

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA CRICKET CLUB

Players Handbook



2024/25

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Purpose

Dear University Cricket Club Players,

The UCC Player's Handbook has been created as a reference document to enable you to become the best possible player and member of the University of WA Cricket Club.

The Player's Handbook contains a wide range of information and can be used as a first point of call for many of the questions about the club you may have. This includes details on selection criteria, where to find club policies and the code of conduct, playing fee requirements and details on club uniforms and training gear.

The club's committee and coaching team has had a busy off season to ensure the club continues to improve the service we provide to our members and the UWA community. This handbook reflects some of that work, and I respectfully request you use this Handbook as a reference guide during the season.

Kind regards,

Mitchell Rosher,
President
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UCC 4th Grade – WA Premier Cricket 4th Grade 2023-24 Premiers

Committee Members:

<i>President:</i>	Mitchell Rosher	
<i>Vice President:</i>	Kevan Penter	
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Scott Howieson	
<i>Secretary:</i>	Tom Gosling	
<i>General Committee Members:</i>	Christian Bauer	Peter Cutler
	Mitch Drennan	Bernard Greyling
	Zander Melville	Matt O'Keeffe
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First aid kits are available at the James Oval Clubrooms.



Club History

The University of Western Australia commenced courses in 1913 and the UCC was established in the same year, entering the WACA competition in the 1913-14 season. With the University buildings in Irwin Street, Perth, the club had no home ground but shared the WACA ground with the East Perth and West Perth clubs. The first captain was Philip Le Couteur, a Victorian Rhodes Scholar and Oxford Blue who was the first lecturer in philosophy at the University.

UWA's move to the Crawley campus at the end of 1930 helped to rejuvenate the club, which now had its own ground, then known as Crawley or University Oval and later James Oval.

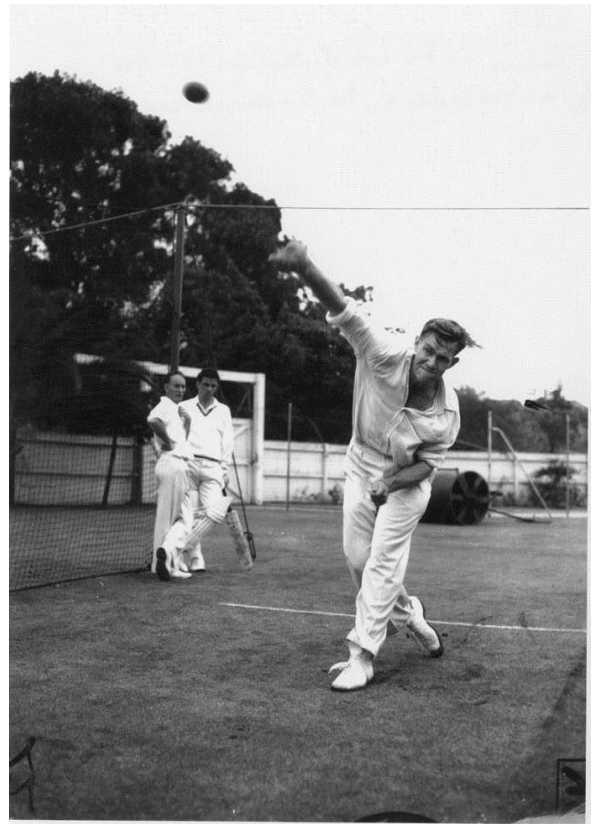
The club's most successful period was during the 1950s and 1960s, with the first three of its eight First Grade premierships coming within four seasons (1951-52, 1953-54 and 1954-55). These sides were captained by Robin Gray, the inaugural lecturer in physical education and experienced Sydney grade cricketer who was nearly twice the age of many of the other players but had outstanding leadership qualities. Amongst the prominent players in these teams were a number of club "legends", such as openers John Rutherford and Laurie Sawle, middle-order batsmen John Forsaith and Eric Strauss, pace bowlers Ray Strauss and Geoff Forsaith and wicketkeeper Geoff Fernie. Ray Strauss took 697 First Grade wickets for UCC during his long career, a record that is unlikely to be surpassed, and like Rutherford and Sawle played regularly for WA during the 1950s. Rutherford later became the first WA player to represent Australia in a Test match.

