



Dear Cricket Parents/Guardians,

Just an update from my last correspondence

New Age Groups: At the junior AGM on 30th August 2023 clubs decided to implement new age groups for this season as follows: U/11s, U/13s, U/15s, and U/17s. (Please note age date is as of 1st September)

Team Structure: At Imperials Cricket Club, we are planning to have teams in the Under 11s, Under 13s, and Under 17s age groups. Would do Under 15s if we miraculously got 12 new players before start of season.

Registration Details: The registration link to register this season is <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/9a8902> This season there is a \$16 fee from Cricket Australia which will be on top of our fees. Can scan QR code above which will also take you to registration page. (Please note that registration is age based so for example you may still be aged under 11 but will be playing in Under 13s. The additional fee will have to be paid directly to club). Thank you to all players that have registered already hopefully process has been OK.

Fees: Under 17s \$80, Under 13s \$50, Under 11s \$20

Formats:

Under 17s – This will be the same as season 2022/23. Played mostly on Saturday mornings but with options to play other day and nights during school holidays or other times organised between clubs.

Under 15 – As above

Under 13 - Wednesday nights East zone (Usually a 4:30 start to 6:30) Games to be scored and entered online, no ladder or finals (reassess after season 23/24) Ideal number of players 10 per side, 20 overs each, batters to face 12 balls each (No dismissals, swap ends if dismissed and dot ball recorded to batter, wicket recorded to bowler) players retire individually not in pairs. If the last batter has balls left the 2nd last batter can stay out and run with them. Bowlers max 2 overs each, wides and no balls counted on score but max 6 ball overs. Fielding team must have 2 players on the boundary at all times to ensure batters are not crowded and able to score runs.

Under 11 - Fixtured East and West depending on team numbers, 7 game season 4 before Xmas, 3 after, games a fortnight apart to allow for training sessions. The weeks will be set on the fixture but games can be played on a day /night that suits clubs involved within that week.

Softa Ball used, 16 overs each, Ideal number of players 8 per side. Bat in pairs 4 overs each, bowlers 2 overs max. Fielding team must have 2 fielders on the boundary at all times to ensure batters are not crowded and able to score runs.

Season Start Times:

Under 17s – Saturday October 14th 2023

Under 15 – Saturday October 14th 2023

Under 13 - Wednesday October 25th 2023

Under 11 – Week starting 30th October 2023 (Need to work out best night Parents please let me know what day suit)

Age Limits (Under 11s) I have got league to amend age limits to DOB before 1/9/17. I have spoken to a number of parents already but are happy for parents to register kids up to this age limit. As discussed preference will be to older kids in this age group. Kids can still register in Woolworths Blast program (See details below) As above can parents get back to me with best day or night that suits to play Under 11s keeping in mind other sports that kids may participate in. (Can be Sunday) Games should be around 1:40 in the format above.

Woolworths Blast Registration:

Once again this season, the Imperials Cricket Club have teamed up with Nerrena Cricket Club, and Leongatha Town Cricket Club to bring you the Leongatha Cricket Clubs Woolworths Blast Program. See link below for registration. Cost of program is \$61. Please note that if register for Woolworths Blast and also Under 11 then you still will need to pay \$20 + \$16 registration fee on top of the \$61. 9 Sessions 3 at each club run on Thursdays at 4:00 from 19th Oct.

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/bbb60a>

Training Dates:

Korumburra Indoor Mon 4th, 11th, 18th September at 7:30pm (All Under 17s Invited) Had a good rollup for 1st session.

Sunday 17th September 10:30 (All age groups welcome) BBQ Lunch and working bee on rooms and ground

Will put out a list of jobs that we want to do and tools required to assist shortly via email.

Thursday 21 September Training will start at East Campus from 4:00 for all age groups.

All new and old players welcome so feel free to bring a friend if they are interested

Club Merchandise:

The club has put together some new merchandise. First lot of orders need to be in by 8th September. See link below to order. Club and sponsor Sportspower have seen that these quality products are cheap as possible with minimal markup. Just on Club sponsor newly branded Sportspower Leongatha if you say you play at Imperials will be entitled to 10% off on any cricket gear purchase for season 2023/24. (Excluding sale items)

<https://forms.gle/HhPQM3sqTKxiNnp2A>

Calling All Female Cricketers: We are actively seeking expressions of interest from female cricketers who wish to join the Imperials Cricket Club. We are looking to enter teams in the L.D.C.A. female competitions and warmly welcome any new players who wish to be a part of this exciting opportunity. This call out is for young and old please let us know if interested in representing Imperials Cricket Club in any of the LDCA women's competitions.

Get Involved: We strongly encourage parents and guardians to become actively involved in the club. Your support, whether through volunteering, cheering on the sidelines, or helping with events, is essential to the success of the Imperials Cricket Club and the enjoyment of our talented players. The kids love seeing the game day photos done by Bec and Tash. You could also have a crack at scoring during the game. Some kids even love mum or dad getting involved with assisting at training or gameday with coaching.

The club will be looking at new coaches or assistant coaches for all junior grades this season and future seasons. So if interested please let me know as we can organise community coaches course in Leongatha for anyone interested.

Player Sponsors:

Have attached details of player sponsorship offers. We would like all junior players to get 1 player sponsor. We want to promote our junior players and our senior players as well as without them we don't have a club.

For any inquiries or further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Keep an eye on our social media channels for updates. Troy Williams is Junior Cricket Co-ordinator his contact details are

willsignsleongatha@outlook.com 0407854953, Lachie Wright is our Child Safety Officer lwright@leonsec.vic.edu.au 0490046119 and Kristian Gray is Woolworths Co-ordinator 0439825168.

Thank you for choosing the Imperials Cricket Club, and we look forward to a fantastic season ahead! Feel free to pass this email onto anyone else that maybe interested as we are looking to recruit new players in all age groups for the upcoming season.

Best regards,

Kristian Gray

President Imperials Cricket Club