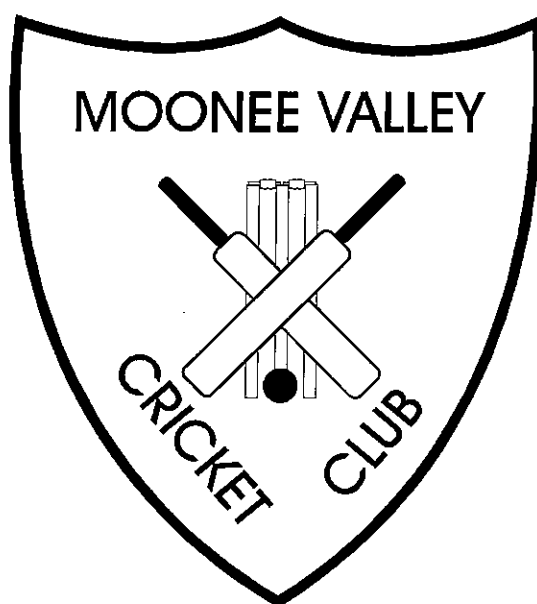


Information Handbook for Senior Players



Moonee Valley Cricket Club

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Training nights – and white shirts

Moonee Valley senior training is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the season, starting around 5.30pm – and 5pm before Daylight Saving time.

We recognise that some players have work or study commitments that don't allow them to attend before the start, or which only allow them to train intermittently with the team.

However, as many players as possible should attend as many sessions as they can – because good practice means good cricket.

We need to ensure we train efficiently and train well.

With players needed for 10 senior men's teams, we need to be efficient to ensure that as many players as possible get the quality training and practice they need.

If we're not efficient, there's a log-jam in the nets. All players need to take some responsibility for the quality of their training. If there are enough bowlers in the nets, join in the fielding drills.

If the existing fielding drills have enough players, find someone and start another one. But maximise your time at training – it's for practice, and it's a waste of time if you don't fully utilise it.

Training attire:

It's club policy that everyone at training needs to wear a white or predominantly white shirt.

Your trousers are optional – shorts, tracksuit pants or whatever, and there is no set standard for footwear.

But we've determined that wearing predominantly white shirts makes us look professional. And if we train professionally and have a pride in our appearance, that should translate on Saturdays to ensure we play professionally and take pride in our performance.

Our white shirt rule includes Under 16s who stay on after their training to practice further with the seniors.

If you don't have the white shirt on, you won't be training. That's our rule.

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Selection and notification

*With TEN senior men's teams, Moonee Valley Cricket Club is the biggest club going around. Keeping track of the players and their availability is a major job, and **YOU** can help make our job easier and help ensure we minimise any oversights.*

Players have responsibilities in ensuring selectors know their availability, and in ascertaining and acknowledging their selection.

If you're not available, but are only missing for the one week, make sure we know that too. Selecting regular higher-grade players in the one-day grades is a priority, so that they don't miss a fortnight of cricket.

*Make sure you tell **Charlie Walker** if you're available for a one-day game – one-day selection is one of his responsibilities.*

You can help ensure we keep track of the availability of yourself and other players by:

- *Filling in your name on the non-availability sheet on the wall in the pavilion.*
- *Telling your captain.*
- *Telling the chairman of selectors or the coach.*
- *Telling selection committee secretary Charlie Walker.*
- *Telling Kevin Gardiner, who maintains the matrix of non-available players.*
- *Several of the above – we're better off being able to cross-check availability.*

The four key methods of learning where you're selected are:

- *Staying for selection on Thursday night.*
- *Ringling the Club after selection.*
- *Ringling your captain.*
- *Checking the website: - <http://mooneevalley.cricketvictoria.com.au>*

Where are you selected?

Selection is normally finalised by around 8.30pm on the Thursday. Stay around after training to find out which team you're in.

*Alternatively, you can ring the clubrooms after 9pm on the Thursday on **9375 3724** to find out the teams.*

*You can ring your regular captain on the Thursday night or the Friday – **DON'T** leave it to Saturday morning.*

Check our website: - <http://mooneevalley.cricketvictoria.com.au> - the teams are always posted by 9am Fridays.