Further First Grade premierships were won in 1963-64, 1965-66, 1967-68 and 1974-75, all with John Inverarity in the team, in the latter three as captain. During this period Inverarity, Jock Irvine, Tony Mann and Rod Marsh were regular WA players, with Inverarity also a successful WA captain and Australian Test representative.

After such a period of unparalleled success the club started to struggle as the WACA tightened its rules so that although undergraduates were bound to play for University, graduates could only represent the club if granted a clearance from their district club. There were also some concerted attempts in the early 1980s to remove UCC altogether from the WACA competition. The club was forced into litigation to uphold its constitutional right to exist (which was successful), and also had to withstand an attempt to amalgamate it with the Nedlands club.

Nine Australian Test players have appeared for UCC at some stage of their careers: John Rutherford, Laurie Mayne, John Inverarity, Tony Mann, Rod Marsh, Wally Edwards, Graeme Wood, Chris Rogers and Ashton Agar. Ken MacLeay has been an Australian one-day representative, while Jock Irvine was in an Australian touring team to South Africa.

A team of the 20th century was selected to coincide with the launch of the UCC Foundation in 2001, and consisted of the following players: John Rutherford, Rick Charlesworth, John Inverarity (captain), Graeme Wood, Jock Irvine, Rod Marsh, Ken MacLeay, Tony Mann, Keith Punch, Ray Strauss and Geoff Forsaith. Laurie Sawle was named as 12th man and Robin Gray as the coach.



After many seasons without success, the club has shown signs of rejuvenation in recent years, again with qualification rules being further relaxed to permit players without any university association to play for University. After a gap of 43 years, the First Grade side reached the grand final in 2017-18, only to lose to Claremont-Nedlands. It qualified for the finals again during the unfinished 2019-20 season, and were beaten finalists in the T20 competition. In season 2022/23, the Club won the Colts T20 competition by going undefeated during the campaign, defeating Gosnells at the WACA. During the past decade Ashton Agar, Will Bosisto, David Moody, Charlie Stobo and Corey Rocchiccioli have been regular first-class players.



Charlie Stobo and Corey Rocchiccioli after winning the 2023/24 Sheffield Shield

While many First Grade players have had notable cricket careers, there are plenty of First Grade as well as lower grade UCC cricketers who have become just as prominent in professional and civic circles. Perhaps the best known of these is Bob Hawke, Australia's Prime Minister from 1983 to 1991. The fact that most club members are of a similar age contributes to its particular character; and as the club is for the most part run by the players themselves, it has always provided great opportunities for them to take on responsibility and learn management skills at a young age.

In its centenary year of 2013 the club was proud to boast that the national chairmen of both the Cricket Australia Board (Wally Edwards) and the AFL Commission (Mike Fitzpatrick) were ex-UCC cricketers, while John Inverarity and Rod Marsh were on Cricket Australia's national selection panel. Several years later the chairman of the WACA Board, Lachlan Henderson, was also a former player with University. The club is proud to say that ex-player, ex-coach and current committee member Christian Bauer is currently on the WACA board and is also the Chairman of the Western Australian District Cricket Council (WADCC).

Club Policies

The Club has a range of policies in place to protect players, supporters, sponsors, UWA and all other stakeholders. These include the:

- Code of Conduct;
- Anti-Bullying Policy;
- Communications Policy;
- Tribunal Policy; and
- Conflict of Interest Policy.

It is highly recommended that players review each of these policies, particularly the UWACC Code of Conduct, to further understand the expectations of players both on and off the field. These policies are available online for review on the club website at <https://www.uwacricicket.com/clubpolicies>.

