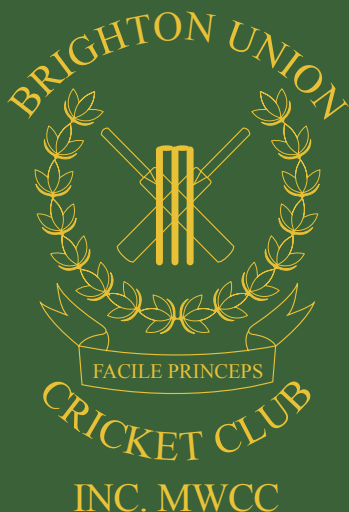


2026/27 JUNIOR CRICKET PROGRAM



BRIGHTON UNION
CRICKET CLUB
ESTABLISHED 1907

WELCOME TO BRIGHTON UNION CRICKET CLUB



Brighton Union star Darian Kuzma shows his brilliant batting style.

Brighton Union Cricket Club is a vibrant and community based sporting organisation that has played at Hurlingham Park on Nepean Highway in the heart of Brighton since it was founded in 1907.

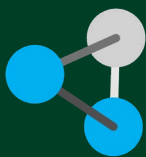
The Club has three senior teams and the First X1 compete in Longmuir Shield, the top grade of the South East Cricket Association and has won 71 Premierships, 26 in the First XI, including the 2022-23 flag.

Brighton Union is committed to a strong under age program fielding multiple under age teams as well as a Blasters competition and are well supported by qualified coaches and parents.

Our commitment to junior cricket and the development of players has resulted in the progression of two Australian Test players, Julien Wiener and Simon Davis and former Victorian captain Nick Jewell and twenty First Eleven Premier Grade cricket players.

In season 2026/27 – we are excited to expand our junior programs, and increase opportunities for development for our members. This marks an exciting time to be part of Brighton Union.

OUR JUNIOR CRICKET SPONSOR



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Brighton Union Cricket Club is thrilled to welcome [Trace Consultants](#) as our newest sponsor and supporter of our Junior Cricket Program.

[Trace](#) is a leading Australian boutique consulting firm specialising in supply chain, procurement and operational performance. Working with organisations across government and industry, their experienced team helps clients solve complex challenges through practical, data-driven solutions that deliver measurable results. Their approach combines strategic thinking with hands-on implementation to create lasting impact.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

OUR JUNIOR PROGRAM

OUR PHILOSOPHY

At Brighton Union, our junior program is built on values that go beyond the cricket field.

- **Sportsmanship** – playing the game in the right way, respecting the game, our opponents and the umpires.
- **Development** – giving equal time to players, getting better each day, and helping players achieve their full potential.
- **Confidence** – players learn new skills and challenge themselves.
- **A love of the game** – in a positive and supportive environment.
- **Friendships** – which last beyond the game and endure for years.



WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE US

- **Player-first coaching** – Development comes before results.
- **Experienced coaches** – Highly qualified coaches with international experience, who understand how children learn.
- **A place to belong** – A welcoming club where friendships are built for life.
- **Pathways to grow** – a clear path from Cricket Blast through to representative cricket and senior cricket.
- **Opportunities to play** – Everyone contributes with bat and ball and in the field.
- **Family Community** – Parent, volunteers and players all contributing to a great club culture.

HEAR FROM OUR FAMILIES

"BUCC is a fantastic club – the junior program provides players with plenty of opportunities to have fun and improve. The club welcomes new kids to participate no matter their current skill level. Come down, join in a training session – you will be made to feel welcome." – Leigh Elliot

"This is a special club. The level of support from all club staff, the parents and all volunteers provide a special place for all players to thrive."

You can see the players developing cricket and life skills every time they go out to play." – Adam Jones

"The community spirit here is unbeatable. We've had such a great experience that we've recruited quite a few families over the years, and they love it just as much as we do."