And please phone your captain or a team-mate after you've seen the teams to confirm you know where you're playing. We need to avoid the Saturday morning scramble of trying to ensure that we've got everyone going to the right place, and those selected are all available.

Fee Structure & Fees 10/11

We have a dual fee structure at Moonee Valley Cricket Club – either a heavily discounted season's fee which has to be paid before the first game, or a weekly fee for every day's play in which a player competes.

The full season's fee to play cricket at Moonee Valley is \$290.

For students and concession, the cricket fee is \$190.

Anyone who does not pay in full prior to the first game goes onto the weekly payment plan. Senior players pay a flat \$20 per week for each game day they participate in. Senior students and concession players pay a flat \$10. On top of this, the pay-by-the-week players are required to pay a \$40 membership fee before they play their second game.

The Committee has also resolved that anyone who falls two weeks behind in the weekly payment will not be selected until their account is brought into line.

Club caps and shirts

We require our senior players to wear a Club cap – unless they're wearing a wide-brimmed white sun-hat.

Club caps are available for sale at our rooms – our tailor-made traditional fitted caps with the white hoops at \$60, or the baseball-style Club caps at \$20.

We have the wide-brimmed sun-hats with our Club logo for \$20.

We also have whites for sale – trousers, shirts and knitted vests.

Our Club attire range features white short-sleeved playing shirts with the Club logo on the left breast for \$30, knitted vests for \$50 and trousers with the Club logo on the left pocket – for \$35. Our after-match shirts – also used as VTCA playing shirts – are \$35.

Club socks are \$6 per pair or three pair for \$12. The Club also has jackets, after-match shirts and training shorts.

While it's not compulsory for our players to buy and wear our Moonee Valley whites, we recommend you consider buying them from the Club as they look quite smart and professional. And as part of the deal we have with the supplier, part of the cost goes towards the Club.

All apparel items are available from Steve Malone, Kevin Gardiner or Charlie Walker.

Helping with the juniors

Any help that senior players can give with the juniors is greatly appreciated.

The Under 16s train on Tuesdays from 4.30 to 6pm – so U/16 and senior training overlaps. We encourage the Under 16s to stay on and do extra training with the seniors – as most of the young men already play with our senior grades on a regular or occasional basis.

On most afternoons when the juniors are training – particularly if they're doing match training out on the pitch – we encourage senior players to offer to join in and help make the practice as realistic as possible.

The assistance of any senior players who are also keen to lend a hand with Under 10, 12 and 14 training would be gratefully accepted.

The Under 10s train on Mondays, the Under 12s on Wednesdays, and the Under 14s train on Thursdays. The Under 14s are our 'next crop' of senior players, so some senior input and support for those boys at training will certainly help their career development.

~^^ Canteen help ^^~

Our Club canteen makes a major contribution to our fundraising each season – but it doesn't run by itself.

Our canteen manager, Peter Fenaughty urgently needs players, partners or parents of players to join a roster and take one or two turns each year in running the canteen on match day. We have the canteen open for the Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon matches.

We have 11 senior teams. In 2010/11 we will again allocate each team a number of days to run the canteen – e.g. Saturday teams will be allocated a number of Sundays to staff the canteen, and captains and players will be responsible for ensuring numbers are available. We will utilise our junior teams for the Friday evening canteens.

The food and drinks are already delivered, so the main task is staffing the canteen for the day, making a few rolls and selling the goods.

In 2010/11 we expect every senior player and/or a partner to make themselves available for ONE canteen duty. Over the course of the season across the three playing days, the canteen is open around 58 times.

Given that we have more than 320 senior and junior players across the course of a season, ONE commitment isn't much to make. Given our vast playing list, this means that on many occasions the duty could be shared on the day.

