



CUMNOR CRICKET CLUB



Welcome to Cumnor Cricket Club's Youth Programme

In 2021 we will have three groups for youth cricket at Cumnor:

1. All Stars – for Reception to school year 2+ ('ages 5-8')
2. Dynamos – for school years 3 and 4 (plus year 5s new to cricket) - playing softball
3. Junior cricket (hardball) – for school years 5 to 13 (plus year 4s playing hardball)

Dynamos is the new ECB national programme for 2021 (and replaces Kwiks). It uses the same booking system as does All Stars. See below for more information. Please contact us if you would like guidance for which group to be part of.

In addition we will again hold three weeks of summer academy sessions, with younger ages playing softball in the mornings, and older age range hardball in the afternoons.

Dates, times and membership costs

All Stars:	Fridays 17.00-18.00	starts 14 th May for 10 weeks	£50
Dynamos:	Fridays 18.15-19.30	starts 23 rd April for 13 weeks	£95
Years 5*&6:	Wednesdays 17:30-18:30	starts 21 st April for 13 weeks	£95
<small>*+ year 4 hardball cricketers</small>			
Years 7&8:	Wednesdays 18:45-19:45	starts 21 st April for 13 weeks	£95
Years 9-13:	Thursdays 17:30-19:00	starts 22 nd April for 13 weeks	£95

Covid impact

Currently we believe we can deliver these timings even if there are restrictions. If these are tighter than we expect, we would amend timings as per 2020: years 7&8 will move to Monday evenings, and years 5&6 will spread across the two Wednesday evening sessions.

We have decided to hold two separate All Stars sessions. Should government restrictions ease, and numbers allow, we may combine Saturday and Friday All Stars sessions.

We will continue to adhere to Covid-secure guidance and good practice, including regular use of hand gel, limiting sharing of kit, and a regular clubhouse cleaning regime.

Signing up

All Stars and Dynamos need to sign up each year using the national ECB booking system:

[For All Stars \(Friday\) click here: FULLY BOOKED](#)

[For Dynamos click here: FULLY BOOKED](#)

Youth hardball members use Cumnor's own membership system here:

<https://www.myclubhouse.co.uk/CumnorCC/>



Signing up to myClubhouse only needs to be done once per child/member. Membership is automatically offered the following season. Subscriptions are per child and are payable by March 31st before the start of the new season.

Data for All Stars and Dynamos is controlled by the ECB under its privacy rules, and our communications with participants will be from that system. Whilst we have access to the information, we are not entitled to include the data in our own membership system without your permission. **We would like you to grant us that permission** so that we can give All Stars and Dynamos the same membership privileges as other members (e.g. discounts off summer academies, club-wide invites) and where appropriate include you in club-wide communications. We will request this of you early after your initial sign-up process. We will create a basic membership record for each child on that basis, which can be built on as each child moves through the club. (For those who have already set up a record in myClubhouse, your existing account will be updated accordingly.)

Further details about myClubhouse, how to access it, and how we use it, are available in a [separate document here](#) (this is a bit of a work-in-progress!).

Please include mails from **CumnorCC@myclubhouse.co.uk** in your contacts list or email whitelist as some members report that their ISP/phone treat our system mails as spam¹.

Matches

The club enters youth teams in both League and Cup games across the different age groups, and your child may be selected for these. The formats of these games can vary, but in 2021 competitive matches will be 11-a-side.

Representative, competitive inter-club matches are held at the following times:

- Under 11s (years 5&6) – Sunday mornings (2 league teams)
- Under 13s (years 7&8) – Thursday evenings (2 league teams + 1 knock out)
- Under 15s (years 9&10) – Monday evenings (1 league team)
- Under 17/19s (years 11-14) – Monday evenings post “exams” (1 league team)

We may also arrange ‘friendly’ games alongside the competitive ones. We may use the ‘pairs’ format in such games, where the purpose is to maximise participation.

Children may be selected to play for older junior age groups (e.g. U13s in U15s etc).

There may also be some Dynamos ‘festival’ sessions later in the season.