At the end of the day, it's all about the kids. It's a place where they can build real cricket skills, make lifelong friends, and learn what good sportsmanship is all about."
– Chauntel Scarr

CLUB CONTACTS 2026/27 SEASON

MATT YOUNG PRESIDENT



On behalf of Brighton Union, I welcome all families and players to the club. Our club has a wonderful history, but our strength lies in the success of our junior programs.

I am a strong believer in the role that sport plays in building community connections – and I look forward to Brighton Union being part of your family's story.

IAN POULTER JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR



- *More than 25 years in SECA cricket.*
- *SECA and BUCC Child Safety Officer.*

I have had several years' experience with junior and senior sport in playing, coaching, umpiring and administration.

I am keen to utilise my experience to strive to achieve results as gained in season 2025-26, but more importantly to ensure our junior players get to play as many games as possible while feeling satisfaction and having fun in doing so.

YASAS TILLAKARATNE DIRECTOR OF TRAINING



- *Level 3 High Performance Coach Experience at APS and AGS schools across Victoria.*
- *Former first-class cricketer with extensive international coaching experience in Australia, England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.*

At our club we create a fun, inclusive, and positive environment where every junior player can develop their skills, confidence, and love for cricket.

We focus on strong fundamentals, teamwork, respect, and individual development while providing opportunities for all players to learn and progress.

My goal is to develop not only better cricketers but also confident, resilient young people who enjoy the game and remain involved in cricket in future.

ETHAN KUNARATANAM COACH



- *10 years experience with Brighton Union.*
- *Has coached across all age grades at BUCC.*
- *Coach of Scotch College.*

I have been at the club for 10 years, coming through the junior pathway from u12s, through to making my senior First XI debut at 18 years old.

One of the biggest highlights of my journey has been being coached by the likes of Yavas Tillakaratne and Matt Vorbach during my junior years. It's pretty special now having the opportunity to play alongside both of them in the senior side each weekend.

Throughout my time at the club, I've always felt supported. The one-club mentality between the junior and senior programs is something that really stands out and has made BUCC such a great place to develop both as a player and as a person.

