



Kensington Junior Pathway

The role of the Kensington District Cricket Club junior program is to identify, train and develop young cricketers to a level that will allow them to progress to play senior cricket for the club, the State and for Australia.

Success at junior level will not be measured on the number of junior premierships won. Instead success will be judged on how many players are able to progress through the clubs' junior teams, how many players are able to progress from junior cricket to senior cricket, how many players are chosen in state development squads and how many players are selected in state junior teams.

Restructure for 2012-13

The Club has decided to restructure its junior pathway and will not be entering teams in the NEJCA competition this season.

The NEJCA competition previously involved Grade Club teams from Tea Tree Gully, East Torrens, Prospect and Northern Districts. These clubs have slowly disappeared from the competition, preferring to run their own development squads. As a result, NEJCA can no longer provide our players with regular high-standard competition.

In the last two seasons, the two Kensington Under 13 teams have combined for 44 wins and 6 losses. Out of the 6 losses, two were against the other Kensington team and one was the result of a "bowl off" after a washout. The matches have become increasingly lopsided and our players are not being tested against the best cricketers in their age group on a week-to-week basis.

As a result the Club has investigated alternative options and will establish the 'Kensington Academy' from 2012-13 onwards.

Kensington Academy

This new program will merge Kensington's two Under 13 teams and Under 11 development squad into one structure.

The Kensington Academy will combine internal games with matches against Grade Club Development Squads, U/11 and U/13 Association teams, Country representative teams and also College 'Primary A' teams. There will also be an increased skill development focus at trainings rather than weekly net sessions.

The aim of the Kensington Academy is for our players to play regularly against the best cricketers in their age group and to better prepare our players to progress to our Under 14's.

Coaching

At all levels, the Club will ensure that Kensington Senior Players play a key role in the coaching and development of our junior players. This is important for the culture of our Club and to foster the relationship between juniors and seniors.

Community Cricket

Kensington's Under 16, Under 14 and Academy teams will not play matches at times that clash with community cricket. This will allow our cricketers to maintain their involvement with their community club if they would like to.

Junior Pathway Overview

Under 16

Description

Players will be treated as senior cricketers; training and playing on turf wickets with selection based on merit. There will be the opportunity for high performing Under 16 players to train and play with the senior teams to further their development.

Number of Players

One squad of 32-36 players depending on 1st XI and Senior Cricket requirements.

Age Group

Predominantly 14 and 15 year olds, however there will be the opportunity to promote high performing Under 14 players in the latter part of the season to further their development.

Training

Wednesday nights at Kensington from 5:00-6:30pm

Competitions

Kensington's Under 16 squad will compete in two competitions:

- SACA Grade Under 16
 - o Two teams (Red and White)
 - o Competition involves the 12 SACA Grade Clubs
 - o The 'Red' team will be chosen purely on merit
 - o The 'White' team will consist of players who are pushing for a spot in the 'Red' team with the other players being rotated
 - o Matches on Saturday afternoons (40 over 1-dayers from 1:00-6:00pm and 70 over 2-dayers from 1:30-6:00pm)
 - o Season runs from October until March
- BankSA Shield Under 16
 - o One team of 15 players
 - o Competition involves the 12 SACA Grade Clubs and two country representative teams
 - o Matches on weekdays (50 over 1-dayers, 9:00am-4:00pm)
 - o Matches played on A Grade grounds
 - o Two weeks of competition during the January school holidays

Under 14

Description

All players will be given an opportunity to play and there will be some rotation of batting/bowling orders. However, players in this age group will begin to be introduced to selection based on merit and also will begin to gravitate towards the areas of the game in which they show the most promise. There will be the opportunity for high performing Under 14 players to train and play with the Under 16 teams to further their development.

Number of Players

One squad of approximately 28 players.

Ages

Predominantly 12 and 13 year olds, however may include some 11 year olds who display a high level of talent.

Training

Tuesday nights from 4:00-5:30pm at Kensington

Competitions

Kensington's Under 14 squad will compete in three competitions:

- SACA Grade Under 14
 - o Two teams (Red and White)
 - o Competition involves the 12 SACA Grade Clubs
 - o The 'Red' team will be chosen purely on merit
 - o The 'White' team will consist of players who are pushing for a spot in the 'Red' team with the other players being rotated
 - o Matches on Saturday afternoons (40 over 1-dayers from 1:00-6:00pm and 60 over 2-dayers from 1:30-5:30pm)
 - o Season runs from October until March
- Under 14 Statewide Cup
 - o One team of 13 players
 - o Competition involves the 12 SACA Grade Clubs and two country representative teams
 - o Matches on weekdays (40 over 1-dayers, 9:00am-2:00pm or T20 Double Headers 9:00am-3:30pm)
 - o Matches played on A Grade grounds
 - o One week of competition during the January school holidays
- Ray Sutton Shield
 - o One team of 14 players
 - o Players must be attending primary school in 2012, regardless of age
 - o Competition involves the 12 SACA Grade Clubs
 - o Matches on Sunday afternoons (40 over 1-dayers, 12:30-5:30pm)
 - o Matches played on A Grade grounds
 - o Five Sundays of competition in October and November

Kensington Academy

Description

All players will be given an equal number of matches and an equal opportunity to bat and bowl. The season will run from September until March with various matches played throughout the program.

Number of Players

One squad of approximately 36 players.

Ages

Predominantly 10 and 11 year olds, however may include some 12 year olds who are not quite ready for Under 14's and some 9 year olds who display a high level of talent.

Training and matches

Predominantly Monday nights between 4:30-7:30pm

Competitions

The Kensington Academy will play in a number of matches:

- Internal matches
 - o The squad will be split into 4 teams
 - o Matches will be played on Monday nights from 4:30-7:30pm
 - o Season runs from October until March
- External matches
 - o The squad will play matches against Grade Club development squads, U/11 and U/13 Association teams, Country representative teams and college 'Primary A' teams
 - o Matches will be played predominantly on Monday evenings with some Sunday afternoon matches
- U/12 Statewide Cup
 - o One team of 13 players selected on merit
 - o Competition involves the 12 SACA Grade Clubs and two country representative teams
 - o Matches on weekdays (T20 Double Headers 9:00am-3:30pm)
 - o Matches played on A Grade grounds
 - o One week of competition during the December school holidays