

Eastern Suburbs Junior Cricket Club (*Eastern Dragons*)

Club Charter

The *Eastern Dragons* (the **Club**) is a South Australian junior cricket club, based in the eastern suburbs of Adelaide and managed by volunteers from the families of players.

The Club aims to provide a fun, inclusive and equal opportunity for boys and girls aged 8-17 to learn and develop their skills as cricketers and teammates. This is achieved in a community focused club environment where sportsmanship, teamwork, respect and participation are valued as highly as wins, runs scored and wickets taken.

The Club's core principles are inclusion, fairness and opportunity. Every player at the Club who wants to play cricket will get a game, regardless of ability.

We aspire to help our players from a young age learn the basics of playing cricket through coaching rules and technique, and providing a club environment where they can develop progressively to understand all aspects of the game and achieve their maximum as a junior cricketer and beyond.

Dragons players have fun, make new friends, learn a love of cricket and get to play on some of Adelaide's finest cricket grounds.

CHARTER

- Participation in sport is an essential part of the development of children's resilience, social awareness, respect for others, inclusion, honesty and integrity. Our Club promotes these attributes as essential to being a Dragons player
- Every Dragons player will be given an equal opportunity to play as part of our club
- The Club's responsibility is to teach the rules and techniques of cricket progressively through junior age groups to the Club's *Minimum Age Standards*
- The Club's teams play to win every match and the Club promotes a winning mentality in its players. However, the Eastern Dragons value participation, fairness and respect of your opponent and the game more than just winning.
- The Club aims to teach children how to cope with the disappointment of losing and how to learn from mistakes, as well as how to be good winners - how to respect the opposition in victory and defeat.
- The Dragons is a family club, managed by volunteers from players' families. Family support of players and the Club is a requirement of being a Dragons player including parent attendance at games.
- The Club is a not-for-profit organisation which reinvests surplus revenue into development of the Club and its players
- Cricket is a technical, rules based game and the Club strives to provide its players with access to the best coaching and mentoring available
- The Club seeks to secure high quality, turf pitch cricket grounds in the eastern suburbs of Adelaide for all its teams.
- The Club will not take on more players if it cannot accommodate more teams with appropriate grounds and resources
- The Club aspires to keep its junior crickets playing at the Club from joining an U10s team until the conclusion of their eligibility for U16s



CLUB STRUCTURE

The Club is governed by a Management Committee (the **Committee**) made up of a President, Treasurer, Secretary and advisory members.

All Committee positions are held by parents or former parents of players. All positions are elected annually at the AGM of the Club.

The current Committee is made up as follows:

- Andrew Gerlach – President
- Warwick Mittiga – Treasurer
- Peter Seltsikas – Secretary
- David Morrel
- Jim Fairweather
- Darren Furst
- Jim Tsouflidis
- Con Tsoutouras

The Club employs an Administrator to manage the day-to-day operational requirements of the Club.

The Club fields teams in the U10, U12 and U14 competitions of the North Eastern Junior Cricket Association (NEJCA) and an U15 team in the Adelaide Turf Cricket Association (ACTA).

Each Club team has a Coach and a Team Manager. Scoring each game is undertaken by a parent of a player on a rotating basis. All resources required to support each team are provided by the Club.

Coaches of U10 and U12 teams are generally parents of players. Coaches of U14s and above are made up of former players and/or parents.

PLAYING CRICKET

Teams

Teams are selected on the basis of providing an equal opportunity for all Club players to play, where possible, the same number of games each season as all other players in the same team.

Teams will be created with the minimum number of players required in each team plus reserves, where possible.

Players are not formally graded in U10s and U12s. Teams at these age groups are established based on friendships, previous teammates and the Club's view of creating the most balanced teams to support each player's development.

Players in U14 and U15 are graded where multiple teams represent the Club in these age groups.

Every team will have one (1) training session per week during the season, held with other teams of the same age group. Attendance at training is compulsory for all players. If players do not attend training they could be excluded from selection that week.



Minimum Age Standards

In playing terms, the Club seeks to achieve a set of *Minimum Age Standards* for the development of each player at every age level within the Club. This is not a graded system, rather the Club's responsibility for teaching cricket to its junior players.

Under 10

By the end of a player's time playing in Under 10s, each player should be able to:

- Accurately bowl a 6 ball over without front foot overstepping
- Hold the bat with good technique and execute forward defence and run scoring shots
- Call "Yes; No; Wait" when running between the wickets
- Understand whose responsibility it is to call for a run
- Understand fielding positions
- Walk in with the bowler on each delivery when fielding
- Catch a cricket ball
- Use basic fielding techniques to field a cricket ball
- Throw a cricket ball accurately
- Be able to keep wicket with the objective of minimising byes

Under 12

By the end of a player's time playing in Under 12s, each player should be able to:

- The players will benefit from the specialist coaching the club provides
- Players will have read and understand the "Spirit of cricket"
- Players will appreciate the basic tactics of the game. i.e. When to bat or bowl first
- Players will be respectful of umpires decisions
- Players will manage their high's and lows during the game in a respectful manner
- The day game captain will set the field with help from the coach
- Players will assist in setting up the oval and packing it up

Under 14

By the end of a player's time playing in Under 14s, each player should be able to:

- The captain will be the captain and set fields and decide bowling line up
- Players are to play in a sportsman like manner
- Players are to be disciplined in their approach to the game
- Players are to be respectful of the opposition and their own team mates
- Players are to be supportive of their teammates in all circumstances



Under 15

By the end of a player's time playing in Under 15s, each player should be able to:

- Players are independent on the field
- They are respectful
- They play to win
- They enjoy and support their team mates no matter the circumstance

Parent will adhere to the following club principles

- To be supportive of all Dragon Players including their own children
- To be respectful on the sidelines and be supportive
- Under no circumstances question any on fields decisions
- To have read and understand the "Spirit of Cricket"
- To help where required to assist the team. i.e. scoring or setting up grounds
- To keep cheering to a respectful manner

FINANCES

The Club operates as a not-for-profit operation and generates its revenue through player subscriptions, various sports grants and Club corporate supporters.

The Club is financially secure and sustainable, always maintaining minimum cash reserves of at least \$10,000. The Club is externally audited annually.

The Club focusses its expenditure on the improvement and development of players and the playing experience at the Dragons.

SAFETY

All coaches and team managers within the Club are required to maintain a Working with Children check from the Government of South Australia.

<https://screening.sa.gov.au/types-of-check/working-with-children-check>

The Club follows the directions of its two (2) association bodies (NEJC & ACTA) with regards Covid-19 protocols as well as directions from the South Australian Government.



CULTURE

The Dragons seek to create a culture within the Club and its teams which promotes:

- Having fun
- Love of the game of cricket
- Constantly improving as a player and teammate
- Supporting and celebrating participation, effort, and successes of all teammates
- Being a 'good sport'
- Respect for opponents
- Respect for rules and the decisions of umpires and officials – no arguing
- Building the self-esteem and confidence of players as both cricketers and children
- Always giving 100% effort
- Arrival at games and training on time, with all equipment and ready to play
- Winning cricket games
- Losing with dignity and respect
- Respectful celebration of our success and genuine acknowledgement of opponents' good play
- Parent and family involvement in the Club meeting its objectives

The above is the expectation of not just the Club's players, but all coaches, parents and volunteers associated with the Eastern Dragons.