The canteen is an area where we need willing volunteers. Please ring Peter Fenaughty on 0411 221 473 or Charlie Walker on 0409 237 543 to help play your part in what is a vital component of our Club.

~~~Player insurance~~~

As required by the associations in which we play, Moonee Valley Cricket Club has public liability insurance and player injury insurance.

These are provided through JLT Insurance, which has a "bulk buy" agreement with Cricket Victoria and our associations.

You can go to the company's website, <http://www.jlta.com.au/jltsport.aspx> for more details. The site <http://www.jltsport.com.au/cricketaustralia/claim.aspx> provides claims information.

Be aware that the player injury insurance is quite limited, and we urge our players to investigate their own injury insurance and income protection.

History of cricket at Moonee Valley

The Moonee Valley Cricket Club has a proud history of 39 years as a senior Club. The Club regularly won A Grade Premierships in the North West Cricket Association, and more recently in the Moreland Moonee Valley Cricket Association. Our Firsts and Seconds are now in the Victorian Turf Cricket Association. Our First and Second Eleven flags in 2009/10 mean we have been promoted to North Division – just one division below the metro-wide Senior Division.

The club has also won Premierships in the lower senior grades in the Associations in which we have played.

We have also run junior teams for 14 seasons.

In 2009/10 Moonee Valley Cricket Club fielded TWELVE senior teams – two turf teams in the VTCA, a turf team in the MMVCA playing Sunday home games, two two-day teams in the MMVCA, two one-day teams in the MMVCA, two one-day teams and a two-day team in the NWCA, and two one-day teams in the Victorian Women's Cricket Association.

In the most recent published Cricket Victoria audit of clubs, in 2008/09, Moonee Valley was the biggest cricket club in Victoria, with 12 senior and 14 junior teams.

Our Club caters for a wide range of cricket abilities and interests – our competitive and talented two-day teams, with one of the teams having an emphasis on development as a youth-based squad; and we also cater for different challenges in our one-day grades.

Our one-day teams comprise a mixture of older players enjoying their cricket, teenagers having a red-hot go, players with intellectual disabilities, regular two-day players who are unavailable for one day of a two-day game, and for occasional players and those whose work commitments don't enable them to play the longer version of the game.

Our innovative junior development program has produced a number of young players who have performed meritoriously in senior ranks, and so helped to ensure a healthy future for our Club.

Our juniors cater for Under 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s, and girls are encouraged and integrated into our junior teams.

Moonee Valley also has a policy of giving our Under 16 players, and some Under 14s, a taste of senior cricket before they end their junior playing days. The Club keeps spare spots in the senior teams, which are offered to junior players on a rotational or semi-regular basis to give them experience. This means that when they finish their junior days, these players already know that they have the skills and ability to compete in senior ranks.

The Covers and the Canteen

Covers:

Most Fridays the covers need to be put down over the turf wicket at Ormond Park – and on Saturday evenings for the Sunday home games. Rosters of the players required to put down covers, and to take them off in the morning, are posted in our clubrooms.

While it's officially the responsibility of the team playing at home – the Firsts, the Seconds or the Thirds – we will always welcome extra help in this task. Covers normally go down around 5pm on Fridays. Particularly if you're planning to come down to Ormond Park to watch the Under 10s and to have a social evening – come down a bit earlier and help with the covers. It's always appreciated.

And with the Thirds with Sunday home games at Ormond Park, we'd appreciate help in putting the covers down on Saturday evenings – after the Firsts or Seconds have finished their day's play.

Canteen:

We're always in need of partners to help run the canteen on match days. It's a major fundraiser for the Club, and is a service that's well patronised by our players, our juniors and our opponents.

Please ring Peter Fenaughty on 0411 221 473 or Charlie Walker on 0409 237 543 to help play your part in what is a vital component of our Club.

The roster is flexible enough so that we can co-ordinate the shifts with the home teams so that the volunteers can be on duty at the matches where their partner or child is playing.

