



# Waltham St Lawrence Cricket Club

## Junior Cricket FAQs

### **Where is the training? What time is it? How many weeks does it run for?**

The training is taking place at Waltham St Lawrence Cricket Club. The club is based in Shurlock Row and the best postcode to use is RG10 0PN. There are car parking facilities on site.

The junior training will take place on a Monday evening. The first session is on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022. It will run for 11 weeks, **except for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May (during half-term)** with the final session taking place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

The training will start at 6.00pm and finish at 7.30pm. Please ensure that your child(ren) are on the ground and ready to start for 6.00pm and that you are ready to collect them again at 7.30pm. The car park will be open from 5.45pm latest.

### **Do I need to be there during the session?**

We would ask that where possible you remain at the club during the sessions, particularly if you have younger children. Whilst we will stop regularly for children to grab a drink and have a short break, if your child requires an additional stop for a drink or the toilet, it will help the sessions to run uninterrupted.

### **What facilities are there at the ground?**

The clubhouse will be open and there are toilet facilities within club for both children and parents. Where possible, we will open the bar which serves a selection of alcoholic, soft drinks, and snacks. It is our intention to open the bar every week, subject to staff availability.

### **What cricket equipment does my child need?**

A lot of children will have some of their own equipment, namely a bat, but this is not necessary as we will provide all kit required to fully take part in the sessions. As your child(ren) get more into playing, the coaches will be able to advise on which equipment to consider buying.

### **What cricket clothing or other things does my child need?**

Normal sports clothes and trainers are all that is required. Additionally, as we are playing during summer, the sun can still be intense during the training period, so please put sun cream on your child as required. The coaches will be unable to provide sun cream or support with the application of sun cream. Also, please ensure that your child has a drink with them to stay well hydrated throughout the session.



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### **Do you use hard or soft balls?**

We follow official ECB Guidelines appropriate for the age range which is for U10 and below to use soft balls and U11 and above to use hard balls. As our sessions are going to be focused on U10 players for the 2022 season, we will exclusively use soft balls.

### **Are my children safe?**

We take child welfare very seriously and we adhere to the 'Safe Hands' Policy for Safeguarding Children in Cricket. Please see the 'Club Policies' page on our website ([wslcc.co.uk](http://wslcc.co.uk)) for more information.

All the adults at the club who work directly with the children are vetted by the Welfare Officer. This includes enhanced DBS and 'Barred List' check (formerly known as CRB checks). In an instance where we are awaiting paperwork and an adult (club member or parent) is taking part in the training, this will only ever occur under direct supervision of a fully vetted and approved adult.

Whilst we hope your child will be happy and content at the club, we understand that sometimes questions, concerns or difficulties may arise. Please feel able to raise these as soon as possible, so we can rectify things at the earliest opportunity. If you have a question regarding coaching, please approach the coach in the first instance. However, please do not interrupt coaching sessions, especially nets practice, as this may distract the coach when he or she needs to be supervising the children. Our coaches will be happy to speak to you before or after training or at another convenient time.

Our Welfare Officer, Chris Sharpe, is available at any time to discuss any concerns you or your children might have and has children in attendance himself, so will very often be available before or after the sessions as well. Additionally, our Club Chairman (and previous Welfare Officer), Andy Malliff, will be in attendance most weeks also. All issues will be treated in the strictest confidence. Contact details for Chris and Andy can be found at our club website: [wslcc.co.uk](http://wslcc.co.uk)

### **How can I help?**

The club is run by volunteers, and we greatly appreciate their support in whatever capacity they choose to help the club, be it coaching, scoring, umpiring, helping with the admin, fundraising, or simply supporting the club by taking part in our fundraising activities. You don't need any knowledge of cricket to help. Please contact our Club Chairman, Andy Malliff to have an informal chat about how you would like to get involved.

And, of course, we always welcome new adult players to play in our Saturday League (afternoons) and Midweek League (evenings from 6pm) Men's matches. Also speak to Andy about getting involved.