Player Welfare Subcommittee

There is a UCC's Player Welfare program sub-committee, which offers another layer of player support to all UCC alumni. The program will aim to provide a safe outlet for players seeking support for their mental health, life skills and general well-being. This support service is offered to all players and staff, discussions held will remain confidential and provide a conduit to appropriate support services, both on campus and beyond.

If you would like to access support services, please do hesitate to contact Joshua Sharpe directly, or via the UCC player welfare email at UCCplayerwelfare@gmail.com. A member of the subcommittee will contact you promptly once you have taken steps to get in touch.

Volunteering Opportunities

The University Cricket Club is a volunteer organisation. An enormous amount of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure every player can get on the park each weekend and perform at their best. As such, you are expected to treat the club with the level of respect it deserves. This includes volunteering for fundraising opportunities when available, assisting committee members, captains and coaches when they need a hand, attending club functions and generally supporting the club where you can. Please think how you can assist the Club in an off-field capacity.



Player Responsibilities

~ Training ~

Tuesday:	Full Club Training	4:30pm - 6:30pm
Wednesday:	High Performance Squad Training (Invite Only)	4:30pm - 6:30pm
Thursday:	Full Club Training and Selection Night	4:30pm - 7:00pm

The University Cricket Club expects its players to train regularly. Attendance at training makes up one of the four selection criteria, and will be monitored throughout the season and taken into account when assessing a player's appropriate grade.

Training takes place at James Oval, where the club provides some of the best training facilities and access to one of the most comprehensive coaching structures in the State. In return for providing these resources, the Club expects players to take full advantage of them when coming to training. This includes developing specific objectives on what the player hopes to achieve when attending each individual training session.

Players are expected to respect themselves, club mates and coaches at training and be responsible for up taking good OHS practises. Please note that if you involved in an injury (to yourself or a fellow player) at training, you are to report it immediately to the Coach in charge of the training.

The club values fielding as equally important to bowling and batting. In a game where individual skill makes up a substantial proportion of match play, fielding remains one of the best opportunities for a player to demonstrate their commitment, mental strength, fitness



and skill to their teammates. As such, it is expected that players will spend similar amounts of time in developing their fielding skills, as well as their batting and bowling skills.

We are a Premier Cricket Club, participating in one of the strongest amateur cricket competitions in the world. As such, players are expected to take personal responsibility for their own training to ensure they get the most out of themselves, to give themselves the best chance of success throughout the season.



~ Selection ~

The University Cricket Club has 4 selection criteria:

- (a) Fitness
- (b) Fielding
- (c) Training Attendance
- (d) Match Day Role / Match Day Performances

Each player selected will have satisfied the coaches and captains that they have earned selection in their grade by reference to these four criteria. If you have not been selected in the grade you hoped, you only need to look at how you stack up against these benchmarks as compared to other players selected to determine where to improve to move up the grades.

Performance Metrics					
Grade	Format	Target	Role	Metrics	
1st / 2nd	50 overs	225 runs	Batter	Average:	30+
				Strike Rate:	75+
	90 overs	-	Bowler	Economy Rate:	<4
			Batter	Average:	35+
3rd / 4th	45 overs	180 runs		Strike Rate:	50+
			Bowler	Average:	<25
				Economy Rate:	<3
	80 overs	-	Batter	Average:	25+
				Strike Rate:	70+
			Bowler	Economy Rate:	<3.5
			Batter	Average:	25+
				Strike Rate:	50+
			Bowler	Economy Rate:	<2.5
				Average:	<20

Note: successfully meeting these metrics indicates you are playing your role. If you aim for higher level cricket, you need to not only meet, but substantially exceed these numbers to demonstrate you are playing a grade below what your contribution on the field demands.

The University Cricket Club values transparency in selection, and coaches and captains are usually happy to discuss where you need to improve in order to play higher level cricket. However, at times it can be more effective for players to engage in some honest self-reflection, identify areas for development in their own game and set out a plan to improve at training. The club makes available to players some of the best resources in the State, but it is on the player to utilise these assets effectively to develop their game and get the most out of themselves throughout the course of their cricketing career.