Our Cricket Club website

<http://mooneevalley.cricketvictoria.com.au>

**Moonee Valley Cricket Club has got one of the most comprehensive websites going around, so players should make sure they keep an eye on what's going on.*

**Senior teams are posted on the web by 9am on the Friday following selection each week, and there's a running list of the season's selections game-by-game.*

**There are profiles and stats on senior players, and our Moonee Valley Cricket Club bible – the Wisden – is also posted there – both the current season's and many of the historical issues.*

There's a comprehensive background on our juniors, news pages and photos and a diary of forthcoming events. Anyone with any material for the website – photos, suggestions, articles, etc – should see **Charlie Walker.*

Match Day requirements

There are numerous tasks which need to be carried out every Saturday (or Sunday for those home games) to ensure that we get our teams out on the ground and that everything runs smoothly.

While it's one of the roles of our captains to make sure everything happens, in reality they can't do it alone. The rest of the team members should pitch in and help and make sure everything happens smoothly and professionally.

Some of our tasks include:

Lunches

The Club has organised contractors to prepare the sandwiches, cakes/biscuits and the fruit. If they are still working on the task and need a hand to finish, please help them out. And home teams playing away from Ormond Park – at Debney or Fairbairn Park – need to collect the lunches and drinks on the way through.

Drinks

Every home team has to have its own container of drinks and own set of cups. If you're down at Ormond Park, make sure that this has been done for your team.

Stumps and boundaries

Home teams are required to put out the stumps and the boundary markers. Don't leave it to the captain to do this job as well.

If you're putting out the boundary markers on the first day of a two-day game, make sure there are marks or a line so that we can ensure the boundary is in the same place for Day 2.

Scoring

One of the tasks during our batting innings is to run the scorebooks for both Moonee Valley and the opposition team. So it takes two people.

We all have to take our turn at this job, so make sure it's done professionally and legibly. Regularly check together to ensure that both books are adding up, and make sure we record everything that's needed for our own records – such as partnerships, overs, wicket-takers, etc.

Umpiring

When we're the batting team, unless we have been given an independent umpire we're required to provide both a central umpire and a square leg.

It's another necessary task where we're all required to take our turn. If you're still not confident about central umpiring, take your turn a few times as square leg until you're comfortable.

To share the job around, it's often easy to take your turns at umpiring in 10-over blocks, and change over with your team-mates at the end of your block.

Match Day requirements...2

Giving LBWs

One of the most contentious parts of umpiring is adjudicating LBWs, and it can be a bit of a trap for those who aren't widely experienced in this skill.

The rule to remember is: If you're not completely satisfied that the ball was going to hit the stumps, give the batsman the benefit of the doubt and adjudge him not out.

The keys to your decision are line, length and height.

Line: *If the ball pitches outside the line of leg-stump to leg-stump, the batsman **cannot** be out LBW, even if you believe the ball was going to cut back in and hit the stumps. Under the Laws of Cricket, any ball that pitches outside leg is not LBW. And if a batsman is hit by a ball which pitches outside the line of off stump, if he is playing his shot he should be given the benefit of the doubt every time.*

Length: *If the batsman is batting forward of his crease, or takes a step forward, it significantly increases the doubt of whether the ball would have gone on to hit the stumps. Again, the wisest course of action is a not-out decision unless your eye is perfect and you're convinced there is absolutely no doubt.*

Height: *It's easy to get swayed by strident appeals by the opposition, but again you have to form an immediate mental picture as to where the ball was going. One of the most common mistakes of inexperienced umpires is to misjudge the height of the ball, and give a batsman out when it would have passed over the stumps. As a rule of thumb, if the ball hits on or above the knee-roll of the pad, it's most likely not out.*

Scorebooks – recording catches and other details

