



LOWER PLENTY CRICKET CLUB

Junior Player Development Academy Program

A foundation purpose of the Lower Plenty Cricket Club is;

*“to facilitate and encourage excellence in cricket and
to improve standards of sportsmanship generally;”*
LPCC Constitution v23

So, it is our aim to produce cricketers of the calibre to play as high as they are capable within the LPCC cricket system, with the ultimate goal to produce an Australian International Cricketer. The benefit of this target should be a steady stream of juniors progressing into senior cricket ensuring the future of the LPCC.

We understand that not every junior player who joins will go on to play at the senior level, however we should aim to develop their skills as far as we can, given an individual's commitment and natural aptitude.

It should be our target to progress all juniors to a minimum standard and those who progress into senior cricket will have the foundation skills to transition into senior cricket.

Our aim as a club is to play Barclay Shield cricket, whilst the aim of our Junior Academy is to ensure we stay at the level for many years to come.

Our aim thru the Junior Development Program is to ensure that each junior player enjoys their time at the Club.

Program Objectives:

- To develop our young cricketers to achieve their full potential
- To create an environment where young cricketers are confident, committed and capable to play senior cricket
- To create a supportive and nurturing culture for our young cricketers within the club
- To retain young cricketers in the club as they progress through the grades
- To create a 'team within a team' of younger players that can thrive in a positive environment
- To develop future leaders of the club
- To supply LPCC with an ongoing feeder of cricketers capable of playing Barclay Shield cricket.

Scope:

- Cricketers aged thirteen to twenty-one
- Cricketers playing Under 14's to 18's & Senior Saturday cricket

Responsibility:

- Cricket Development Coordinator

Input & Support:

- Club Coach
- Team Captains
- Club Committee (Cricket Operations Manager / Chairman of Selectors)
- Development Squad Leadership Group
- Mentors
- External specialist coaches

Programs

Note: these programs are still being designed

Targeted Program

1. Program available to all thirteen- to twenty-one-year-old cricketers
 - a. Note, new squad members can be added at any time at the discretion of the Cricket Development Coordinator
2. Cricketers contacted and asked if they'd like to participate
3. Meeting of the group to be convened to outline the program and the plan for the season ahead
 - a. Guest speakers to be organised to address the group
4. Individual meetings to be arranged with each cricketer with the Development Coordinator and the Club Coach, Club Captain or Team Captain
 - a. Development Coordinator to facilitate
 - b. Establish goals for each cricketer
 - c. Establish areas of focus
 - d. Each cricketer to have a documented "Personal Development Plan"
5. Senior mentors to be identified and engaged to provide support for individuals

Junior Group Training Program

- Pre-season training will be with the senior club
- Outdoor training:
 - Monday / Tuesday night training will be with their individual teams
 - Thursday night training will be non-compulsory advanced skills training
 - Note: Under 16's will be invited to train with Seniors on Thursday nights
- Senior Team Captains to be made fully aware of individual development plans for cricketers under their control and also their responsibility to the cricketer
- Cricketers will receive feedback and coaching at senior training
 - Either by Development Coordinator, Club Coach, Captains, Nominated Mentor or Specialist Coach
- Specific coaching clinics to be organised throughout the season
 - Batting
 - Running between wickets
 - 2 days vs 1 dayer
 - Bowling
 - Pace
 - Swing
 - Spin
 - Wicket Keeping
 - Fielding
 - Catching
 - Throwing
 - Leadership
 - Captaincy
 - Tactics
 - Rules
- Older, high potential members of the Development Squad will be encouraged to lead training sessions of squad members
- High performance individuals to be selected to participate in formal coaching programs
- Mid-year review meetings will be held with all participants
 - Coordinated by the Development Coordinator
 - Gain feedback to ascertain where each player is at and if anything needs to be changed

Consultation

To this point we have sought consultation both internally and externally, and at this stage we are looking to take the next step of seeking the assistance of a specialist in this area.

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Junior Development Coordinator

Associated documents

- Junior Development Consultation process
- LPCC Junior Cricket Pathways