

COMPOSITE WOMEN & GIRLS CRICKET 2023/24



With the summer and cricket season fast approaching, we would like to give you an update on plans for Women and Girls cricket this season.

Our aim is to ensure all our players have access to cricket, at a level they want to play, in the right age group and that they are having fun and enjoying their team and game. We also want to ensure access to coaching and facilities.

We are achieving this through a partnership between Brooklyn, Eastern Suburbs, Victoria University, Karori and Wellington Indoor Sports Clubs (WIS) so we can enter **combined teams of Youth and Senior players** into the 2023/24 cricket season.

Players now won't need to leave their Clubs to be able to keep playing cricket as they develop skills or move year groups. Every player remains connected to their Club but where in the past players may have had to move away to another club to find a level of cricket that was suitable for them when they finished in their age group, or enough players for a team, this Community is able to offer several options because of these partnerships.

This means our players are able to keep playing with their friends and train together with coaching, facilities and pathways provided.

Each player registers with their club and through the partnership becomes part of this wider 'Community' of players so that there are always options available.

By working together and forming this partnership, all 5 clubs now have a **Women & Girls Pathway** all the way from "Have a Go" Cricket to Women's Division Two, and the Community can support girls and women into Division 1 Cricket if this is what they aspire to do.

The different teams in our Community

Because the Community is able to offer a number of playing options our Senior cricketers can choose to play competitive women's cricket on Sundays (Division 2 women's open grade) with experienced and up and coming players or development women's cricket on Saturday afternoons in a really supportive environment. The '1st XI' – Sunday's games, will be for those players wanting to play at a higher level, have aspirations of playing representative cricket or enjoy playing competitively. The Saturday games will be in the Women's Division 3 grade which is a very supportive grade with women who have often played for a long time, this is a great environment for absolute beginners and for those who would prefer not to play competitive cricket or just to enjoy the company of other cricketers and have fun.

Our younger players can play both Senior Cricket and Youth cricket while in Years 9 – 11 (there are options, in conversation with Cricket Wellington for beginner cricketers under the age of 19 to remain in Youth cricket).

Cricket in the winter

Wellington Indoor Sports Cricket Club connects players to Indoor Cricket offerings over the winter for those who want to continue playing or maybe give Indoor Cricket a go. Winter offerings will be developed with players in mind, with competitive games and tournaments as well as social indoor cricket. Trainings all across winter will be offered for all grades in a fun and supportive environment. For those wanting to take their Indoor Cricket seriously there is a great pathway all the way to the top.

Aspiring to play – Developing skills and improving

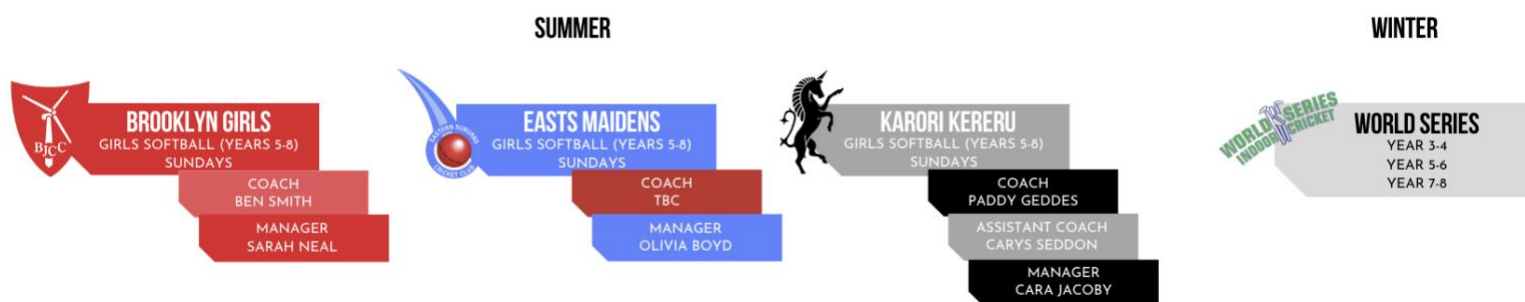
The Community will support and encourage all players by providing specific coaching and plans to help them achieve their goals - an opportunity to learn and grow.