¹ myClubhouse emails – as with any bulk email distribution system - can end up being treated as spam. You may not see it in the spam folder on your device’s email app/client (e.g. Outlook or your phone’s Mail app), but it may be visible ‘server-side’ by looking at your webmail (e.g. <https://mail.yahoo.com>): often the emails which are trapped in spam folders will not be downloaded to your device and will remain only at the server. Adding CumnorCC@myclubhouse.co.uk to your address book is one means of ‘whitelisting’ our emails.



Squad managers for each group will oversee selection. Parents are encouraged to support the matches through managing, umpiring, scoring and other logistics (especially at home games). Instructions, and where appropriate training, for such assistance will be provided.

Girls cricket

Our girls' membership numbers are growing strongly, and we are again working hard to build on this further this year. In competitive club matches, girls are permitted - if they wish - to play 'down' one age group. The county may also arrange special girl-only training sessions – please contact us if you want more information.

Cricket equipment and kit

All children should train in comfortable sports clothing suited to the weather. There is no requirement to wear whites for training. Spikes should not be worn at training sessions, because we use the nets and/or the astro pitch extensively.

All Stars are provided with T-shirt, cap and bat as part of their initial sign up. Other equipment is provided.

Dynamos will receive a free personalised *Dynamos* T-shirt as part of their sign up, and are invited to purchase our club colours of black 'Bear' cap (and/or T-shirt) to help build the 'Cumnor' one-club identity. Playing equipment for this group will be provided. (Unlike *Kwiks* in 2020 which use a special plastic bat, *Dynamos* will use basic willow bats, so whatever bat you have – plastic or wooden - bring it along.)

Year 5 and above: children will play with a hard ball and therefore require full cricket equipment – box (and associated shorts), pads, gloves, helmet etc. It is very important for safety reasons to ensure you have a properly fitted helmet that meets current safety regulations.

Whilst equipment can be borrowed from the club kit bags if needed, everyone should have their own 'box' if playing with a hard ball. However for Covid safety reasons, it is strongly advised that all hardball cricketers have their own helmet, gloves and box, and minimise the need to share.

Club shirts: those playing in representative hardball matches are expected to wear the club's Cumnor Bear white shirt. The club holds some stock, but shirts and sweaters – along with other Cumnor branded kit – can be purchased from the [club store managed by our kit suppliers Chiltern Leisure here](#).

Cricket shoes: both under-11 and under-13 age groups will use the astro pitch for their matches. Metal spikes may not be worn on this surface, so trainers are fine. From under 15 upwards cricket shoes / spikes are expected. Some cricket shoes have plastic plugs and these can be used on the astro, but plugs are often used in combination with metal spikes, so be careful!



Other 'stash': what would a cricket club be without a range of branded stash? Playing and training kit is branded with [Amber Financial Planning](#), our main club kit sponsor, and [Opening Up](#), the mental wellbeing charity we support. As well as our club shirts, we also have caps, black Cumnor Bear T-shirts, water bottles and coffee mugs available for sale at the club. Other stash available direct from Chiltern Leisure include cricket sweaters and trousers ('whites'), training shirts and shorts, track suit trousers, shell tops, sweaters etc in Cumnor black. The senior T20 side also has a special 'Bears' cricket shirt.

Access to senior cricket

The very best of our under 13s (usually those in County squads), and everyone from U14 up are eligible for selection in our representative Saturday league teams. Cumnor is notable for the high number of youth members playing in these senior sides.

Sunday friendly 'SAS' games provide a good 'way-in' to senior cricket – Sunday match managers will be in touch!

Note that senior games carry an additional match fee to cover the cost of teas, umpires, scorers etc.

Talented Juniors

Those children who show particular ability may be put forward for the Oxfordshire Cricket Board's 'Player Pathway Programme' at the end of the club season. If selected they will undergo a period of further training with Oxfordshire coaches and may be invited to play in the various county or development sides.

