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WELCOME TO NORMANDY CC – COLTS CRICKET 2021

Dear All,

A very warm welcome to the 2021 season at Normandy Cricket Club. What a strange last year it has been! We hope you have all wintered well and are looking forward to what promises to be a really exciting season ahead. 2020 saw a rather different season at NCC, but we remain immensely proud of all that we achieved within the confines of the prevailing government and ECB guidelines – from small group coaching early in the season to playing over 90 friendly colts matches by the end of the season! The introduction of NCC Holiday Courses last year was a huge success, enjoyed by both players and coaches alike. We will be continuing to run Holiday Courses this year, details of which can be found in this welcome pack.

Following consultation between the colts management team, coaches and players in the U14 squads and above, there have been changes to training days and times. The main reason for these changes are to facilitate the delivery of increased technical training and hard ball practice, but also to give those colts playing weekend cricket a longer recovery time between training and playing. We would encourage you to read through the changes very carefully and please do get in touch if you have any questions.

In the senior section, the 2020 season saw much alteration but a huge number of matches played including fielding a 5XI side on some Saturdays. Our 1XI return to the Surrey Championship Premier League in 2021 and we would encourage our colts to pop down to the club on a Saturday to support the senior sides.

Our Academy side, which saw many appearances from our U14 and U15 Colts last year, will once again take part in Tier 2 of the Surrey Trust League and our U19 squad will take part in Tier 1 of the U19 Surrey T20 Slam.

Colts cricket runs successfully at NCC primarily because of the hundreds of volunteer hours which 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. Our volunteers waste a huge number of hours every week chasing parents for responses!

In advance of the start of the season, our thanks go to Jonny Nolan, Phil Moss and the ground volunteers for not only preparing our pitches for us but allowing us ever increasing flexibility to enable us to maximise our colts fixture calendar. Thanks too to all our age group managers, Colts committee and coaches for the time they all put in both on and off the field enabling us to run such a successful Colts programme at Normandy CC.

The ECB programme for 5-7 year olds, All Stars Cricket, was run for the first time in 2019 at NCC. The programme proved hugely popular that year with both players and coaches, and a tremendous amount of fun! In 2020 the programme was cancelled by the ECB, but will be launched again in 2021. The programme this year will be led by Sam Wellfare. The programme will begin on Friday 14th May and will run for 8 weeks. Places on All Stars can be booked with the following link <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/720e84c-3013-40a4-9edb-37c36c1d43e6>

The ECB have also introduced this year, a programme of cricket designed to introduce 8-11 year olds to cricket. This programme is aimed at those new to cricket, or who have limited experience and is called Dynamos. The programme will be led by Sam Wellfare and Leon Robinson and will begin on Thursday 13th May and will also run for 8 weeks. Places on Dynamos can be booked with the following link <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/a4e7a7d3-6672-4290-8490-ae094ab92e61>

You will all remember that the landscape for Junior Leagues in Surrey should have changed last year with the launch of the newly formed **Surrey Junior Cricket Championship**. The SJCC Leagues will now begin this year. At the moment we have entered 18 teams into the SJCC from U8-U19, including entries in the County Cups. As the Colts Management Team navigate numerous changes this year, we would ask for your patience whilst we develop our understanding of the new Leagues, playing formats and rules. The U19 team, led again this year by Philip Hodgson, will play in Tier 1 of the U19 Surrey T20 Slam. The U19 is a competitive squad made up from the brightest players across a number of age groups. Training with the U19 squad is by invitation. Whilst very much remaining a pathway to senior cricket, our Academy/U21 side will play in Tier 2 of the Surrey Trust League this year. The STL now also falls under the management of the Surrey Junior Cricket Championship.

NCC Holiday courses will continue to run in 2021 with the Easter Holiday Course getting underway in less than two weeks! 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 2021 Holiday Courses are:

Easter Course	6 th – 8 th April	NOW FULL
Summer Half Term	1 st – 2 nd June	
Summer 1	27 th – 29 th July	
Summer 2	3 rd – 5 th August	

Courses run from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Further information will follow in the next few days with more information and how to book.

We have an exciting year of cricket ahead, developing our younger players and 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 all our junior age groups on either a Wednesday or Friday evening, thanks to some very supportive volunteers, age group managers and coaches. We have entered teams from U8 upwards in the Surrey Junior Cricket Championship with many of the age groups having two squads and we hope that this will again create greater playing opportunities for all our colts. We are also looking to offer continued cricket to our girls and, numbers permitting, will evaluate playing in “Girl Only” festivals.

Membership

Thanks to the hard work of Philip Hodgson and Jane Sampson over the winter, our membership has now moved online with MyClubhouse. Please do take the time to complete all the necessary Colts forms within MyClubhouse and completion of these will be a prerequisite to participating in training sessions. If you have not received an email regarding membership or have any questions about completing your online forms, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Jane Sampson, our Membership Secretary by email on normandyccmembership@gmail.com We believe that our subscriptions offer excellent value for money with qualified, structured coaching coming in at just over £5/week.

