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WELCOME TO NORMANDY CC – COLTS CRICKET 2026

Dear All,

A very warm welcome to the 2026 season at Normandy Cricket Club. The cricket season is upon us again in what seems the blink of an eye! We hope you have all wintered well and are looking forward to what promises to be a great season ahead. 2026 promises to be a very busy season, with Friday night training, the AllStars programme for 5–8-year-olds, masterclass training sessions, girls only training sessions, holiday courses and an ever-increasing number of colts fixtures planned.

I would like to introduce myself as the Head of Colts for this season. I have been part of Normandy CC for nearly 10 years, and this is my 2nd season as the clubs Colts Manager, as well as my other role of a specific Age Group Manager.

Like most people representing the club, I am a parent, volunteer.

I am here to help in any way I can as are all the volunteers here at Normandy, so I hope to see you at training on a Friday evening. Please do come and introduce yourselves so I can get to know you all over the summer.

As I am sure you are aware, Colts cricket runs successfully at NCC primarily because of the hundreds of unpaid volunteer hours that our Colts management team, committee and coaches put into the Club. We would be hugely grateful for your support this year in **answering emails and requests from your age group managers as promptly as possible, including all requests on our new club platform CS365. (It is a learning experience for all of us)**

Our volunteers do spend a huge number of hours every week chasing parents for responses, so your understanding on this matter, would be much appreciated. We also ask that you treat all our volunteers with respect and curtesy.

This year, as in previous years I am lucky to call upon a group of Volunteers who will run each age group, details for the relevant groups, can be found a little further in this pack. I would like to thank them in advance for their help.

So far, the weather has been reasonably kind to us, and we are hopeful this will continue for the start of the season, and we will begin playing our fixtures as planned in early May. This will hopefully also mean Friday training will start as detailed below. As we have seen in the past, the weather can change at short notice, so please always keep an eye on the CS365 App for any last-minute changes.

The ECB programme for 5–8-year-olds, All Stars Cricket, returns again this year, starting on *Friday 8th May from 17.15-18.00pm* and will run for 8 weeks. Places on the *AllStars* program can be booked with the following link <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/normandy/Course/f7520968-6d17-4ee9-b582-38733de3b004>

All age groups from U8 to U19 will continue to play in the Surrey Junior Cricket Championship Leagues this year, including entries in the County Cups. A girl only team will also take part in the U12 & U14 SJCC hard ball leagues.

The U19 Knights team, led by Carl Bowen, will play in Tier 2 of the U19 Surrey T20 Slam. The U19 is a competitive squad made up from the brightest players across several older age groups.

Whilst very much remaining a pathway to senior cricket, our Academy/U21 side will play in Tier 2 of the Surrey Trust League again this year.

We are pleased to announce that the NCC Summer Holiday courses will continue to run in 2026. The overriding aim of the courses is to provide continuity of coaching in a fun and safe environment whilst allowing players to further develop and enhance their cricketing skills. The dates for the 2026 upcoming Summer Holiday Courses are:

<i>Summer 1</i>	<i>28th – 30th July'26</i>
<i>Summer 2</i>	<i>4th – 6th August'26</i>
<i>Summer 3</i>	<i>11th – 13st August'26</i>

Courses run from 10.00am to 15.00pm and places can be booked by emailing ncccolts@gmail.com

We have an exciting year of cricket ahead, from starting our youngest colts on their cricketing journeys to watching as some of our older colts take to the field with the Academy teams and Saturday senior teams. All our players, both young and old, supporters and families play a very significant part in the successes of our club; we thank you for this support and look forward to your involvement this summer.

Onto the practicalities of the season ahead. We are delighted that we can again run structured training for the majority of our junior age groups on Friday evenings, thanks to some very supportive volunteers, age group managers and coaches.

