

JUNIOR TRIALS & SELECTION CRITERIA: 2024-25 SEASON

The GDCC seeks to develop talented junior players to contribute to the long-term success of the club and beyond to the elite level. We take pride in our custodianship of the 'Spirit-of-Cricket' and playing 'The Glenelg Way'. We are a Premier Cricket Club committed to the development and promotion of cricket within the City of Holdfast Bay and our South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) nominated country areas (Mt Gambier – Chappell-Whitty Academy).

We recommend and encourage all our players to maintain their links to their community clubs and to play and train with them wherever possible.

We achieve success through providing:

- Encouragement of our players to love the game, not just winning
- Excellent facilities
- A strong club ethic
- Qualified, creative, enlightened and accredited coaches
- An engaged parental/support network
- Proactive and progressive management
- Engagement with the wider communities

The Glenelg District Cricket Club (GDCC) junior teams for season 2024-25 will be selected from players attending our trials in April 2024. Selection will be determined by the Junior Coach Coordinator, Coaches and Assistant Coaches for the respective age groups. Selectors will work closely with previous coaches of the players regarding selection of players.

Trial Age Groups

The previous and new trial age groups are as follows:

Replacing	NEW	Fixtured	Formats 40 Over Ray Sutton Comp Format 11 Rounds and T20 opportunity	
Ray Sutton Comp & U14 White	U13	Saturday		
U14 Red	U14	Saturday	One Day/some 2 Day and T20 opportunity	
U16 Whites	U15.5	Saturday	11 Rounds 2day/1 Day mix + T20 Comp	
U16 Red	U17	Sunday	11 Rounds 1 Day (maximise player availability, exclude U18 Shield/National Champs etc) +T20 Comp	

The eligible date for the age groups will be 1 September for the Under 13's, Under 14's and Under 17's and 1 March for the Under 15.5s.

A maximum of fifteen (15) players will be selected for each trial age group. Final selection must be ratified by Junior Coordinator prior to the announcement of teams. Any current player who is unfinancial with GDCC, or any player breaching GDCC's Code of Conduct may be ineligible for selection.



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Selection Criteria

The selection panel will consider some of the following elements when selecting trial age groups:

- Performances in the 2023/24 SACA Premier cricket competition*
- Performances in the 2023/24 College and Community cricket competitions
- Dedicated to all facets of cricket with a particular focus on fielding
- Commitment to the whole cricket season
- Previous volunteering experience or proposed volunteering contribution to the club in various capacities from parents and families**
- Alignment with the culture and values of the club
- Technical skills and physical capabilities
- Team composition, specific roles required for the squad and playing position
- Competitive ability
- Self-driven
- Committed to developing as a cricketer
- Ability to concentrate and coachability
- Focus during play
- Attitude and behaviour
- Strong sense of team spirit
- Good sportsmanship
- Ability to communicate and cooperate with teammates, coaches and volunteers
- Tactical knowledge
- Game awareness
- Ability to learn from feedback and apply to game
- Current or potential fitness
- Other factors considered by the selectors to be important

*Statistical data is not considered an important consideration for selection

** Volunteering would include committee roles, coaching, team management, scoring, set up of ovals, umpiring and other activities

Selected Squads and Players

Cricket Australia accredited coaches are involved in assessing all players who trialled, using a formal assessment process to make the final selections.

The decisions of the Selection Panel are final. No additional players will be added to squads unless there are extraordinary circumstances, such as a player withdraws or if a player suffers a long-term/season-ending injury. Any player (or parent) seeking feedback on the selection process are reminded such discussions need to be conducted with dignity, courtesy and respect for the coaches, other players and the club, in line with the signed Code of Conduct.

We encourage all players to continue playing with their community club. Maintaining contact with your Community Clubs will also give you the opportunity to keep playing when selections are tight at GDCC, which can happen from time to time. You may need to discuss your potential workload with your Community Club and also take into consideration extra game time for schools and other competitions.



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The Club reserves the right to bring in eligible junior players into the squads from either the Glenelg Seniors, School or Community clubs in the event of injuries or outstanding performances.

Please direct any selection enquiries to the Junior Coaching Coordinators in the first instance:

Junior Coaching Co-ordinators:

U13, U14, U15.5 & U17	Kym Williams	0403 093 121
Academy	Glenn Sullivan	0402 704 328

Junior Academy

The Junior Academy comprises male players under 12-years-old and female players under 15-years-old and is an integral entry point to our junior sides. This squad will compete in several formal trial matches and will train together throughout the season. If the opportunity presents, some of the older players will play up in the U13 team when movement into those groups dictates.

Chappell-Whitty Academy

All SACA Premier Cricket Clubs have an affiliation with country cricket associations throughout the State. In conjunction with the Mt. Gambier Cricket Association (MGCA), the GDCC has developed the Chappell-Whitty Academy. Talented players from clubs in the MGCA zone train together with coaches selected by the GDCC to improve the skills of local players, who then represent their respective clubs. Based on team balance, we may select a player who will be given the chance to travel to Adelaide, to compete with any one of our teams, in any of the competition formats.

There is separate information around the selection trials provided for the Chappell-Whitty Academy which can be found on our website or by contacting the Junior Coordinator <u>gdccjuniors@gmail.com</u>.

Trial Dates for Season 2024-25 Academy:

Tuesday 2nd Apr 5-6pm Tuesday 9th Apr 5-6pm Tuesday 16th Apr 5-6pm

U13:

Tuesday 2nd Apr 6-7pm Tuesday 9th Apr 6-7pm Tuesday 16th Apr 6-7pm

U14:

Tuesday 2nd Apr 7-8pm Tuesday 9th Apr 7-8pm Tuesday 16th Apr 7-8pm

U15.5:

Thursday 11th April 6.30-7.30pm Thursday 18th April 6.30-7.30pm



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U17:

Thursday 11th April 7.30-8.30pm Thursday 18th April 7.30-8.30pm

If you are unable to attend one of the sessions specified for your age group, please email <u>gdccjuniors@gmail.com</u>.

Trial Venue and Information

Gillespie Sports Indoor Cricket Centre, 375 Cross Road, Edwardstown.

Players are to bring their own cricket gear, wear their current official club training uniform or school/club white playing top and black/dark shorts and bring a drink. Representative gear (SAPSASA, SAMCA etc.) is not to be worn.

Balls for bowling will be provided. Players are not to use their own ball when bowling.

There will also be a short information/introduction presentation to parents once the players are signed in and have started. All parents/carers are encouraged to attend if possible. Parents are welcome to stay afterwards to watch the session – however, space is limited.

Parents are reminded to NOT stand behind the bowlers and distract the batsmen. Likewise, there should be no interaction between the player and parent/carer while they are in the nets. The coaches will give the players all the instruction and guidance they require.

Trial Registration

All registrations and payment will be made through this link: <u>https://www.trybooking.com/CPILQ</u>

All players are to register within their age group as determined by their date of birth.

Registration must be completed by 31 March 2024 to participate in the trials for the 2024-25 season.

Trial Fees

Academy, U13 & U14 - \$30 (3 sessions) U15.5 & U17 - \$20 (2 sessions)

Announcements of Squads

All squads will be finalised at the completion of the indoor selection trials and then communicated to parents/players via email and on the Club's website <u>glenelgdcc.com</u>.