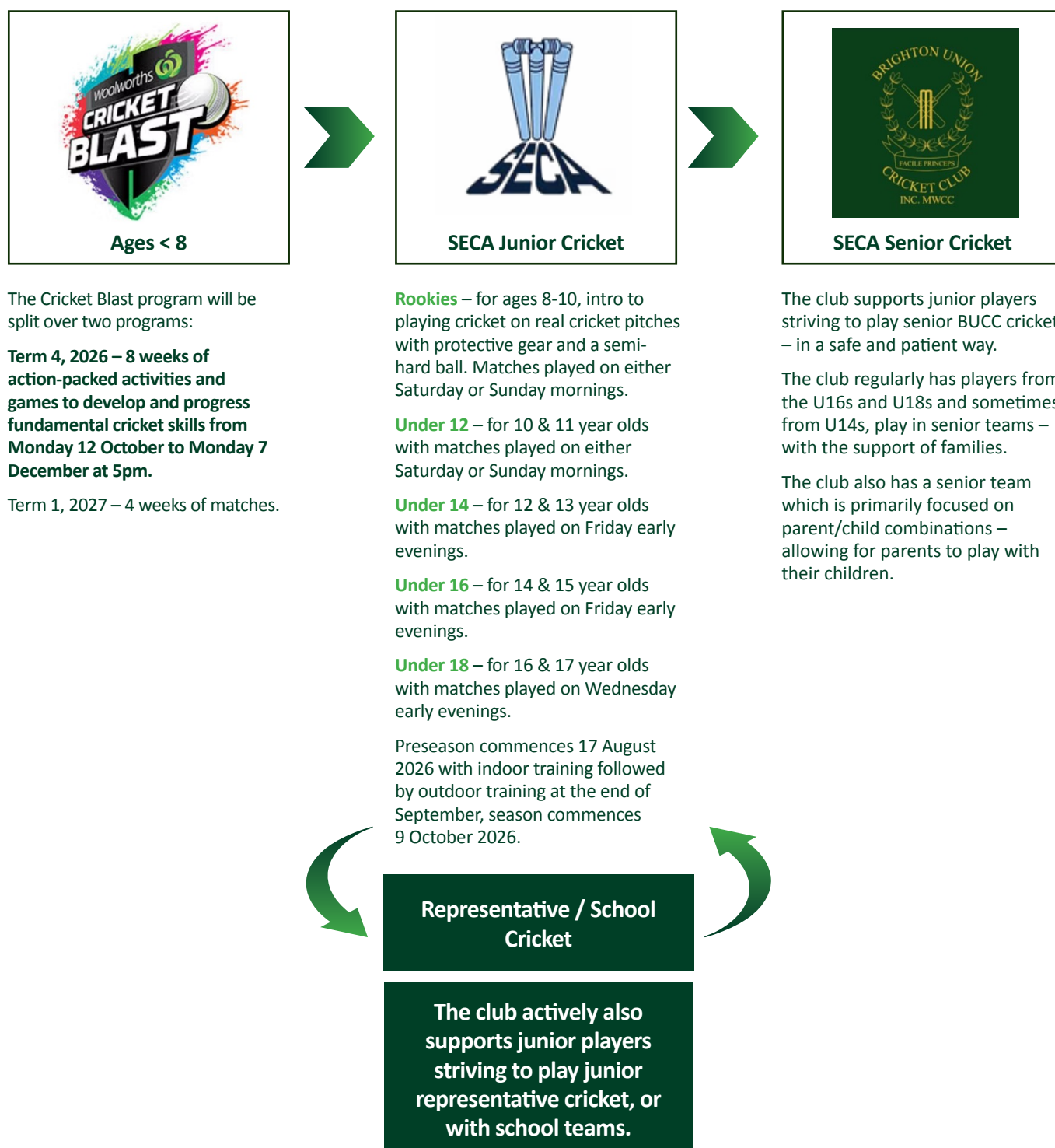
In 2022, I started my coaching journey with both Scotch College and BUCC. Over the past four years I've been fortunate enough to coach across U12s, U14s, U16s and U18s – learning under the guidance of Yavas and continuing to build my coaching experience.

Ethan is just one of the many junior game day coaches that we have from our playing ranks. We look to draw on this talent pool to support the growth of our junior players.

THE BRIGHTON UNION PLAYER PATHWAY

A CLEAR JOURNEY FROM FIRST INVOLVEMENT
TO LIFELONG LOVE OF CRICKET

Players can join Brighton Union at any stage of their cricket journey. Some begin with no experience, while others arrive after playing representative cricket. Wherever they start, we aim to provide a pathway that keeps them enjoying cricket for many years.



JUNIOR PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SECA Junior Rules Matrix

Program	Level	Typical Age (Prior to start of season)		Game Day	Training	Match Information
Cricket Blast	Junior Blasters	Ages 8 & under	6 & 7 (Prep & Grade 1)	TBC but likely to be Saturday mornings	Not applicable	- Skills based first cricket experience - Soft ball and plastic bats
	Master Blasters		7 & 8 (Grade 1 and 2)			- Learn skills through fun modified games - Prepare kids for Junior Cricket, soft ball and plastic bats
SECA Juniors	Rookies	U12	8 & 9	Sunday – 8.00am for 8:30am to 11:00am	Mondays – 4:30pm to 6.00pm	- Intro to matches with helmets, pads and wooden bats 7 to 9 players, 16m pitch, 40m boundary - Wonderball with no dismissals
	U12		9 – 11	Sunday – 8.00am for 8:30am to 11:00am	Tuesdays – 4:30pm to 6.00pm TBC	9 to 12 players, 17.7m pitch, 40-45m boundary - Hard ball (142g), dismissals apply with warning before LBW
	U14	Under age by 31 August prior to start of season Friday 4.00pm for 4:30pm to 7:30pm Wednesday 4:30pm for 5.00pm to 7:30pm		Friday – 4.00pm for 4:30pm to 7:30pm	Thursdays – 4:30pm to 6.00pm TBC	9 to 12 players, 20.1m pitch (full length), full boundary - Hard pink ball (142g), all dismissals apply incl LBW
	U16			Friday – 4.00pm for 4:30pm to 7:30pm	Thursdays – 4:30pm to 6.00pm	As per U14 with full size and weight hard pink ball (156g)
	U18			Wednesday – 4.00pm for 4:30pm to 7:30pm	Tuesdays – 6.00pm to 7.30pm	As per U16