~ Match Day ~

1st / 2nd Grade	One Day Match	Arrival Time:	9:10 AM
		Match Start:	10:30 AM
	Two Day Match	Arrival Time:	9:50 AM
		Match Start:	11:10 AM
4th / 3rd Grade	One Day Match	Arrival Time:	11:20 AM
		Match Start:	12:40 PM
	Two Day Match	Arrival Time:	10:50AM
		Match Start:	12:10PM

Players will arrive on time, with the correct uniform, ready to warm up. Please check the fixtures the night before to determine where you are going, how long it will take you to get there and what time you need to leave. Control the controllables.

It is expected that all players of the University Cricket Club display teamwork, respect, honesty and perseverance on and off the field. On match days this means playing within the laws of the game, respecting the umpires' decisions, offering your hand to the opposition at the end of each game and managing your frustrations and temper irrespective of the state of the game and your personal performance. The match day does not conclude with the end of the match. It is expected that win, lose or draw, you spend at an absolute minimum half an hour to help your captain finish his off-field duties and socialise with your teammates at the end of the game. This not only helps you decompress from what can at times be a long day in the field, but also helps your teammates to leave in good spirits, irrespective of the match result.



~ Club Song ~

1, 2, 3 the Uni boys are we
4, 5, 6 we've got them in a fix
7, 8, 9 we'll beat 'em every time
We'll have a high time in the old town
tonight

Won last week
Won the week before
We've just won like we've never won
before

Glorious, victorious
Our legends are notorious
Cause here we are as happy as can be
Cause we are the boys from the UCC

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UNIVERSITY OF WA CRICKET CLUB 2024/25 PLAYING FEES

Full Membership Package		Social Player Membership Package	
Non-Student:	\$490	All:	\$200
University Student:	\$415		
High School Student*:	\$365		
Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Season FeesInsuranceInvitation to all Social FunctionsAGM Voting Rights Note *: High School Student at beginning of season.		Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">3 x One Day Games and 1 Two Day Game or 4 x One Day Games (if picked)Access to In-Season Training SessionsInsuranceInvitation to all Social FunctionsAGM Voting Rights	
Supporters Membership Package			
Package:	\$100		
Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Invitation to all Social FunctionsAGM Voting Rights Note: Players competing the 'Veterans' competition are strongly encouraged to purchase a Club Supporters Membership Package.			



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PAYING PLAYING FEES ON TIME IS A NON-NEGOTIABLE EXPECTATION

The Club has one of the most extensive set of coaches and training facilities in the competition, and has significant additional expenses that are a prerequisite to putting teams on the park in the WACA Grade Competition. Although the club covers a significant part of those expenses through income from our generous sponsorship base and WACA funding, membership fees comprise an essential and substantial portion of our yearly income. The club relies on prompt payment of fees to meet the balance of our expenses.

To be eligible for selection in Round 1, you must have completed the following by 29/09/2024:

- Pay \$200 Fees **and**
- Completed the Online Registration Form (new players only)

The remainder of your fees must be paid by Sunday the 3rd of November 2024.

Club Bank Account

Please pay Club Playing Fees into the Club's Bank Account:

Westpac, 109 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000

Account Name: University of WA Cricket Club

BSB: 036 000

Account Number: 18 4342

Please Remember:

- Please ensure you record your name on the payment for our records and the year 2024/25
- Please ensure your fees are transferred separately from other club payments (merchandise, canteen etc.)



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Club Playing Fees Refund Policy

For players that play in 10 or less 'days' of cricket during the season (for both University of WA Cricket Club and / or affiliated feeder PSCA or Suburban Turf teams), a refund of the balance of fees paid will be made on request.

