

# Junior Sharks FAQs

## **My child has never played cricket before, will they be able to join?**

Of course, we welcome all kids of all abilities and will be able to help you find a program to best suit your child.

Information about junior formats can be found [here](#). There is also information available on our [club website](#).

## **How old do kids have to be to participate in junior cricket with the Sharks?**

The Sharks offer programs suitable for kids aged 5+ and offer all junior formats and continue through to senior competitions.

Cricket Blast programs for ages 5+

Hurricanes Junior League Formats:

Stage 1, Stage 2 - competition is open to all Boys and Girls aged: 7-12, players must be under the age of 12 as of the 31st August 2020 to participate.

U13s, U15 Youth - players must also be under the age of respective competitions (U/13, U/15 Boys and Girls) as at the 31st August 2020 to participate.

Juniors should register with programs that suit their ability as well as their age, some age concessions may be able to apply. The club will be able to provide guidance as to the right format for your child.

## **Do you cater for both boys and girls?**

Yes, absolutely!

## **How do I sign my child up to play?**

Advice about our registration products is available on the junior page of our [club website](#). *Registration fees will be confirmed soon.*

Registration is online via [PlayCricket](#), you will be able to select the right format for your child and pay with a credit card.

All juniors must be registered to be able to participate, registration includes player insurance.

## **Do you accept Ticket to Play?**

Yes, if you have a valid voucher you can use this when you register your child online.

Ticket to Play is only able to be used towards the cost of registration fees and refunds for unused portions are not available.

## **My child wants to be in a team with friends, is that going to be possible?**

Please let us know if your child has friends playing at the club (and who they are). We will always make every effort to accommodate friendship groups but do have constraints around maximum team sizes and each child's ability needs to be considered so they have the best experience. We will always work with families to ensure their child feels comfortable.

## Does our child need to have their own cricket playing gear (i.e. helmets, bats, pads, etc.)?

We are currently working with Cricket Tasmania to determine changes to the provision of junior playing gear in shared team bags due to COVID-19. We will update this page as soon as we have accurate advice.

Advice for new and younger players (Stage 1 and 2) will be provided soon.

Players in U13s and U15s need to provide all their own gear –bat, gloves, pads and helmet. Helmets must be British Standard - BS7928:2013 to comply with Cricket Australian regulations.

All boys from Stage 1 up must have their own 'box' (abdomen protector), these are available for less than \$10 from cricket and sports stores.

All personal gear must be labelled.

## Is a playing uniform required?

Our juniors (up to U13s) are required to wear, at a minimum a junior playing shirt (\$40) and playing pants (\$49). These items are available via our online store and communication about the store opening for orders will be advised on our website and through social media.

New players registering with the club receive a playing cap, replacement caps are \$20 each.

Other items, such as club hoodies, as also available and while not essential are encouraged and we do request juniors in Stage 1 and up wear a Sharks shirt to club training.

Game days/evenings can be cool at times, kids are welcome to wear a navy-blue long-sleeved shirt or t-shirt under their playing clothes while on-field.

Please [enquire](#) for U15 players (Premier league and Youth).

All clothing should be labelled, especially playing caps which are easy to leave behind!

## Where is Shark Park?

Shark Park is the friendly name for our home oval, Upper Queenborough Oval, located on the corner of Peel St and Nelson Rd, Sandy Bay, behind the big hedge.

Once you and your family become Sharks, Shark Park is your home ground.

## When are games played and how long do they go for?

Please refer to the juniors page of our [club website](#) for game day information and times (*information still to be confirmed for the 2020/21 Season*).

Note:

- Junior Blasters programs are held at our home oval, Shark Park.
- Master Blasters programs are held at a central Hobart location (i.e. the Domain, *TBC for 2020/21 Season*)
- Junior games – Stage 1 and up – are held in multiple locations around the Greater Hobart region, and beyond.

Being able to get your junior to games and training must be considered when you register.

## **When is training?**

Younger participants in our Cricket Blast programs (junior and master Blasters) do not attend training.

Stage 1, Stage 2 and Under 13s players all train at our home oval, Shark Park, on Friday afternoons during the season from 4 – 5.30pm.

Juniors need to wear dark coloured shorts or tracksuit pants and a Sharks shirt to training and bring their playing gear.

U15s training from 4 – 5.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and must wear club gear to training and bring their playing gear.

## **Junior Friday's**

Each Friday when junior training or a Cricket Blast program is running, we open the bar at Shark Park and often run a BBQ. Our bar is licenced to run from 4 – 6pm and being on the deck of Shark Park is a great way to finish a Friday!

Our club encourages an inclusive, family friendly, community environment and family members, siblings, senior players and their families and club supporters are all welcome to come along.

## **How are teams managed? Do parents/carers need to attend games?**

All junior teams have a Game Day Lead and Communication Lead, these are parents/carers from the team. The Comms. Lead will ensure that you are aware of when games are on and any special messages and updates from the club and supports the Game Day Lead on game day.

The Game Day Lead is responsible for ensuring the game runs smoothly, ensure there is a warmup, allocate positions and ensure that there are parents/carers to help umpire games. They also take care of any allocated team gear.

All parents/carers are responsible for a great game day and that our teams represent themselves well. We ask all parents/carers and wider family members to help support teams by helping score and umpire, cooking some snags, bringing fresh fruit, etc. The teams that have the best time are those with an active supporter base.

Game Day Leads and Comms roles are identified prior to the start of each season when the club will call for volunteers.

We ask that all juniors have a responsible adult with them at games up until U15s (although we like them there too for support!). If someone else is responsible for your child on game day, please let the team leads know.

## **I have no idea how to score a game of cricket or umpire, I won't be able to help!**

No one is born knowing how to score or umpire cricket and everyone who learns is daunted at first. Everyone who knows how to do it learnt from someone and we ask that existing club members teach new ones how they can help, the club will also provide training resources.

The most important thing to remember is that junior sport is about participation and enjoyment, that kids are having fun and learning the game. We encourage our players and parents to support their opposition and to be fair. No one is playing for sheep stations.

## **How do I find out more information?**

Please email [shsbjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:shsbjuniors@gmail.com)