



GLENELG DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

DISTRICT V COMMUNITY CLUB EXPECTATIONS

For many players and their families playing at GDCC this year for the first time, this will be their first taste of district cricket. In the past, there has been some confusion with regards to how the philosophy of district cricket clubs differs from that of community cricket clubs. We'd like to take a moment to outline a general approach so that the club is very clear on expectations from the start of your GDCC journey which we hope is a long one.

Community cricket provides a great platform for kids to start their cricket journey, and its focus is on participation, teamwork and community engagement. The rules of community cricket are normally geared such that every team mate is afforded the chance to bat and to bowl, and to therefore develop and enjoy all aspects of the game. The club sees this is an important foundational piece of the development of your son in the GDCC junior program. GDCC is however a Premier district club and not a community club, therefore we do not guarantee equal batting and bowling opportunities for all. However, we will do all in our power to balance out your son's development requirements with the needs of their respective team(s) and the club.

When kids start to excel at community cricket, as your son has by being chosen for GDCC, they can then find themselves playing at district level. District cricket is when we start to identify the more talented kids, and the playing conditions and the philosophy are slightly different. This includes the level of professionalism and commitment to being part of a district programme which is normally a step up from community cricket. The other key difference you will observe at GDCC is, most of the time, players are picked as part of our trial assessment process for each age group as either a specialist batter, or a specialist bowler. There are two key by products of this approach:

- When player is selected as a bowler, they may bowl a large number of overs, and bat in the lower order. There is no guarantee a bowler will bat in any particular game. Batters in the lower order only get to bat once the batters above them are dismissed. Batters are rarely retired in district cricket.
- When a player is selected as a batter, it is unlikely they'll be offered the chance to bowl. There are cases where batters do bowl in district cricket, this is mainly when:
- It's a really hot day, and the bowlers need respite particularly in the longer format of the games such as 60 overs.
- Two particular opposition batters bat for a long time, and a short spell of variety is seen as a good strategy to change the momentum of the game to the advantage of GDCC.
- The player picked as a batter offers some genuine bowling variety or is very strong in both batting and bowling which is rare. This is usually in the form of spin. A number of district level batters choose to focus on bowling spin in the nets for this reason.

It's important to highlight that while players are selected on game day as a specialist, GDCC will continue to develop each player's all-round game which includes the areas of their games they have not been selected to play district cricket for GDCC. We will work on your son's batting, bowling and fielding throughout the season as we endeavour to build all our boys into better cricketers and even better people. There have been many cases where players who were once identified as bowlers end up being selected as batters as their skills develop. Being picked as a bowler for Glenelg at age 13 (for example) does not cast your future as a bowler in stone.

Many families feel it's important for their son to be batting regularly and bowling regularly in match conditions, and make the decision to continue to pursue community cricket while still playing district cricket. If you'd like your son to continue to bat and bowl regularly in match conditions, continued involvement in community cricket is something you could consider and is strongly encouraged by the club subject to your family commitments on weekends.

Here is a list of some Community Clubs you can contact in our SACA zone:



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Brighton Cricket Club

[Home | Brighton CC \(brightoncricketclub.com.au\)](http://brightoncricketclub.com.au)

Cove Cricket Club

[Cove Cricket Facebook](#)

Keswick Cricket Club

[KESWICK CRICKET CLUB - Juniors \(Boys & Girls\) & Seniors Cricket near Glenelg \(keswickcc.com.au\)](http://keswickcc.com.au)

Marion Cricket Club

[Marion Rams Facebook](#)

Mitchell Park Cricket Club

[Mitchell Park Cricket Club Facebook](#)

Morphettville Park Cricket Club

[Morphettville Park Cricket Club Facebook](#)

Plympton Footballers

[Cricket | PSRC \(plymptonbulldogs.com.au\)](http://plymptonbulldogs.com.au)

Shiedow Park Cricket Club

[Shiedow Park Cricket Club Facebook](#)

Warradale Cricket club

[Warradale Cricket Club - Play Cricket in Brighton Hove Adelaide - Home \(warradalecc.org.au\)](http://warradalecc.org.au)

Some of the various cricket associations around Adelaide that might be able to help you connect with a community club are:

Adelaide Turf Cricket Association

[Adelaide Turf Cricket Association - Adelaide Turf Cricket Association \(adelaideturfca.com.au\)](http://adelaideturfca.com.au)

South Central Junior Cricket Association

[South Central Junior Cricket Association - Home \(scjca.com.au\)](http://scjca.com.au)

As always, we like to keep lines of communication open, so if you have questions or concerns, feel free to approach your coach, the Junior Coaching Coordinator or Junior Coordinator to discuss further.