

-SECA JUNIORS-

Competition INFO

Season 2023/24



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- **SECA Junior Operations Manager**

- ELP (Blast) Cricket Programs -
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SECA Nick Macmillan

CV -Mark Freeman

SECA -Ian Poulter

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SECA -Matt Balmer

SECA -Kim Pitt

SECA - Big Dogg Cricket

Nick Macmillan

***Rd 1 –W/C Friday 13th October**

***Juniors Meeting > Wednesday 4th October**

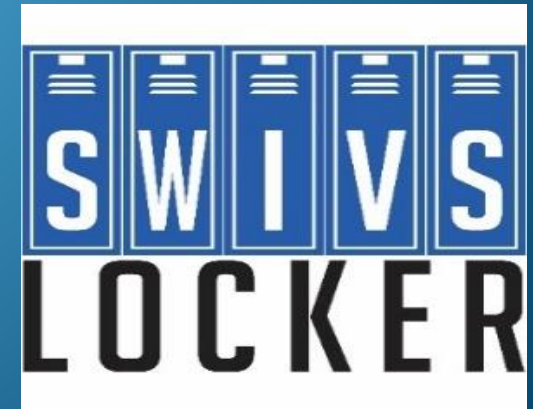
SECA Juniors -Partners



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SECA Juniors- Statement

Vision - To introduce and promote an experience for ALL underage boys and girls in the (SE) Bayside Region to develop a love and passion for cricket through participation, friendly & inclusive competition.

The SECA Juniors objective is to organize and administer the best Junior Competition possible. To achieve this objective we are creating an environment that provides clubs and volunteers with the necessary tools to develop cricket in the Bayside Region as a whole.

Participation	Communication	Talent	Leadership
Increase participation substantially and inspire the next generation of players and volunteers.	The most engaged players, parents, coaches and volunteer/ administrators.	Foster elite cricketing talent, while providing a clear pathway to play at the highest level.	Ensure the long term sustainability of cricket in the region through administration excellence.
Nick Macmillan Matt Balmer Phil Arnold	Nick Macmillan	Kim Pitt (Boys) Nick Macmillan (Ops) Matt Balmer (Girls)	SECA Administration Coaches & Volunteers.

Representative Cricket

-VMCU Carnival-

Representative Cricket

- 2022/23 was another very successful season for the SECA Representative program across all ages (boys & girls) of the VMCU carnival.
- The objective of our Representative program is to afford 'emerging talent' :
 - the opportunity to play at a higher level
 - get more specialized coaching/ advice/ skill development
 - playing in a side with more focused roles and responsibilities
 - helping develop cricketers for higher honours/ pathways

All underpinned by creating new friendships and having some 'cricketing' fun !
- We fielded 10 'Rep' teams across junior age groups in 22-23 VMCU Carnival.
- At the end of the H&A stage we had 8/10 teams qualify for Semi Finals (top 4). We also secured a number of premierships across boys & girls age groups, congratulations to those teams players, coaches & families.

Representative Cricket –P2

In Summary 2022/ 23

- Great performances by all teams, yes, it's great to win a few cups, but the experience gained and friendships made is so beneficial and continues to be a key focus for us in the SECA REP Program.
- A massive thank you to all the Team Managers and families/ parents for the commitment and support through the trials, practise games and VMCU carnival.
- To ALL Coaches thank you for all your efforts in selecting the teams, (never an easy task), the coaching, moulding and development of the teams through the process. It's undoubtedly your efforts which enable us to enjoy continued success year in and year out, over a long period.
- A special thank you to Kim Pitt for overseeing the representative program
- Phil Arnold steps aside- Congrats & Massive thank you for amazing years of service!