JUNIOR MATCH AND SCHEDULE

START OF SEASON JULY – REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Late August to Mid September – Pre-season indoor training sessions.

Mid September – Team selection - based in no particular order on: age, previous season results, coaches judgement, friendship groups in lower grades and pre-season training performance.

End September and beyond – Outdoor training and season commencement.

MATCH FORMAT

- SECA Rookies & U12C play one day games of 20 overs per side .
- SECA U12A & B, U14C play split innings for two day games with each team's innings split over the two days meaning each team bats and bowls every weekend.
- SECA U14A & B & U16 play mostly two day games with one team batting on the first weekend and the other team batting on the second weekend.
- SECA U18 play one day, 20 over per side matches with a shortened season that plays on Wednesday evenings to cater for student exams and school cricket commitments.

PARTICIPATION POLICY

All teams have a participation focus will all players bowling each weekend and the batting order rotated throughout the season. Play continues if a team wins the match to ensure that all players can have the opportunity to bat and bowl each match. Participation policy applies to Rookies, U12s and U14C grades.

FINALS

All grades, with the exception of Rookies, play finals with the top four teams playing a semi final in order to progress to a grand final. All remaining teams play consolation finals with 5th v 6th, 7th v 8th etc. After the regular season during the Finals Round 1 / Semi Finals. These games are not scheduled until the end of the regular season.

GROUND LOCATIONS

Brighton Union home ground is **Hurlingham Park, East Brighton**, however in season 2026/27, due to renovations of our main oval, our ground locations will include:

– Hurlingham Park (Oval 2)

– Widdop Crescent Reserve, Hampton East.

SECA JUNIOR PLAYING DATES 2026/27 – DRAFT (GRADING ROUNDS)

Weekend Starting Friday	Rookies	U12C	Juniors (U12A & B)	Juniors (U14C - U16A)	U18 Wednesday	MiniBash Smash Cricket
9/10/2026			Round 1	Round 1		
16/10/2026			Round 2	Round 2		
23/10/2026			Round 3	Round 3		
30/10/2026			Round 4	Round 4		
6/11/2026			Round 4	Round 4		
13/11/2026			Round 5	Round 5		
20/11/2026			Round 5	Round 5	18/11/2026	
27/11/2026			Round 6	Round 6		
4/12/2026			Round 6	Round 6		
11/12/2026			Round 7	Round 7		
18/12/2026			Round 7	Round 7		
25/12/2026						
1/01/2027	New Year	New Year	VMCU Carnival	VMCU Carnival	VMCU Carnival	
8/01/2027			VMCU Carnival	VMCU Carnival	VMCU Carnival	
15/01/2027			Round 8	Round 8	13/01/2027	
22/01/2027				Round 9		
29/01/2027			Round 9	Round 9		
5/02/2027			Round 10	Round 10		
12/02/2027			Round 10	Round 10	Semi Finals	
19/02/2027			Finals Round 1	Finals Round 1	Grand Final	
26/02/2027		Finals Round 1	Finals Round 1	Finals Round 1	Reserve Day	
5/03/2027		Grand Finals	Grand Finals	Grand Finals		
12/03/2027		Reserve Day	Grand Finals	Grand Finals		
19/03/2027			Reserve Day	Reserve Day		
Legend	1 Day Game	VMCU Carnival	MiniBash			Finals Round 1
	2 Day Game	No Play	Smash Cricket			Semi Finals 1v4 & 2v3
	T20 Game	Finals	Grading			Consolation Finals eg 5v8, 6v7

CRICKET GEAR FOR PLAYERS

CRICKET BLAST



Choice of three packs (2025/26 options shown).