One of the biggest periodical hassles for Jim Polonidis and Phill King in compiling our wonderful annual Wisdens and records of careers is when catches and other details are missing from the scorebooks.

If you've taken a catch during a match, you should go to the scorers either during a drinks break or a break in play and ensure that your name is recorded against the catch. If you didn't take a catch – check the book anyhow and make sure it's recorded for who did.

Similarly, check to make sure that the partnerships are recorded. They're another statistic that finds its way into our records.

If your team bats through the innings and is not-out at the end, or if the game is shortened by a washout, make sure that all 11 players in the team are recorded on the batting list. If your team doesn't get a batting innings due to rain, still make sure you record the 11.

Fielding votes

We have a Rules & Bylaw requirement specifically related to the casting and recording of fielding votes for our teams.

Under our bylaw, the fielding votes are to be cast by the players – not by the captain each week. Ideally, players should not vote more than once during a season, although this isn't always possible.

At the end of the match ask the captain if he's got the voting slip, and if he wants you to decide the votes – if you haven't already had your turn earlier in the season.

Match Day requirements...3

The paperwork

Players should all pitch in and offer to help the captain with the game-day's paperwork. There's a fair hassle to get through before, during and after the game, and helping out can give the skipper the chance to concentrate on match tactics and work out how best to achieve a victory.

We need to fill out a team sheet listing each player and their registration number. These are meant to be exchanged with the opposition or given to an official umpire before the game, but often by agreement they're exchanged at the tea break.

At the end of the game we need to get together with the opposition captain to detail and sign the official outcome of the match – who won, the final score, and the 3-2-1 votes if there is not an official umpire.

If we're the home team, these details may also need to be faxed through to the relevant association. We also need to submit the opposition's team sheet to the association.

If you're going back to the clubrooms after the match and the captain isn't, please offer to carry out these tasks and take the scorebook back. We can use the computer in the rooms – and this then completes our game-day responsibilities.

In recent seasons one of the biggest causes of fines against our Club has been incorrect or late paperwork. Players who can help to get these tasks done promptly at the end of games are therefore also saving us money – which we can better use to the benefit of the Club.

Scorebook audit

If the captain doesn't go back to the clubrooms at the end of the day's play, ensure that you or someone else who is returning brings back the scorebook. Either Charlie Walker or another committee member needs to see it to do a scorebook audit.

We need to check that all required information is entered, and to ensure that our website team selections are up-to-date with the players who actually took the field, in the event of any late changes.

Match reports

At the end of each round of the two-day grades, we have match reports for all our grades back at Ormond Park. In recent seasons we've held a barbecue or a 250 Club meal to coincide with match report evenings, and urge as many players as possible to stay back on these nights and support their team-mates.

Match reports this season will get under way at 7.15pm, and the captain or a nominated player delivers a short report on their match, its outcome, the highlights and Moonee Valley's player of the match – who if they're in attendance receives a Club tankard with the drink of their choice.

It's a lot easier to do a match report with the scorebook in front of you – which is another reason we like to see the books back at the Club at the end of each day's play.

You can support your man-of-the-match team-mate, or mates from other grades, by attending the match report evenings.

The process is the same for the one-day grades. When teams don't get back in time, or play a Sunday game, match reports will be held on the Thursday evening selection night.

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Friday nights at the Club

Friday nights, when our Under 10s or sometimes our Under 12s are playing at home, are a great time to be down at the Moonee Valley Cricket Club. We expect to have one or more teams at home every Friday evening.

You can see the up-and-coming cricketers going through their paces out on the ground, and meet and greet other people involved with our Club.