Games Formats + Rules Summary

Game Formats / Matches

Game Times- Fri 4:30 > Sat + Sun 8:30am

- **Wed 5pm-** Under 18 – 11 players (Full T-20 rules) *Scorebooks provided by SECA
- U/16s, and U/14s – 11 players per side *Scorebooks provided by SECA
- U/14C + ALL U12s **SPLIT INNINGS APPLIES** *Scorebooks provided by SECA <U12A-B

-U/12 A,B,C – SPLIT INNINGS + Participation-

- U/12A and U/12B – 11 per side *Scorebooks provided by SECA
- U/12C – 9 players (11 max) *Junior format Stage-2 *Scorebooks via M/C online store
- Rookies – 7 per side *Junior format Stage-1 *Scorebooks via M/C Online store

****Participation Rules- *U14C/ ALL U12s***

2 Day- MUST Bat for 2 overs min./ face 12 balls (unless out) MUST bowl 2 overs OR keep wicket 10 overs min.

1 DAY- ALL players MUST either bat 2 overs min (face6balls) OR bowl 2 overs. OR keep 10 overs min.

****Repeated or flagrant breaches of these rules, can result in game results being challenged.***

Under 12s

➤ ALL SECA U12s Played on shortened pitch – 17.7meters

**TIP> stumps in each end /both creases (17.8m), with a temporary crease made (removable tape or chalk)*

U12 A/B <40/20-20 Overs (SPLIT INNINGS) *Participation rules- ***Pref ages 10-11**

*12C – 9 players <40 /20-20 Overs (SPLIT INNINGS) < **8 wickets ALL OUT!** ***Pref ages 9-10**

12C Players are NOT to be final year U12s, unless a permit is granted

**Match Rules are as per CA stage 2 format- split innings > Continuation format*

- ROOKIES -

***Pref ages 8-10**

- *20 Overs - 7 players (9 max) per side under / stage 1 of junior formats (16m Pitch length)*
- **20/20 Weeks 1+2 Vs Same club for 2 week games* **Rookies NO ladder or finals*

**Stage format info/guidelines + docs available [Click here](#)*

Batting Restrictions

- Under 18 – retire @ 50 runs
- U/16s, U/14s- retire 2D @ 50 runs *1D @ 40
- U/12A, U/12B- retire 2D @ 30 runs *1D @ 20
- U/12C- retire 2D @ 35 balls *1D @ 20 Balls
- Rookies – retire @ 17 balls MAX

**Where retired/ returning batters are needed, they MUST return from lowest score first (not retired order)*

**12C + Rookies ONLY- Retired batters return as per stage doc/ in batting order.*

Bowling Restrictions

- **Under 18 – 4 overs (T-20)**
- **U/16s, U/14s- 2D @ 8 overs** *4 max per spell
- **U/12A-B 2D @ 6 overs** *4 max per spell
- **U/12C – 2D @ 6 overs** *4 Max per spell
- **Rookies – 3 Overs Max**

**For ALL junior games (excluding rookies)*

-Max 8 ball overs <Except last over of each innings where 6 legal deliveries must be bowled.

-Max 4 overs per spell, ALL bowlers (Adjusted rule)

**1 Day games T-20 < Max 4 overs*

Under 18 Competition

Under 18 Wednesday Night T-20 Competition –

- 'X' rounds (Est. 6-7) **Depending on teams*

**Planned Start is Wed 22nd November, GF planned for early Feb.*

- No play planned during exam period-
- Coloured shirts **Coloured pants/pads optional, we ask teams be 'the same' as much as possible*
- White balls **2pce Kooka' practice*
- *50% of fixtured games (3) to qualify for finals*
- FULL T-20 rules apply

**Powerplay (6 overs)/ 5 max outside ring/ legside wides / FREE hit for ALL No Balls/ Super Over*

Grading + Fixtures

We are generally at capacity for grounds for Friday Night

- **Friday + Saturday grounds at capacity.** A number of grounds not available again this year, so we may not be able to cater for all teams wanting Fridays
- Re-Grading is NOT always possible, due to limited ground availability
- Existing match points carried if re-grade occurs
- Turf grounds can be used on Fridays, but **MUST** have a nearby 'back up' (synthetic) ground available/ & this is confirmed by council.

Competitions in 2023/24

- Friday U16s and Under 14 teams ONLY.
- **Under 12 is NOW Saturday or Sunday Only Competition.**
- Strong Preference is for players to play in their own age group
- Rookies – Saturday or Sunday only

We encourage clubs to enter teams in Sunday cricket U12s + Rookies

Grading + Fixtures –P2

Guidelines for Grading > Fixturing

- Teams will initially be placed in the grade the clubs wishes.
 - Our **strong preference** is for 10 team grades
 - We **strongly recommend MAX of 12 players** per team *for standard competition games
 - We may have to deviate from this (10 team grade) in the lower grades if we have awkward number of teams nominated/ fixtured/ zoned.
 - ***NEW*** Clubs with 3+ teams in age group **MUST contain 1 x A grade side**.
 - *Written approval **must be received**/ confirmed if this is not 'as nominated' on team reg form*
 - *Greater leniency is given for this at U12s age group, due to age/skill variance*
 - A grades will be determined by SECA Juniors Committee, considering all factors
 - B + C Grades will generally be done on location/regional split
- *12C is ideally to be for players 'first year' of hard ball cricket > NOT final year of U12, unless permit granted.**
- All representative level players (or age permit) **MUST** play in the highest graded team of the club/age, unless approved (in writing) by SECA juniors.