Membership

Please do take the time to complete all the necessary Colts forms within **CS365 platform**, completion of these will be a **prerequisite** to participating in training sessions, if ***you have not*** registered by **Friday 24th April**, you are not covered by the clubs Insurance to train. If you have any questions about completing your online forms, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Membership Secretary by email on normandyccmembership@gmail.com

Our aim for Colts Cricket

Our aim within our Junior Section in 2026 is to introduce all our young cricketers to the fundamental skills of cricket. We offer structured coaching sessions to develop these skills. Coach to colt ratios are implemented and controlled. It may therefore be possible that we have to close sessions to new additional members once they are full. This is designed to retain the quality of coaching for those attending and remain within the guidelines of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB).

We also participate in matches where selected players can put these developed skills into practice. Teams for Colts matches will be selected by the relevant Age Group Managers and communicated through CS365. Age Group Managers will be encouraged to select teams that will be competitive relative to the standard of Competition and to ensure that any player selected will gain a positive experience from the match. Age Group Managers have to be confident that players will be safe when playing in games. For example, players will need to be able to stop and catch a ball correctly and also have a batting technique that will stand up to the standard of bowling they are likely to face at any age group.

We also aim to create a structure that will allow the development of talented and elite players through more individual coaching, player Academies, enhanced match play opportunities and an early introduction into Senior Cricket.

Welfare of Young People

Normandy Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The Club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the Club should, at all times, show respect, be encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with any of the following:

- The Head of Colts Cricket, The Head of Junior Development, Any of the coaches, Age Group Managers or the Club Safeguarding Officers.
- All contact details can be found within this document or on the Club notice boards.

Club policies are available on request or by contacting the Club Secretary on ncsecretary@hotmail.com

Registration

PLEASE REMEMBER that all colts need to register their attendance each training evening, **but ultimately the responsibility for this remains with their parent(s) or guardian(s).**

Registration at the start of training and De-Registration at the end of training for ALL players will take place at their relevant Age Group area. These will be clearly marked upon arrival, with specific *Age Grp Signs*. Please make sure your Colt heads towards their own specific Age Group sign, and please make sure a relevant parent or adult is close to the area upon checkout.

Parental Responsibility

The woods surrounding both grounds can be dangerous especially on the lower ground where there is a steep drop to the road. **We would remind parents that outside of their group training times, their children are THEIR responsibility, and they must ensure their safety at all times.** Any dogs brought to training MUST be kept on leads. **Outside of training groups, no hard balls or wooden bats must be used on Friday evenings.**

Coaching Days and Times

Coaching Session Times for all age groups – *All Colt Age Groups will train on a Friday Night.*

Parents or a responsible adult MUST remain on site throughout training.

- All Stars Cricket will train between **17.15pm and 18.00pm** on Friday evenings. The first training session will be on **Friday 8th May 2026**. *Registration should be made through the ECB All Stars Cricket website.*
- Under 7's will train between **17.15pm and 18.00pm** on Friday evenings.
The first training session will be on Friday 24th April 2026
- Under 8' & 9's will train between **17.15pm and 18.15pm** on Friday evenings.
The first training session will be on Friday 24th April 2026
- Under 10' & 11's will train between **17.15pm and 18.15pm** on Friday evenings.
The first training session will be on Friday 24th April 2026.
- Under 12' to Under 17's will train on Friday evenings from **18.30pm until 20.00pm**.
The first training session is on Friday 24th April 2026.
- **Under 12 and U14 Girls** will train on Friday evenings with their relevant Age Groups on a Friday, between 18.30pm – 20.00pm. There will also be a Girls only training session on a Thursday night throughout the season starting on **Thursday 15th May – 18.00pm -19.30pm**.
- The final training sessions of the season will be on **Friday 31st July 2026**.
- If training sessions need to be cancelled due to poor weather, an email and relevant communication notification will be sent to all members, and we will aim to put the message on our Facebook and Instagram pages and the NCC website.

