



Hythe & Dibden Cricket Club

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## Colts information pack for the 2026 season



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to the start of the 2026 Season!

Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club welcome you and your children to the club. We hope that your child(ren) will enjoy being a club member and will enjoy the cricket coaching, training, and matches, as well as the social events available at the club.

This pack will provide you with information about our activities and the policies we have in place as a Club. This season there will be 5 Colts age groups: under 9s, under 11s, under 13s, under 15s and under 17's.

As well as 5 colts teams we will be participating in All Stars and Dynamo. All Stars Cricket and Dynamo is an initiative from the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) aimed at providing children aged five and above with a great first experience in cricket.

In 2022 Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club were re-accredited by Hampshire Cricket Board and retained their ECB Clubmark Award. This is an accreditation scheme for all clubs with junior sections. We adhere to the 'Safe Hands' policy for Safeguarding Children in Cricket.

All of the adults at the club who work with children and meet the necessary criteria are vetted by the ECB. This includes the enhanced DBS and 'Barred List' check. Clubmark accreditation is an acknowledgement that we take these issues seriously and that we are striving to provide a high quality and welcoming environment for young participants in cricket. As part of Clubmark, if any prospective member is in financial difficulty the club will look to assist with any fees associated with joining and playing. Please contact the club safeguarding officer, Dawn Bowman, for more information.

We encourage you to take time to read all our policies which can be found on the Clubs website <https://www.hythe-dibdencricketclub.co.uk/safeguarding-section>

Policies which can be found include:

- Privacy Notice
- Changing room / Showering Policy
- Missing children Policy
- Transport
- Photography / Video / Club's use of photos
- Anti-bullying
- Young person code of practice
- Social media and communication
- Suncare
- Wearing helmets
- Junior cricketers playing in adults matches
- Child protection policy statement
- Safeguarding policy statement which has been updated for 2024

Full details of club policies are available through the club website:

<https://www.hythe-dibdenccricketclub.co.uk/>

You may also wish to follow us on Twitter (@hythedibdenCC), Instagram (@hythedibdencc) or 'like' us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/HytheandDibdenCC](http://www.facebook.com/HytheandDibdenCC); we will use social media as well as the club website and WhatsApp Groups to provide information and updates for all members.

Parents are welcome to attend all training sessions and competitions, we value your support. If you are unable to stay for training or attend games then please ensure you make arrangements for picking up your child. We will not let under 9's or 11's leave the vicinity without a responsible adult coming to collect them in person. If you are happy for members of the under 13's, 15's and 17's teams to leave without an adult collecting them, please note the club cannot take any responsibility.

We are keen to try and involve parents in the club, as we are a club which is solely run by volunteers. If you are able to support the club in any way please let us know. We are always looking for help with scoring, umpiring or arranging drinks and snacks.

We would be grateful if you could complete the annual colt membership form which can be found on our website. For the safety of your child it is important that the club is informed of any medical condition or allergies that may be relevant should your child fall ill or be involved in an accident at the club.

Whilst we hope your child/children will be happy at the club, we understand that sometimes questions, concerns or difficulties arise. Please feel able to raise these as soon as possible, so we can rectify things at the earliest opportunity. If you have any questions regarding coaching please approach the coach in the first instance. If this matter is regarding the welfare of your child then please contact Dawn Bowman, Safeguarding Officer.

To promote a welcoming environment in the club we have developed a feedback form for colts and or parents to use. The aim of the form is to be able to provide feedback on any of the training sessions or games any under 18 year old participating in over the season. This form is anonymous and can be completed at any time. Once submitted it will be sent to the Safeguarding Officer. The form can be found on our website in the documents and forms section

If you would like to talk to someone at the club about this information or your child's involvement with the club, please contact the Colts Manager for your child's age group or any of the contacts below.

We do hope that you and your child/children are enjoying being a member of Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club and are looking forward to the upcoming season as much as we are!

Best Wishes

Dawn Bowman

**Safeguarding Officer**

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**All Stars & Dynamo:**

All Stars and Dynamo Cricket gives girls and boys from the ages of five and above an opportunity to become a star. The curriculum of fun cricket activities and games provides your children with the basic movement skills to begin a lifelong love of our sport and general physical activity.

Our fully trained and vetted activators will deliver game-based activities that teach basic cricket skills including catching, throwing and hitting moving balls and social skills such as teamwork and communication. Please provide your child/children with drinks and cover in sun cream before attending.

All participants will receive an All Stars and Dynamo Cricket branded pack. Please watch out for details when to register on our social medias.

**Under 9 & 11's Pair Cricket:**

Batting Pads, Gloves and Helmets are all supplied for by the club in the various age group kitbags. There are also bats and wicket keeping equipment in these kitbags. Players will need their own 'box'. Please provide your child/children with drinks and cover in sun cream before attending training or games if required.

**Under 13 , 15's & 17's and under 11s (cups games):**

This age group play 18 over a side cricket with a proper cricket ball (under 13 play with a smaller hard 4 and 3/4 ounce ball).

Players must wear batting pads, gloves, abdominal protector ('box') and a helmet. The Club has kit which the children can use but each child will need their own 'box'. Please also provide your child/children with drinks and cover in sun cream before attending training or games if required.

Colour shirts are available on the kit shop. Following a change in the ECB guidance we ask that you do not add your child's name to their shirt. Colts to wear black shorts/tracksuit bottoms for games.