Grading + Fixtures -Teams

Guidelines for grading- Team nomination

- **PLEASE ATTEMPT TO GRADE YOUR TEAM IN THE CORRECT GRADE AND PLACE PLAYERS IN THEIR APPROPRIATE (ability level) TEAM**
 - We have seen clubs put teams in low grades and then dominate those grades
 - Some teams will need to be 'shifted' into (higher or lower) grade to balance fixtures, not originally requested, this is unavoidable to balance grades/ fixturing needs.
**U12C- Is aimed to be for 'first year' players-NOT final year U12s*
- **Joint teams/ Surplus 'player pool' are encouraged to ensure teams have appropriate numbers and the players are in the correct grade + participate**
 - Seasons past, we had several clubs who had 13+ players in a team, so players rotating in/out of the game is not desired, some of these players would have hardly played.
 - Think of what is best for the players + their cricket ability + overall enjoyment
 - If you have +/- a few, please speak up early, so we can aim to align with others

We strongly recommend MAX of 12 (MIN +1) players per team !!!

Grading + Fixtures -Matches

Guidelines for selection- Multiple games

- **Players are to play only 1 (regular) junior game per week**
- Players may fill in 'as needed' in other teams (on same weekend) **maximum of 4 'other' games total, NOT on a permanent basis !** and in appropriate grade (e.g. REP level players discouraged)
- No more than 4 'fill in' games for standard matches– **NO EXCEPTIONS**
 - You can only play finals for 1 team – **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Finals permits- For team that has **LESS THAN 11 players ONLY** qualified, but needs to be confirmed by SECA Jnrs, by Wed prior to match.

Finals Qualification 23/24 season will be 5 games played for a single team

**Part game (e.g., 1 of the 2 days) counts as 'game played' for qualification*

Grading and Fixtures - My Cricket

- We use Play Cricket (system matrix) for fixturing
 - The draw is automated based on the algorithm in Play Cricket
 - There are issues with this- We understand this
 - Once the season starts, its extremely hard to 're-grade'
- PLEASE select grades carefully**, ask for any guidance or help early.

> WE CAN NOT FIX SOME OF THESE ISSUES <

-Finals-

- Finishing higher on the ladder does not guarantee home finals !!

**Other factors> ground conditions + basic amenities >access to change rooms, toilets, shelter, parking etc.*

- Participation rules for H&A Apply in finals **-NO Exceptions**
- Reserve Day (If possible) **-Grand Finals ONLY**
- You can ONLY play final/s for 1 TEAM **-NO Exceptions**

****If a team is eliminated (in a semi), you CAN NOT 'jump teams'***

Child Safety -INFO

-Each club MUST HAVE a Child Safety Officer (CSO) appointed.

**They are there to assist kids/ families & your club with any child safety matters.*

-Important points ALL Clubs need to be aware of-

- Parental Permission must be sought for photographs &/or their display of any juniors.
 - Parental Permission must be sought for ANY transport (of juniors), that are Non-parental/ guardian, both within junior or senior fixtures.
- Working With Children Certificate must be gained for all those who assist/engage in 3+ games with Juniors ([available online](#)) e.g. committee/ coaches/ TMs/Captains
 - Club CSO details must be registered with SECA (via club reg forms)

Various options available for clubs at M/C registration phase (for parents), via manual club entry

***** NO CSO Compliance = NO PLAY *****

These are ALL Non-Negotiables, WE ALL must ensure the safety of OUR junior members !

SECA (Exec) CSO/ MPO: Ian Poulter M-0438 835551 or @ ipoulter1962@gmail.com

SOCIAL MEDIA - POLICY

SECA recognises that social media is an important part of the way clubs/ coaches & members communicate.

