



1st & 2nd XI – ISA Cricket 2024/25

Selection

- All players wishing to trial for the 1st & 2nd XI must be registered to play with SPX Cricket for the 2024/25 season through Clipboard and then via the PlayHQ platform (details to follow).
- Players either play for the College or not. There is no option to play only if selected in a desired ISA team.
- Players and parents must 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 training sessions and matches.
- Players seeking selection in the 1st or 2nd XI must display physical and mental maturity to compete at ISA level (U18). It is not uncommon to play 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 and holiday games. Any unavailability needs to be communicated early to coaching staff.
- Players (and by extension parents) must be available to travel to Bathurst, Bowral, and Central Coast matches.
- All players must have their own equipment. No kits will be provided. Players are discouraged from lending or borrowing personal protective equipment.
- Players selected in the ISA Squad need to purchase training uniform from the College Uniform Shop. Clothing comprises training shorts, training shirt, alternate playing indigenous reconciliation shirt and training cap.
- All ISA Squad members require spiked footwear for training and matches.
- Players are encouraged to train and play with Premier and/or Shires Cricket clubs when not playing or training with SPX.

Coaches

- 1st XI – Mr David Reay (Coach/Convenor) and Mr Pat Rodgers (Coach)
- 2nd XI – Mr Matt Stearn (Coach) and Mr Martin Gillogly (Coach)
- Skills coach – Mr James Maloney
- External coaches – Mr Ash Doolan and Mr Elliot Richter (from Cricket Appeal)

Pre-season Meeting – Tuesday 13 August 2024 (lunchtime in C4)

“Strike Hard”

Trials, Training, and Matches

2023 Trials / Pre-season Training

- Wednesday 28 August 2024 – Net trials @ Oxford Falls
- Wednesday 4 September 2024 – Net trials @ Oxford Falls
- Monday 9 September 2024 – Net trials @ Oxford Falls
- Wednesday 11 September 2024 – Net trials @ Oxford Falls
- Monday 16 September 2024 – Net trials @ Oxford Falls
- Wednesday 18 September 2024 – Net trials @ Oxford Falls
- Monday 23 September 2024 – Net trials @ Oxford Falls
- Wednesday 25 September 2024 – Net trials @ Oxford Falls

2024 Pre-season Matches / Holiday Matches

- Wednesday 9 October 2024 – 1st XI (Trial) v St Joseph's College @ St Joseph's #6 (Term 3 Holidays)
- Thursday 10 October 2024 – 1st XI (Trial) v Shore @ Northbridge #2 (Term 3 Holidays)
- Friday 11 October 2024 – 1st XI (Trial) v St Ignatius College @ Riverview (Term 3 Holidays)
- Saturday 19 October 2024 – 1st XI (Trial) and 2nd XI (Trial) v St Stanislaus' College @ Oxford Falls

2024/25 ISA Season Matches and other Matches (ISA Draw yet to be released)

- Saturday 26 October 2024 – ISA Round 1
- Saturday 2 November 2024 – ISA Round 2
- Saturday 9 November 2024 – ISA Round 3
- Saturday 16 November 2024 – ISA Round 4
- Monday 18 November 2024 – 1st XI T20 @ Oxford Falls #1
- Saturday 23 November 2024 – ISA Round 5
- Monday 25 November 2024 – 1st XI T20 @ Oxford Falls #1
- Saturday 30 November 2024 – ISA Round 6
- Saturday 25 January 2025 – 1st XI v St Joseph's College @ Oxford Falls #1
- Saturday 8 February 2025 – ISA Round 7
- Saturday 15 February 2025 – ISA Round 8
- Monday 17 February 2025 – 1st v l'Zingari CC @ Oxford Falls #1
- Saturday 22 February 2025 – ISA Round 9
- Saturday 1 March 2025 – ISA Round 10
- Saturday 8 March 2025 – ISA Semi-Final
- Saturday 15 March 2025 – ISA Final

2024/25 Training

- Monday and Wednesday at Oxford Falls. 2024 Term 3 until 5pm, 2024 Term 4 and 2025 Term 1 until 5:30pm
Note: ISA Training is conducted on Monday and Wednesday to enable players to train with Premier Cricket or Shire Cricket Clubs on Tuesday and Thursday if desired.



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 each 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 an umpiring decision is not 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 always support and encourage team members.** 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.
 - **SPX Cricket will play thoughtful aggressive and skillful cricket,** actively seeking "1%" options with the bat, ball, and the field to maintain the match initiative. Thereby affecting opposition bowlers' 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 defense 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 always support the Captain's plans.
 - **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 with the best opportunity to achieve. ISA 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 all behaviours must reflect the College ethos and standards.
 - **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".

“Strike Hard”