Clothing & Equipment

All Colts are to be properly dressed for practice. Dark coloured tracksuit trousers or shorts are to be worn with Normandy CC Training Shirts if possible (not obligatory). Sweatshirts (hoodies are available from the cricket shop) or cricket jumpers can be worn as required by the individual. (No football Kits please)

NCC Kit can be purchased from the following website / link:

https://www.shreysports.co.uk/teamshops/Clubs/Cricket_Clubs/Normandy_Cricket_Club/_id_4912

If selected to play in matches, Colts should be dressed in the **appropriate Normandy coloured kit**.

NCC playing and training clothing can be purchased through our online shop at Shrey Sports.

When batting in matches, and practicing batting with a hard ball, players are required to wear an abdominal protector, this can either be worn in an 'Athletic Support' or 'Y-fronts', it is not possible to wear it in boxer shorts – players will not be allowed to take part if not properly dressed and protected.

Also, it is now recommended that a *Pro Neck Protector* is attached to all helmets when playing hardball cricket. These can be purchased from the below link.

<https://www.shreysports.co.uk/products/2444aed9-6c23-46f4-a849-8172a6a0a119/CLUB-1417>

NB: For girls only - Specific Abdo guards are available for girls playing hard ball cricket, however, whilst wishing that all players are adequately protected, given there are no clear ECB guidelines for female cricketers NCC respect that this is a personal choice as to whether they choose to wear protection and the responsibility for this decision will ultimately rest with their individual parent. If in doubt, please ask one of the coaches.

Colts playing hard ball cricket will need a well-fitting helmet, batting gloves and pads as a minimum. If you are thinking of buying a bat, please talk to the coaches before doing so. It is very important that colts are playing with bats of the correct size and weight. It is very difficult to teach technique if a bat is either too long or too heavy. Please ensure that any personal equipment is named.

Please bring drinking water for practice (and fixtures) in a **named sports bottle** (also freely available at the bar). We would also remind all colts to ensure that sunscreen is applied before fixtures and practice sessions in addition to wearing an appropriate peaked cap.

Bar and BBQ

Thanks to Roger Enticknap, and their band of bar volunteers, the Bar will be open during the Friday evening practice sessions. The bar stocks a good range of sports drinks and snacks for our younger members. If you are interested in helping behind the bar, please let me know and I will put you in touch with Roger.

We hope to be able to once again run the weekly Friday night BBQ from Friday 24th April coordinated by Sophie Budgen (*parent volunteers permitting*) and that this will be well supported. An online sign-up sheet for the BBQ rota has recently been sent out by myself, so please do support us by volunteering for a shift, it is very sociable and a great way of meeting new parents!

Match Days

We will be using the **CS365** App this year, both as an availability tool and to collect match fees. Age Group Managers will start loading fixture schedules for the age groups shortly.

If your son or daughter is selected to represent the club, the respective Age Group Manager will notify you. If you become unavailable for the match, please try, where possible, to give your Age Group Manager **a minimum of 48 hours notice. Failure to do so will be frowned upon and could affect future selection.**

- Home matches:** It is important to ensure that players are changed and ready to play **a minimum of half an hour before the start time.**
- Away matches:** It is your responsibility to get your son or daughter to the away ground. Age Group Managers can provide directions. Please don't rely on the age group manager to transport your son/daughter to matches. Again, players should be at the ground and ready to play **a minimum of half an hour before the start time.**
- Costs** There will be a match fee for each game of **£4** per player for all hard ball matches and **£3** per player for soft ball matches, which will be collected via Spond.
- Attendance** Parents **MUST** remain at matches, no drop and run is allowed.

Age Group Managers and Club Officials

Head of Colts Cricket	Jon Went	07739 798093	ncccolts@gmail.com
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Colts Head Coach	Sam Welfare	07910 872221	nccheadcoach@gmail.com
Safeguarding Officer	Chloe Power	07769 670505	normandycc.safeguarding@gmail.com
Safeguarding Officer	Sara Went	07846 707201	normandycc.safeguarding@gmail.com
First Aid Officer	Shelly Jones		

AGM's

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Under 19	Carl Bowen	07765 881406	
U12 & U14 Girls	Andy Mcpherson	07703 403463	nccclubcaptain@gmail.com

All our Colts Management Team and Coaches are unpaid volunteers and will be looking for your support with organising, setting up, clearing away, scoring, umpiring and other activities. Please help when you can, as our only alternative is to employ paid labour, which will have a direct impact on match fees and subscriptions!