Summer Academies

The popular Summer Academy programme is again running for 3 weeks, and following feedback from the successful 2020 programme, we will again split it into a morning softball session (i.e. All Star/Dynamo ages), and an afternoon hardball session (year 5 up), as feedback on this approach was almost uniformly positive.

Dates are: 26th July, 2nd August and 9th August. If there proves to be demand we will again consider a fourth week in 16th August, but will not decide this until early August.

When booking academies the system should recognise if you are a 2021 paid up member, and provide you with the appropriate members discounts. (This year All Stars playing at Cumnor as well as our Dynamos will automatically receive member discounts – provided we have had your permission to load your data into myClubhouse).

Pricing starts at £20 per 3 hour session for non-members, with 10% discount for members (so £18), and a further 10% discount to all for a full week's booking (so £81 to members/£90 to non-members).



Booking for the academies will open on 1 April on the club's [myClubhouse system here](#).

Non-members, if not yet registered on myClubhouse, must [register as 'guest' members here](#) in order to book.

If you wish to book multiple days in a week, select the 'Series'. This brings up the 5 days of that week. Deselect any days you don't want, or keep the whole week. This means you only have to process one booking per week.

Academy administration will be carried out by Fred Gowen at academies@cumnorcricketclub.com.

MyClubhouse

[MyClubhouse](#) is the club's main communication, membership and payment management tool. All club wide data and email traffic is managed in a GDPR compliant manner.

For 2021 we have slightly changed the menu structure and names of some items to make usage faster and navigation easier. Most of the items you will need to access are now under the 'My Stuff' menu heading.

(All Stars and Dynamos, as mentioned above, uses the ECB's centralised Clubspark system.)

- If you are already a member, you will have a username and password already.
- Contact cumnorcricket@gmail.com if you cannot remember your username, but you can reset your password directly on the system.
- Membership renewals will be issued automatically each season: just follow the payment link in the renewal email. If you do not wish to renew, please reject the offer as soon as you can.
- If you wish to add another child to the membership, please register them separately and apply for junior membership. We will confirm this once we know we have space. You can link your children's accounts by using the 'My Family Group' under 'My Stuff', which is helpful as it means payments can be done in one batch.
- The icon of the shopping basket on the menu is the best way to pay for subscriptions or event payments, or look at 'My Subscriptions' or 'My Purchases' in your menu (now under the 'My Stuff' menu heading).
- Payment confusion can sometimes arise if you have selected 'cash' as the payment model – you won't get a confirmation email until you have handed the cash over! Better to use card payment if you can (the system uses the internationally respected Stripe card processing system), and this year we have added the direct BACS option too.

Communications

Membership on the system should be set up in your child's name, but with the parent/guardian's contact details. You can have two email addresses. All communications



will be sent to the parent/guardian, though for older children (U16+) some parents elect to include their child's email as a secondary address.

The membership system has the details of the club's privacy policy. This policy – which needs to be agreed to by members – determines how we communicate with you. If you wish no further communication (e.g. if moving out of the area), adjust the privacy settings on *My Consents and Agreements* accordingly.

Parents, especially those who help in a voluntary capacity, are invited to register themselves on the system – that way relevant communications can be sent to them directly.

Note the reference above to some circumstances under which myClubhouse emails may be treated as spam: please add CumnorCC@myclubhouse.co.uk to your address book to white list them and reduce the likelihood of this.

Clubhouse, bar and Friday BBQs

In 2021 the fully licensed bar will be functioning according to Covid guidelines, though anticipate mostly outdoor service again this year. We will also sell teas and coffees, and continue to have free WiFi.

This year we are also planning – subject to Covid milestones – to hold a BBQ every Friday afternoon between the All Stars and Dynamos sessions. So you now have new options for Friday night catering!

On Wednesday and Friday training nights we run a tuck shop.

The clubhouse can also be hired for parties and functions – please see our website for details.

Website

We have a useful website full of both historical and current information and can be found at: www.cumnorcricketclub.com.

Membership sign-up, events (e.g. Summer Academies), club documentation and other communications are at <https://www.myclubhouse.co.uk/CumnorCC/>.

Questions

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