The amount of the refund will be determined as follows:

- \$150 Baseline Fee to cover preseason and in-season training costs
- \$20 for each 1-Day Game and \$35 for each 2-Day Game Played
- Please note that intra-club games held at James Oval count as a day of cricket



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University of WA Cricket Club Apparel Information Sheet - Season 2024/25

Club Apparel Coordinators:

- Zander Melville - ucc.apparel@gmail.com
- Ethan Frankle - Assistant

Introduction

- The Club has one of the most comprehensive clothing lists in the WACA competition and thus we expect everyone to respect the club's clothing policy.
- Most of the information within this document can also be found on the club's website (<https://www.uwacricicket.com/apparel>). Sizing guide can be found on the website.
- Not all clothing is considered mandatory. The following items are the only mandatory items for new players, all other clothing items are optional:
 - Club Polo (to be worn on arrival to games)
 - One Day Playing Shirt
 - Two Day Playing Shirt
 - Cream Playing Pants
 - Playing Cap
 - Training Shorts
 - Training Shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve)
- We suggest that new players unsure of how many games they will play to initially buy a Playing Shirt and Training kit, and then purchase other clothing closer to the start of the season
- The Committee expects all players to respect the Club and wear the correct clothing when representing the Club. It is disrespectful to your teammates and the Club by wearing non-Club Clothing to training, game days or other required times.
- **All players will require new playing shirts this season as there are new sponsor logos on the shirt.**



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Playing Shirt Ordering

- **The Playing Shirts are a personalised shirt with your surname and unique number on it.**
- **The playing shirt order is to be completed online. The store closed on the 24th of August.**
- **Please note the order for shirts has already been sent to ISC. If you did not order a shirt, you will be required to loan a blank shirt from the club, and return it when no longer required. Be proactive about this as there is a limited supply of blanks.**

Club Apparel Range split into following Categories:

- On field
- Off field
- Other

Clothing Expectations – Training & Gameday:

- Training:
 - Expectations around clothing at training are more lenient, with any ucc training or playing shirt allowed.
 - Club training shorts (green training shorts are no longer permitted to be worn) are required to be worn to training
 - Note that Club Polo and Club Cream Playing Shirt is now not permitted to be worn at training
- Game day:
 - Expectation on game day is to arrive in Club Polo and Club Training shorts .
 - Note: Off-Field kit is also permitted to be worn on arrival
 - Change into training shirt for warm ups
 - 2-Day games: Play wearing Club 2-Day Playing Shirt, Club Cream Trousers and Club Playing Cap or White Broad Brim
 - One Day/T20 games: Play wearing Club Coloured 1-Day Playing Shirt, Club Coloured Trousers for 1st/2nd grade and T20, Club Cream Trousers for other grades, and Club Playing Cap or Broad Brim

Note:

- **The UCC Running Shorts are not permitted to be worn at training, only to be worn at fitness / running sessions**

Paying for Clothing:

- Committee's expectation for season 2024/25 is that all clothing is paid for prior to receiving that kit items
- Payment methods:



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- Pay directly to the Club bank account (preferred method) – ***please put your name and clothing as description in the bank transfer***

Payment into UCC Bank Account:

Westpac, 109 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000

BSB: 036 000

Account Number: 18 4342

- Pay square payment in person
- Bank transfer with evidence / receipt on hand

Purchasing Additional Clothing throughout the Season:

- If you require additional kit anytime throughout the season simply speak to Zander or Ethan.
- **Please note that the onus is on you when you require clothing. Zander and Ethan will NOT cater to clothing requests on a Friday before a game or on game days, make sure kit is sorted and paid for at Thursday training at latest**
- **It would be appreciated to advise Zander of any clothing requests at the start of the week to give him time to organise this before the Thursday training session**

Feedback:

- If you have any feedback regarding UCC apparel, don't hesitate to share it with Zander and Ethan.

Feel free to ask any committee members if you have further questions relating to clothing.

Please follow University of WA Cricket Club on Instagram (uwacriccket) and on Facebook (uwacriccketclub) for the latest information and updates