



1st & 2nd XI – ISA Cricket 2019/20

Selection

- All players wishing to trial for the 1st & 2nd XI must be registered to play with SPX Cricket for the 2019/20 season.
- Players either play for the College or not. There is not option to play only if selected in a desired ISA team.
- Players and parents must read and be familiar with the SPX ISA Cricketing Concepts document. This document (see below) outlines the expectations of players and coaches; further it documents how the 1st & 2nd XI will approach and execute each training session and match.
- Players seeking selection in the 1st or 2nd XI must have physical and mental maturity to play at ISA level (U18). It is not uncommon to be playing against state age group or upper-grade Sydney Premier Cricket players.
- Attendance is expected at all training sessions; unless prior notice is given.
- Players are expected, if selected, to be available for all matches (including trials). Any unavailability needs to be communicated early to coaching staff.
- Players (and parents) must be available to travel to Bathurst and Bowral for matches.
- Players selected in the 1st XI are expected to be available for the Christian Brothers Cricket Week (Queensland Tour) from Sunday 5 to Saturday 11 January 2020.

Coaches

- 1st XI – Mr David Reay (Coach/Convener) and Mr Pat Rodgers (Coach)
- 2nd XI – Mr Matt Stearn (Coach) and Mr Alex Listo (Manager)
- External coaches – Mr Ash Doolan and Mr Nick McCamley (from Cricket Appeal)

Trials / Pre-season Training / Pre-season Matches

- Monday 12 August – Net trials @ Oxford Falls
- Sunday 18 August – SPX Cricket Skills Day @ Oxford Falls
- Monday 19 August – Net trials @ Oxford Falls
- Monday 26 August – Net trials @ Oxford Falls (First player cut)
- Wednesday 28 August – Net trials @ Oxford Falls
- Wednesday 4 September – Training @ Oxford Falls (ISA Squad announced)
- Monday 9 September – Training @ Oxford Falls
- Wednesday 11 September – Training @ Oxford Falls
- Monday 16 September – Training @ Oxford Falls
- Wednesday 18 September – Training @ Oxford Falls
- Sunday 22 September – 1st XI Trial v St Ignatius College @ Riverview
- Monday 23 September – Training @ Oxford Falls
- Wednesday 25 September – Training @ Oxford Falls
- Wednesday 9 October – 1st and 2nd XI Trial v St Aloysius College @ Oxford Falls
- Thursday 10 October – 1st XI Trial v Mosman CC @ Oxford Falls
- Friday 11 October – 1st XI Trial v St Joseph's College @ Hunters Hill

Season Training

- Monday and Wednesday at Oxford Falls – until 5pm during Term 3; then 5:30pm during Term 4.
Note: ISA Training is conducted on Monday and Wednesday to enable players to also train with Premier Cricket or Shire Cricket Clubs on Tuesday and Thursday if desired.

Season Matches (ISA Draw yet to be released)

- Saturday 19 October 2019 – Pink Day @ Oxford Falls (T20s v Oakhill College)
- Saturday 26 October 2019 – ISA Round 1
- Saturday 2 November 2019 – ISA Round 2
- Saturday 9 November 2019 – ISA Round 3
- Saturday 16 November 2019 – ISA Round 4
- Monday 18 November 2019 – T20 v Shore @ Oxford Falls (4pm start)
- Saturday 23 November 2019 – ISA Round 5
- Saturday 30 November 2019 – ISA Round 6
- Saturday 1 February 2020 – ISA Round 7
- Saturday 8 February 2020 – ISA Round 8
- Saturday 15 February 2020 – ISA Round 9
- Saturday 22 February 2020 – ISA Round 10
- Saturday 29 February 2020 – ISA Round Semi-final
- Saturday 7 March 2020 – ISA Round Final

Christian Brothers Cricket Week (Queensland Tour) – Sunday 5 to Saturday 11 January 2020

- A squad of 16 players will be selected to attend this bi-annual tour.
- Five matches in six days in and around Brisbane.
- Accommodation is at Nudgee College.
- SPX are the current CBCW Cup holders.
- Further details to be issued in Term 4.



“Strike Hard”



SPX Cricket – ISA Cricketing Concepts

- **ISA Cricket is a significant achievement for all SPX players.** Players are congratulated on their selection but reminded that opposition schools also possess skillful and talented players. Further, SPX Cricket has other players who desire their position.
- **SPX Cricket always plays to win.** This fact will result in players not getting an equal share of batting and bowling, which is customary in other SPX Cricket teams, during the season. The Team's collective requirements are placed before those of individual players. As such, weekly team selection will include promotion/relegation of deserving players.
- **SPX Cricket plays hard but fair.** While SPX Cricket plays to win, we do not play to win at all costs. Fair-play and sportsmanship, graciousness in victory and humility in defeat are the mark of a man and demonstrate strength of character. Umpires and opposition players will be treated with respect. Dissent resulting from umpiring decisions will not be tolerated.
- **SPX Cricket players are expected to give their very best at all times;** regardless of match situation, personal feelings, environmental conditions and fatigue.
- **SPX Cricket players are expected to support and encourage other team members at all times.** SPX Cricket wins or loses as a team not a group of individuals.
- **SPX Cricket coaching staff will provide their very best considered advice to all players,** at appropriate times, while treating the players collectively and individually with respect. Conversely, players are to treat coaches with the same respect each player is shown.
- **SPX Cricket will play thoughtful aggressive and skillful cricket,** actively seeking "1%" options with the bat, ball and the field in order to maintain the match initiative. Thereby affecting opposition bowler's line and length, stretching the fielding team's defensive postures and throwing arms while keeping the opposition guessing. This will be supported by careful field placement, intelligent bowling and the vigorous defence of every run.
- **The Captain makes all decisions on the field.** SPX Cricket coaches and players may provide advice, where appropriate, however the Captain decides how to execute match plans. Players are to support the Captain's plans at all times.
- **SPX Cricket players are expected to continually develop their skills;** supported by coaching staff and other players, so that they conclude the season a better player than at the start. By training hard, and ensuring all aspects of the game are rehearsed, players provide themselves the best opportunity to achieve. Cricket is an all-day summer sport: physical fitness is critical to success. **NB:** Amateurs train until they get it right; professionals train until they cannot get it wrong.
- **SPX Cricket players, coaches, parents and supporters represent St Pius X College;** as such their behaviour is on display and is to always reflect the College ethos and standards at all times.
- **SPX Cricket maintains the legacy of the 2/33rd Australian Infantry Battalion** who valiantly served our nation during WWII. We will play with tenacity and determination always endeavoring to "Strike Hard" and embracing the values of "Courage, Initiative, Respect and Teamwork".