As part of this support and growth is the opportunity to join development programs or play representative cricket in both Outdoor and in Indoor cricket.

The Community will also take youth teams to the **Hawkes Bay Tournaments** in January.

PLAYING OPTIONS

JUNIOR CRICKET (YEARS 0 - 8)



Our junior participants will have the option to play Girls Softball on Sundays or Junior Mixed cricket on Saturday Mornings. World Series Indoor Cricket will be available on Saturdays during Winter.

Year 0-1	Mixed Have a Go Cricket (Saturday Morning)
Year 2-3	Mixed Dual Pitch Cricket (Saturday Morning)
Year 4	Mixed Softball Cricket (Saturday Morning)
Year 5-8	Girls Softball Cricket (Sunday Afternoon) Mixed Hardball Cricket (Saturday Morning)

Heading into Year 7, players are able to move into composite teams playing Youth Cricket.

YOUTH CRICKET (YEARS 7 - 11)

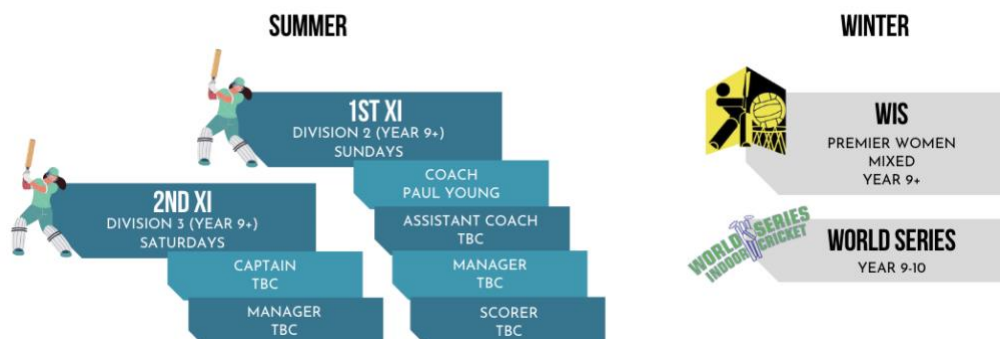


Our youth participants will have the option to play Girls Hardball on Saturday Afternoons, Junior Mixed cricket on Saturday Mornings or both! Wellington Indoor Sports Cricket Club and World Series Indoor Cricket will be available on Saturdays during Winter.

- Year 7-11 Girls Hardball (Saturday Afternoon)
- Year 7-9 Mixed Hardball Cricket (Saturday Morning)

Participants from Year 9 up will have the option of making the move up to Senior Cricket, staying in Youth Cricket, or putting their hand up to play both.

SENIOR CRICKET (YEAR 9+)



Our Senior cricketers will have the option to play 1st XI on Sundays or 2nd XI on Saturday afternoons. The 1st XI will be for those players wanting to play at a higher level, have aspirations of playing representative cricket or enjoy playing competitively. The 2nd XI will play in the Women's Division 3 grade which is considered social. Players can play both Senior Cricket and Youth cricket while in Years 9 - 11. Wellington Indoor Sports Cricket Club will also be offering games and training during the winter.

TRAININGS

Junior Girls Softball - Training dates and times will be organised individually by each club
Youth & Senior - A combined training will be held each Tuesday, from the 26th September, from 4:30 - 6:30 at Sky Stadium.

PATHWAY

Along with all the different playing options listed above, there is a chance for our participants to join development programs or play representative cricket in both Outdoor and Indoor cricket. We will support and encourage any players who have aspirations when it comes to their cricket and provide specific coaching and plans to help them achieve their goals.

SUBURBS WOMEN & GIRLS STRUCTURE