Our aim for Colts Cricket

Our aim within our Junior Section (U8s to U19s inclusive) in 2021 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 offer competitive matches where selected players can put these developed skills into practice. Teams for Colts matches will be selected by the relevant Age Group Managers. 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.

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.

It is likely that at least the first half of the season will take place under Covid restrictions and enhanced guidelines from both the ECB and The Surrey Cricket Foundation, similar to those we worked with last year.

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 Colts Manager, 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

Please look on the "Clubmark" notice board in the clubhouse for further information about our welfare policies.

We are delighted to announce that Chloe Power and Sara Went will be joining the colts management team as Safeguarding Officers this year.

Registration

PLEASE REMEMBER that all colts need to register _each training evening. We would encourage colts to register themselves in and out, **but ultimately the responsibility for this remains with their parent(s) or guardian(s).**

Coaching Days and Times

Coaching Session Times for all age groups - Please note that there are changes to our training days and times and this year

- Under 7's (All Stars Cricket) will train between **5.15pm and 6pm** on Friday evenings. The first training session will be on Friday 14th May 2021. **Registration should be made through the ECB All Stars Cricket website.**
- Under 8's and Under 9's will train between **5.15pm and 6.15pm** on Friday evenings. **The first training session will be on Friday 16th April 2021**
- Age groups from U10's through to U13's will train between **6.30pm and 8pm** on Friday evenings. **The first training session will be on Friday 16th April 2021.**
- Under 14 and above will train on Wednesday evenings from **6.15pm until 8pm**. **The first training session is on Wednesday 14th April 2021.**
- Colts playing in the **U19 squad, Saturday and Sunday cricket are also invited to attend club nets on a Thursday evening from 6.15pm – 8pm starting on Thursday 22nd April 2021**
- The final training sessions of the season will be on Friday 20th August 2021 and Wednesday 25th August respectively.
- In the event that training sessions need to be cancelled due to poor weather, an email will be sent to all members and we will aim to put the message on our Facebook and Twitter pages and the NCC website.

Website

All colts fixtures will be posted on Normandy's website at -

www.normandycricketclub.com

You will also find match reports, averages, social information and lots more. It's worth a look! Please also sign up to Normandy's Facebook page, which is regularly kept up to date.

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. **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOTBALL KIT IS TO BE WORN PLEASE.**

If selected to play in matches, Colts should be dressed in the **appropriate Normandy CC kit**, either whites or coloured kit (black training kit).

NCC playing and training clothing can be purchased through our online shop at -

<http://thecornishcricketcompany.co.uk/normandy-cc-445-c.asp>

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.

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.

Current Covid regulations require all players to bring their own kit. 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 speak to your coaches for advice about purchasing kit. We do have a small quantity of second-hand kit also, so if you are interested or if you have any kit you wish to donate please contact one of the administrators on a training night.

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

The Bar will be open during the Friday evening practice sessions and after Thursday practice sessions. The bar stocks a good range of sports drinks and snacks for our younger members. We hope to be able to once again run the weekly Friday night BBQ (parent volunteers permitting) and that this will be well supported.

Wet Weather

If the ground is unfit, practice will be cancelled. Time permitting, a general email will be sent out accordingly. We will also endeavour to put a notice on the club website and Facebook page (so please sign up if you haven't already!)

Match Days

We will be using the Spond 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 £3.50 per player, which will be collected via an online App.

Age Group Managers and Club Officials

Head of Colts Cricket	Sara Job	07790 017296	ncccolts@gmail.com
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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!

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. From time to time, the Senior Coaches will be supported by assistants, who may not yet be qualified coaches, 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 which 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 team mates. • 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.

Further to the above both Colts and their Parents/Guardians will be required to sign the attached code of conduct to confirm their understanding of the Club's expectations in respect of both conduct and behaviour at training and in matches.

Parental Involvement

We are very lucky that Normandy CC is able to operate almost entirely through volunteers. We hope that 2021 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. Act as an assistant to a coach on your child's training evening. You do not necessarily need vast cricketing ability or knowledge. Our coach's work can be more efficient if they are given additional support. We can provide formal coach education (through ECB courses) for those that are interested in becoming regularly involved.
3. Assist in various ways with the smooth running of a training night.
4. Volunteer for the bar rota or BBQ
5. Act as a sponsor (for example colts shirts, kit etc) or become involved in the social and fundraising activities of the club.
6. Helping with Colts Administration.

If you are able to help in any capacity, please talk to myself, Phil Hodgson, or any one of the Age Group Managers.

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 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.

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.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you all in 2021 and to sharing another successful season at NCC with all of you. If you have any questions that are not covered above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Sara

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**Head of Colts Cricket
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