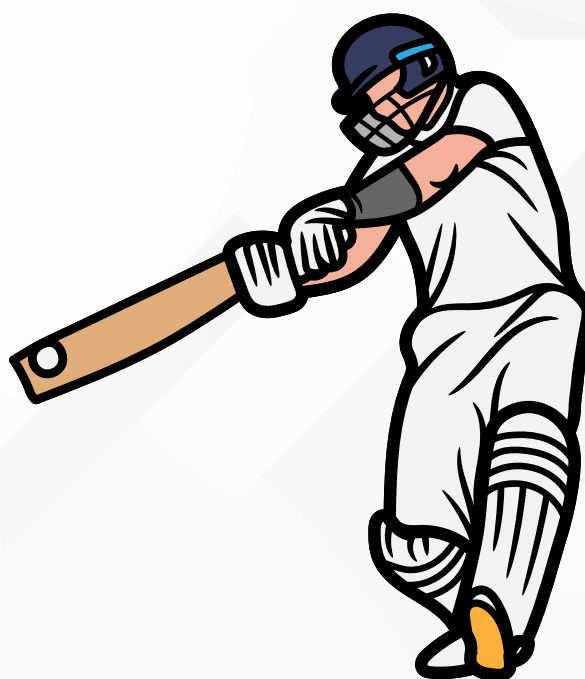


Junior Guide



Hamilton Star University Cricket Club

website
www.hsucc.co.nz



Introduction

Our club was established on the 23rd November, 1864.

The club caters to social and competitive cricketers of all levels and is open to both students and community members.

The club was founded before World War I, before merging with Star Cricket Club in the early 1950s, and eventually aligning with Waikato University in 1982.

Based at Waikato University the club co-owns and has management responsibility for a bookable three-net covered training facility.

A correspondent sends us the following:—"A meeting was held at Henderson's Redoubt, on the 23rd ultimo, for the purpose of forming a cricket club. Harcourt Carter, Esq., was called to the chair, and was chosen as president. A treasurer, secretary, and committee were then elected, and twenty-five members were enrolled. The next morning a meeting of the committee was convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the rules of the club. It was resolved that a meeting be held the day following, and the rules and regulations laid before the members for their approbation. This was accordingly done, when one and all fully concurred in the measures taken by the committee. The club is to be called the **Hamilton Cricket Club**. Ample funds were collected to defray all the expenses; and the president expressed his desire to see the club flourish in the township of Hamilton, where it will ere long be located."

The Board

A board provides strategic direction and governance, ensuring the club operates effectively and sustainably. Each board member helps the future of Hamilton Star Cricket Club. The board meets on the first Thursday of every month. Board members are volunteers.

Important information

- Cricket is a time-consuming and complex sport requiring a high level of commitment from players and their families. This refers to structured club and school cricket, not casual games.
- **There are two registrations** - register as a member of our club, and then register as a cricket player in the national database (playHQ).
 - Please register your child as a member, **term fees will be included with this registration. www.hsucc.co.nz/register**
 - Then register your child on Play HQ before they play their first game.
- We ask parents to set a good example by being on time and prepared for matches and training, and by paying fees promptly. Parents of hardball cricketers should stay at training or inform coaches who is responsible for their child.
- Our selection policy, found in this handbook, explains how we spread talent across junior teams to build competitive squads and improve overall performance.





Health and Safety

HSUCC is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

This commitment extends to ensuring that the organisation's operations do not place members of the public at risk of injury, illness, or property damage. Our detailed Health and Safety Plan is available on our website. Please familiarise yourself with this. <https://hsucc.co.nz/club-health-and-safety>

Every club member is responsible for:

- Observing any established health and safety procedure.
- Accurately reporting and documenting all accidents, incidents, and observed hazards via form (displayed at the indoor nets) or via the web link above

Term Fees

Term fees are due at the start of the term and can be paid via credit card or invoice. If you have any questions, please reach out to the club right away. Timely payment of fees is crucial as it helps cover the costs of running the club. We have ongoing expenses throughout the season and work hard to secure funding to assist with some of these costs. The term fees contribute to team equipment, cricket balls, affiliation fees, and other club-related expenses.

Coaching

Volunteer parent coaches provide guidance, teach essential skills, and foster a love for the game. They create a positive environment for young players to grow, building both technical abilities and confidence. As community members, they ensure cricket is accessible to all, helping develop the next generation of cricketers while strengthening the local sports community.

- You can ask for specific feedback on your child
- Requests for junior players to be in particular teams will be considered on a case-by-case basis



Player Guidelines

UNITE, PLAY, EXCEL.

We are here to support the players who would like to play for an organised club with a strong club history, a great club culture, and atmosphere.

We aim to upskill and challenge our players to train and play well.

Training Sessions

- Be on time
- Train the best you can
- Be respectful of others
- Follow health and safety at all times
- Being at training shows commitment to team selections

Game Day

- Be there 15 minutes before the game
- Arrive ready to play and positive
- Clean and tidy playing kit

During the Game

- Being respectful of the coaches choices
- Respect your teammates and the opposition
- Celebrate your wins
- Be positive about things that don't go well
- Be present at all times

Post Game

- Team review of the match with the coach
- Give playing shirt back to the coach



The Seasons Guidelines

The cricket season is in 4 parts.

We aim to upskill and challenge our players to train and play to the best of their ability.

▶ Winter Training

- Winter season is a time to start recruiting and confirming numbers for the following season
- Winter training starts in July (register through our website)
- Register players, winter training fee allocated

▶ Pre-Season

- Junior Muster September (for term 4)
- Junior Muster January (for term 1)



▶ Start of Term

- Seasons start at the beginning of Term 1 and Term 4
- PLAY HQ registration then register to pay your junior fees through our club member portal (Friendly Manager)
- TWO registrations required (Play HQ and Friendly Manager)
- Uniforms allocated at each game

▶ End of Term

- No overdue fees (could be one or two terms)
- Confirm those coming back for another term
- Prize Giving (Sunday after the last game of term 1)



Communications

WhatsApp

- WhatsApp is our main communication method for the junior club.
- Please keep an eye on the WhatsApp chat for your child's team.
- If we don't hear from you via WhatsApp to confirm your child can play, we'll assume they're not available.



Social Media

- Social media plays a big part in regular updates and communications to our community.
- As of 2024, we have the following social pages:
- Public HSUCC page
- Private HSUCC page
- Instagram StarVarsity



Club Newsletters

- Juniors Newsletters
- Club Newsletters



Juniors Contact

For any questions about junior cricket, please contact:



Email

juniors@hsucc.co.nz