We are fortunate to see the return of most of our coaches from 2025 as well as welcoming some new Level 2 qualified coaches. Our Senior Coaches are all qualified ECB coaches and they, together with the Age Group Managers, have undergone the standard DBS (Disclosure Barring Service) checks as part of the Club's Welfare Policy. We all have a relevant First Aid qualification.

From time to time, the Senior Coaches will be supported by assistants, who are working on their qualifications, but will have been DBS checked if they are over 16.

Respect for the Game and Each Other

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its laws but also within the **Spirit of the Game**. We would like to make everyone aware of their responsibilities and hence the table below highlights the responsibilities of both Colts and their parents/guardians and carers. It is expected that players and parents read and understand their obligations both in respect of below and the attached Surrey Junior Cricket Championship code of conduct that is also attached.

<u>Code of Conduct for Parents/ Guardians & Carers</u>	<u>Code of Conduct for Colts</u>
<p>As part of the club's work to develop young cricketers it is important that we receive support from parents and carers. Hence, we require that all parents and carers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.• Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials, including themselves.• Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.• Never force your child to take part in sport.• Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.• Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.• Publicly accept officials' judgements.• Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.• Use correct and proper language at all times whilst supporting the coaches and managers.• Pay any fees for training or events promptly.• Never enter the changing rooms whilst in use by Colts.	<p>To enable the club to provide the best opportunities for all young cricketers, we require that all colts must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respect club officials (coaches, managers, umpires etc) and follow all reasonable instructions.• Behave in a reasonable manner and always answer questions honestly.• Play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.• Respect their teammates.• Respect their opponents.• Use correct and proper language at all times.• Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.• Wear suitable kit for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.• Not smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.• Not consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.• Never use any mobile device in the changing rooms, during training sessions or in a match.

Parental Involvement

We are very lucky that Normandy CC can operate almost entirely through volunteers. We hope that 2026 will see greater involvement from the Colts section who, of course, represent the future of cricket at NCC! We would welcome any additional help that you can provide. Perhaps you could help in one of the following ways:

1. Acting as an assistant to an Age Group Manager, specifically scoring, umpiring, setting up the ground on match days or assisting with drinks breaks.
2. Assisting in various ways with the smooth running of a training night.
3. Volunteering for the bar rota or BBQ
4. Act as a sponsor (for example colts' shirts, kit etc) or become involved in the social and fundraising activities of the club.
5. Helping with Colts Administration.

If you can help in any capacity, please do come and talk to me.

Club Facilities and Social Events

Please consider joining as a parent non-playing (social) member (or senior player). For a small fee, all club members are entitled to use the facilities in line with the club rules. The bar has had a Winter refresh and looks great...It will be open on match days after the game in addition to being open on Friday evenings during and after training. You will have opportunity to book the club for social functions including the use of the bar at very competitive rates. You will also be able to become involved in the regular social functions that the club runs. For details of forthcoming events, please check the notice board in the bar, the fixture card or the club website.

The nets can be used as and when available, **but the club accepts no responsibility for this usage unless one of the club coaches is running the session. Nets should **not** be used by any U16 colts using hard balls without an adult present and without wearing the correct protective pads/ helmets.*

Sponsorship

We are constantly looking for sponsors to assist with the funding of Colts cricket within the club. There are a number of ways in which Companies or members can contribute. We would welcome any sort of financial support and have a range of packages to suit. Please contact the Sponsorship team on nccsponsorships@gmail.com if you may be able to help.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks and to sharing another successful season for the children at Normandy Cricket Club!

If you have any questions that are not covered above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer of Cricket....

Jon

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