a decision, discuss it with your children in a constructive manner.

Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance

Children often learn by example. You are the prime models for them. Make your parenting rewarding and beyond criticism by leading by example. Do not criticise opposing team members or supporters by word or by gesture. Accept loss graciously and applaud the efforts of all playing the game. Do not be the “ugly” parents that we occasionally see at sporting events.

Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities

Parents have considerable influence in how sports are conducted. Often, they are called on to perform volunteer work to help to organise theirs and others children’s activities. Use this rewarding experience, not just to assist in getting the work done, but also to influence the atmosphere in which your children play sport. Children not as fortunate as yours whose parents are not willing or able to be involved may need some guidance on what acceptable behaviour is.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person

Regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, religion, or other factor irrelevant to the game, all persons connected with cricket are entitled to equal treatment and respect. Avoid any remarks that could be construed as offensive or discriminatory. Sometimes even a joke may give offence. Even if a person refers to themselves with a particular label, it should not be taken as an invitation for you to do so. Using discretion is essential and it is better to stay on the side of caution. Your children will most likely follow your lead in matters of discrimination and vilification.

Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators

Volunteers are necessary for the functioning of sporting activities. Without them, your child could not participate. Whilst many of the parents of people involved in the sport, many are also dedicated to the sport and its development. Show them the respect and appreciation that they deserve.

Keep children in your care under control

Cricket encourages you to bring your children to games. However, there can be dangers to them on or around a cricket field or training nets. They can also constitute a danger to players. You should ensure that children with you at a cricket game are well behaved and do not wander out onto the playing oval or too near the training nets or other training area. They can easily be knocked down by a player or a player can trip over a child or hit a child with a cricket ball when concentrating on his/her own play or practice and not expecting a small child to be in the way.

Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided

Facilities and equipment cost money and will only function properly if kept in good order. Ensure that you or your children do not abuse anything provided for your use. Discourage your children from engaging in dangerous practices involving training or playing cricket equipment.

This code of conduct is in accordance with MPCA / Cricket Australia.

Breaching the Parents Code of Conduct may result in my child's exclusion from the MPCA Junior Cricket Representative Program.

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Name of Parent

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Signature of Parent

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Date

Parent / Guardian Agreement Form

I being the parent/guardian of the being registered hereby agree as follows:

- I will conduct myself and endeavour to ensure others in my company conduct themselves in a proper and reasonable manner and in accordance with MPCCA / Cricket Australia's Code of Conduct, a copy of which is provided above.
- I agree to comply with any reasonable direction of any official connected with the MPCCA team and the VMCU Carnival.
- I acknowledge that I am aware that there will only be limited times when a person qualified in first aid is present.
- I authorise the MPCCA or a Team Representative to obtain medical treatment for my child should there be an emergency and it is not possible or reasonably practical for me to do so and acknowledge that the cost of the ambulance or medical treatment will be my sole responsibility.
- I will endeavour to be present or ensure a responsible adult is present at all games, training sessions and other cricket activities in which my child is involved.
- I have listed (on *Medical Details Form*) all my child's medical conditions; including allergies, and warrant they are fit to play cricket and will notify the MPCCA should any new medical information become available

And I consent to the following:

- My child's name (but not address) may be mentioned in any newsletter, social media (whether printed or electronic) in reports about games and achievements.
- My child may be photographed and any photograph used in any newsletter or on MPCCA social media (whether printed or electronic) or for promotion of MPCCA cricket.
- Videos may be taken of my child playing or training to be used for family keepsakes by family members of my child's teammates, or by, or for coaching staff to be used for team coaching purposes.
- I will not photograph or video any activity in which my child is involved unless I make known to the coach or team manager who I am and that I propose to take photographs or video a game.
- I will be responsible for any damage to property and equipment caused by my child and pay for such damage on demand.
- I will offer my services to assist the MPCCA team in any way that I can in the conduct of competitions or otherwise and advise that I have the relevant experience or abilities which I am prepared to make available to the MPCCA team from time to time.
- I agree that I shall register my child and payment in full of the Representative Cricket Contribution Levy of \$220.00 (including Goods and Services Tax) via the PlayHQ Link to the MPCCA prior to my child playing in a VMCU or higher representative cricket game.
- I agree that if registration to PlayHQ and payment of this levy is not paid on behalf of my child, they will not be eligible to continue in the Junior Cricket Representative Program until the payment is made via PlayHQ.

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Signature of Parent

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Date

VMCU Carnival Player Information Sheet

Please complete ALL Sections (1, 2, 3 & 4)

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| SECTION ONE | | |
| PLAYER Information | | |
| PLAYER'S NAME: | | |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| HOME CLUB/TEAM: | | |
| All players will receive the following: Playing Shirt, Training Shorts, Broad Brimmed Hat & Cap: Please confirm sizes required (<i>NB: Caps are one size fits all</i>) | | |
| Playing Shirt Y: 10 12 14 16 A: XS S M L XL | Training Shorts Y 10 12 14 16 A: XS S M L XL | Broad Brimmed Hat A: S M L XL |

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| SECTION TWO | | |
| PARENT – GUARDIAN – EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION | | |
| | CONTACT ONE | CONTACT TWO |
| NAMES: | | |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| BH: | | |
| CONTACT MOBILE: | | |
| EMAIL: | | |

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| SECTION THREE |
| PARENT – GUARDIAN AGREEMENT/CONSENT FORM |

Ibeing the (PARENT/GUARDIAN) of the player whose details appear on this form, hereby consent to the players participation in training activities and competition matches under the supervision of representatives appointed by the MPCA. In the event of a medical emergency, I authorise any treatments or procedures that may be deemed necessary by a legally qualified medical practitioner or Emergency Services Officer(s). I authorise the MPCA to call such medical or emergency services which they in their sole discretion believe are necessary.

Name of Parent / Guardian

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date

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SECTION FOUR**PLAYER MEDICAL DETAILS**

DO YOU HAVE PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE:

DO YOU HAVE AMBULANCE COVER:

Do you suffer from any of the following (YES or NO):

Asthma

Allergies

if YES, please provide details

Migraines or Headaches

Diabetes

Cardiovascular (Heart) disease

Do you take any medication regularly, or for emergency use?

if YES, please provide details

Do you wear an oral insert (braces, dental plate/retainer, etc)?

if YES, please provide details

Do you wear contact lenses/glasses?

Have you suffered any major illness or injury in the past 12 months?

if YES, please provide details

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, or there is any other information that you may consider may assist us manage a medical emergency, please give details.

In addition to the information above, please answer the following questions.

Do you have any injuries that the coaching and team management staff should be aware of?

if YES, please provide details

Will you be using any medicine or other forms of treatment with you that the coaching and team management staff should be aware of?

if YES, please provide details

Are there any foods/drinks that you **must** have?

if YES, please provide details

Are there any foods/drinks that you **must not** have?

if YES, please provide details

The MPCA recommends, where possible, that players be covered by Private Health insurance and Ambulance Cover.