The bar and canteen are open, and there are raffles and other fun activities to help support our Club. Play starts around 5.15pm, and it's a relaxing way to wind down at the end of the working week.

Watch for the fixtures posted around the Club, check the team managers/coaches to see when our teams are at home, or check the fixtures on our Moonee Valley Cricket Club website – <http://mooneevalley.cricketvictoria.com.au>

Support our Club functions

Support from players and supporters is vital to a healthy future for any sporting club, and Moonee Valley Cricket Club is no exception.

Our Club – both the senior and junior sections – is looking to hold a range of functions and events this season. We seek the support of players, partners and friends in helping to make them a success, and to raise much-needed running costs.

You will hear about functions through notices posted around the Ormond Park clubrooms, and on our Club website, <http://mooneevalley.cricketvictoria.com.au> and we urge you to be part of the wider Moonee Valley Cricket Club family by joining in and having some fun times with other players and supporters.

Club phone numbers

Our Match Day and Training Pavilion – at Ormond Park 9375 3724.

Clubrooms at the Bowling Club 9375 3724.

Club Sponsorships

If you have a local business, the Moonee Valley Cricket Club has a range of sponsorships to help meet your promotional needs.

The Club has more than 320 players across the senior and junior grades, plus family and supporters.

A demographic analysis of our junior players from 2001/02 showed that 40 per cent lived within 1km of our Ormond Park home ground. Some 65 per cent lived within 2km of Ormond Park, and 86 per cent within 3km of our ground.

This demonstrates a concentrated and ready market for local businesses wishing to promote their goods and services.

The Club has detailed sponsorship packs available, which list a range of promotional options available.

****If our players can bring in a sponsorship worth \$500 or more, we will rebate them \$100 off their membership.*

*****If our players can bring in a sponsorship worth \$1000 or more, we will waive their season's membership or give them a rebate of \$250.*

*Anyone wanting a pack or more information should ring Moonee Valley Cricket Club Sponsorship Manager **RYAN FAIRCLOUGH** on 0404 015 114 or President **CHARLIE WALKER** on 9370 1802 or 0409 237 543.*

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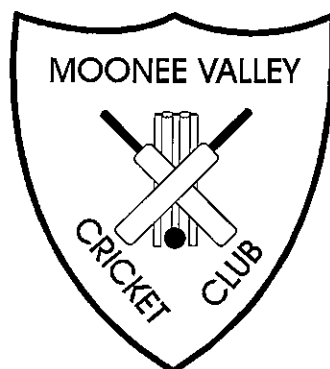
Our future

OUR VISION

Strive to become the most successful, respected and reputable suburban cricket club.

OUR MISSION

- Provide an enjoyable environment for all.
- Conduct ourselves in a sportsmanlike manner.
- Be competitive and have a will to win.
- Have pride in all our actions.
- Dedication to successful future planning.
- Provide members the opportunity
- to develop their skills and abilities.
- Source and secure our financial future.



(note: This site{vision/mission} is under reconstruction)

Club contact details

Key contact numbers for the Club are:

<i>*Our pavilion/match day rooms</i>	9375 3724
<i>*President Charlie Walker</i>	0409 237 543; 9370 1802
<i>*Club Secretary Peter Golding</i>	0419 009 721
<i>*Club Treasurer Chris Micallef</i>	0401 194 727
<i>*Vice President Simon Thornton</i>	0417 570 779
<i>*Chairman of Selectors Amit Chaudhary</i>	0425 200 047
<i>*Senior Coach Lou Raffaele</i>	0450 181 948; 8699 2827
<i>*Women's Coach Jim McKenzie</i>	0409 428 495
<i>*First Eleven captain Mark Gauci</i>	0432 744 989
<i>*Second Eleven captain Evan Blythe</i>	0430 415 167
<i>*Third Eleven captain George Pearson</i>	0424 362 916
<i>*Fourth Eleven captain Brett Curran</i>	0419 763 347
<i>*Fifth Eleven co-captain George Loh</i>	0401 741 595
<i>*Fifth Eleven co-captain Dino Sapuppo</i>	0409 557 552
<i>*Sixth Eleven captain Danny Terzini</i>	0407 341 477
<i>*Seventh Eleven captain Simon Payton</i>	0411 509 884
<i>*Eighth Eleven captain Allan Cumming</i>	0409 010 382
<i>*Ninth Eleven captain Sunny Sharma</i>	0402 704 839
<i>*Women's team captain Clare Ardern</i>	0409 037 411
<i>*Junior Co-ordinator: Kevin Gardiner</i>	9376 8434; 0417 536 896
<i>*Sponsorship Manager: Ryan Fairclough</i>	0404 015 114
<i>*Assistant Treasurer: Stephen Tassos</i>	0412 556 042
<i>*Merchandising/Apparel Manager: Steve Malone</i>	0414 557 378
<i>*Canteen Manager: Peter Fenaughty</i>	0411 221 473
<i>*Equipment Manager: Phill King</i>	0419 185 450
<i>*Treasurer - Juniors: Danny Terzini</i>	0407 341 477
<i>*Functions & Events Manager: -</i>	-

Please dial the key numbers into your mobile phone!

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