**Training fees for Noadswood Training in 2026 is £4.00.**

**Match fees for 2026 are £4.00**

**Colts playing in all adults game £5**

Please note that your child/children need to be members of the club to participate in training and matches.

## Training Sessions:

All training takes place on a Monday evening.

Winter training is held at Noadswood School, Water Lane, Dibden Purlieu, SO45 4ZF in the sports hall. Under 9's and 11's from 6.15pm -7.15pm and under 13's and 15's is 7.20pm - 8.20pm.

Please only park in the allocated parking bay and only use the disabled parking bays if you have and display a Disabled Parking Badge.



Noadswood School Fire Evacuation Plan can be found on our website.

Summer Training starts Mid April at Ewart Recreation Ground, Jones Lane, Hythe, SO45 6AX 6.30pm – 8pm for all teams.

We welcome any colts in year 11 to continue training with us on a Monday.

The club does arrange adult training sessions on a Friday evening. These sessions are not supported by trained coaches or the safeguarding officer. If your child (anyone under the age of 18 years old) wants to attend a parent / guardian must be in attendance for all the session. The club can not take any responsibility for any under 18's attending these net sessions

## Colts Team Selection:

The selection of any colts' side is undertaken by the manager and/or coach of that particular age group. On the whole, selection is done on a number of different factors and these are decided by the coach. Factors can include ability, time that a player has been at the club, conduct and behaviour in training sessions and matches. It is important to note, particularly with younger age groups, that children who are new to the club are unlikely to participate in league cricket. This is because of the amount of time required for coaching the various skills required to play. Every child will have match experience, whether this is through games arranged in training, friendly matches against other clubs, or league games.

Please remember that all coaches and managers are volunteers and give up their free time for the benefit of the club. The club will back any decisions around selection taken by the manager and coach of a colts' side unless it can be shown that their decision goes against the club's policies. .

Please note all our coaches have a current DBS.

## UK Coaching Certificate Level 2 or ECB Core Coach in Cricket:

James Page	Tom Jones	Andrew Woods	Andy Grave
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## UK Coaching Certificate Level 1 in Cricket or ECB Foundation:

Ian Prentice	Simon Dixon	Dave Chapstick	Adam Williams	Sheelan Shah
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**Support Coach Worker:** Dawn Bowman

## Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club Committee:

Chairman	Michael Bowman
Vice Chairman	Ian Prentice Sue Froggett
Treasure	Johnjo Stovell
Safeguarding Officer	Dawn Bowman
Colts Secretary	Lucy Grave

Contact details can be found on the club website

<https://www.hythe-dibdenccricketclub.co.uk/h-d-club-contacts>

## **Code of Conduct for Young People:**

Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club are fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members.

Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/carers or guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Therefore, members are 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 Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club to the Club Secretary.

As a member of Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club you are expected to abide by the following junior code of conduct:

- All members must play within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
- All members must pay attention and follow instructions given to them by coaches, managers and club officials
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must wear suitable kit – Shorts/trousers and t-shirts, other kit can be provided by the club – for training and match sessions, as agreed with the coach/team manager.
- Members must pay any fees for training and membership promptly.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.

## Club Equality Policy

Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club, in all its activities, are fully committed to the principles of equality of opportunity in cricket. We will ensure that its members and all other individuals working or volunteering for Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club, and participating in or watching are treated fairly and are able to conduct their activities free from discrimination, harassment or intimidation.

Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club, in all its activities will not discriminate, or in any way treat anyone less favourably against on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religion or belief or sexual orientation.

Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club will not tolerate harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation of individuals.

Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club will endeavour to create access and opportunities for all those individuals who wish to participate, and are lawfully eligible to participate, in its activities.

Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club will ensure that it complies with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that its members and volunteers adhere to these requirements and this policy.

This policy is fully supported by the Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club's officers and committee, who are responsible for the implementation of this policy.

Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club is committed to the investigation of any claims when brought to its attention, of discrimination, harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation of an individual, and reserves the right to impose such sanction as it considers appropriate and proportionate, where such is found to be the case.

In the event that any member, volunteer, participant or spectator feels that he has suffered discrimination, harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation, they should report the matter in writing to the committee of Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club.

Any such report should include: details of what occurred; when and where the occurrence took place; any witness details and copies of any witness statements.

The committee:

- May decide (at its sole discretion) to uphold or dismiss the complaint without holding a hearing
- May (at its sole discretion) hold a hearing at which both parties will be entitled to attend and present their case
- Will have the power to impose any one or more of the following sanctions on any person found to be in breach of any policy:
  - (a) Warn as to future conduct
  - (b) Suspend from membership
  - (c) Remove from membership
  - (d) Exclude a non-member from the facility, either temporarily or permanently
  - (e) Turn down a non-member's current and/or future membership application
- Will provide both parties with written reasons for its decision

A party may appeal a decision of the committee to the relevant County Cricket board by Writing to the relevant County Cricket Board within 3 months of Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club's decision being notified to that party. If the nature of the complaint is with regard to the committee of the Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club, the complainant may report the complaint directly to the relevant County Cricket Board.

This policy will be reviewed periodically by the Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club in consultation with the England and Wales Cricket Board Limited.

## **Safety while playing cricket:**

The ECB has updated its safety guidance:

- It is now recommends that neck protectors are worn whenever helmets are worn.
- New Safety Guidelines for Training Environments include the use of ball throwers and bowling machines, as well as net setup.

Please read the updated documents carefully to ensure the safety of participants.

[ECB Recreational Cricket Safety Guidelines](#)