Packs mailed to families by Cricket Australia upon registration.



STARTER PACK

Tailored for our first-time Cricket Blasters. This pack equips them with the essential tools to fully immerse themselves in the cricket experience right from the comfort of their own home!

This pack features:

- Woolworths Cricket Blast Shirt
- Woolworths Cricket Blast Bucket Hat
- Cricket Bat
- Ball



PROGRESSION PACK

Designed for Cricket Blasters who are ready to elevate their skills. This pack equips them with additional tools to enhance their performance, both on and off the field!

This pack features:

- Woolworths Cricket Blast Shirt
- Woolworths Cricket Blast Bucket Hat
- Cricket Bat
- Ball on a String
- Sticky Wickets



MATCH DAY PACK

Exclusive goodies for Cricket Blasters who love watching our favourite game! Equipping them with all they need to cheer loudly and create an unforgettable atmosphere!

This pack features:

- Personalised Woolworths Cricket Blast T-shirt
- Hat
- Drink bottle
- Sunglasses
- Tote

JUNIOR CRICKET

The club provides some cricket kit in the coaches kit bag for players to use but since Covid days the club strongly encourages that each player has his/her playing kit at the start of the season.

Coaches kit bags include wicketkeeping pads, gloves and a helmet (compulsory when wicketkeeping).

GEAR REQUIRED

- Bat** (see sizing chart, lighter bat recommended for younger players)
- Batting Pads** (centre of the knee roll to sit directly over the knee cap)
- Thigh Pads** (for hard ball cricket)
- Batting Gloves**
- Helmet** (with neck protection strongly recommended)
- Box/Protector**

BAT SIZE CHART



SIZE	00	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	YOUTH	SMALL (SB)	FULL SIZE (SH)	LONG BLADE (LB)
PLAYER HEIGHT (CM)	Up To 110	110 to 122	122 to 129	129 to 137	137 to 144	144 to 150	150 to 157	157 to 163	163 to 168	168 to 175	175+	188+



Neck protection is either built into the helmet or a separate stem guard can be attached. Stem guards are specifically designed for each particular model, and it is recommended consulting your retailer to ensure you obtain the correct stem guard for your helmet if neck protection is not built in.

UNIFORMS

CRICKET BLAST

A Cricket Blast top is included in the pack sent by Cricket Australia upon registrations. These come in all the colours of the BBL teams.



JUNIOR CRICKET

Players play in Brighton Union branded cream shirt and pants. Names and number can be entered when ordering uniforms if so desired. There is no restriction on the number players can have on their shirt, as the name will differentiate the players.

Uniform orders can be made at Swivs Locker store, and a discount voucher is provided upon registration.

swivslocker.com.au/brightonunioncc/

SUNSMART POLICY

The health of our players is a prime concern to BUCC. Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world with two out of three people experiencing some form of cancer during their lifetime. Exposure during childhood and teenage years is believed to be the most important period in determining whether you will experience skin cancer during your lifetime.

The policy of BUCC is to protect players from skin cancer as follows:

- To promote or supply participants with a shirt with a collar.
- Encourage players to wear sunglasses at suitable times.
- Cricket caps and hats to be worn at trainings and on match days.
- To promote the use of sunscreen by players at training and on match days.
- To continually promote Sunsmart policies during the season.

READY TO BECOME PART OF BRIGHTON UNION?

Whether your child is picking up a bat for the first time or looking to take their cricket further, we'd love to welcome your family to our club.

REGISTER NOW

Scan the QR code or visit:

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