Members are actively encouraged to participate in social media and share their experiences in cricket.

The Australian Cricket “Looking After our Kids” Code of Behaviour sets out the expectations or acceptable behaviour for Australian Cricket Personnel, Australian Cricket Players and Cricket Participants when interacting with Children or Young People, including with respect to use of electronic or online communications;

All email, text messages and other messages, including group/team messages sent to a Child or Young Person should include their parent or guardian as well as to a Nominated Supervisor or Person in Authority (or other contact nominated) of the Affiliated Association or Club.

Communication must:

- be restricted to issues directly associated with delivering our sport, such as advising a scheduled event is cancelled/ changed.
- personal or social content limited only to convey the message in a polite, and friendly manner.

In particular;

- not include anything that may be perceived as being sexual in nature.
- not be used to promote unauthorised ‘social’ activity or to arrange unauthorised contact.
- not include a request for a Child or Young Person to keep a communication a secret from their parents.
- not include a request to ‘add as a friend’, ‘follow’ or communicate with Children or Young People using Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Twitch, Snapchat, TikTok (or other social networking sites), Internet chat rooms or similar forums, game sites or instant messaging, other than MyCricket Messenger.

SECA social media policy has been sent to all clubs, to be signed off as read, understood & accepted.

Any person may report a complaint about a person/s or organisation bound by this policy, a complaint should be reported in writing to

SECA General manager by email at admin@secacricket.com.au

Other- General INFO

- No outright results in ANY SECA Junior Cricket ***Only 1st innings result = 6 points MAX**

- **Junior Game Times- Fri 4:30 start > Sat / Sun 8:30am start**

***Some leeway (10-15 min) is given on Fridays, if communicated between clubs >Prior to start !**

Please aim to have base 'match result' in M/C within 24hr of games ***Full scores entry by Mon 8pm**

- Games must continue (post-match result) unless BOTH teams agree. **Use this time to promote kids participation.*
- Any delivery that reaches the batsman on the full (at belt height or above/ at batting crease) shall be called "No-Ball", regardless of the speed the bowler, **even if goes on to hits the stumps.**
- U12+U14 Any ball that bounces over shoulder (batting stance), shall be called a No-Ball **U16 is above head*
**If the batsman hits it & dismissed, it is still to be called a No-Ball*
- Any delivery that bounces 'more than once' (or rolls) before batting crease, shall be called 'No-Ball'
- A team that has less than 11 players on the first day of games shall be permitted to include players in its team on the second day, providing that such players were registered with the team prior to the commencement.
- Where more than 50% of games in any particular grade are abandoned (poor weather or 'other'), all games in that grade will be deemed a 'draw' regardless of any results achieved.
- **A 2 day game can be re-scheduled to a 1 day game if BOTH AGREE & is confirmed by SECA juniors, by the Wednesday prior to the game start- This MUST BE in writing & approved by BOTH Clubs.**

** Team/ Individual scores recorded up to the abandonment remain valid & to be entered as normal.*

Playing Dates – Season

Round	Friday > W/C	Notes
JUNIORS MEETING	7PM – Wednesday 4th OCT	COMPULSORY ALL CLUBS
Round 1	13/14/15 October	< 1 Day
2	20 + 27 Oct	
3	3 + 10 Nov	
4	17 + 24 Nov	
5	1 + 8 Dec	
6	15/16/17 December	< 1 Day
	CHRISTMAS BREAK	
7	12 + 19 Jan	ALL A+B Grades Return <i>*C grades return <1 day Jan 20</i>
8	26 Jan + 2 Feb	
9	9 + 16 Feb	< Final H&A Match
FINALS		
Semi-Final	23 Feb + 1 March	< Non-Finals Teams Carnival
Grand Final	8 + 15 March	March 22 Reserve Day

Transfers / Permits

- Guidelines for Transfers

- If a player has played for another SECA club (in SECA juniors) in the last 2 seasons, a transfer is required via Play HQ & needs to be approved/ actioned by ALL parties, hopefully in a timely fashion (within 7 days)

Note- We strongly discourage 'movement of players' (between clubs) for non-essential reasons.

- Guidelines for Permits

- For multiple association players or Senior/ Junior split, a permit is required
- For a joint team- Permit required / permit player to 'host' club
- Age Permit slide #25

****One club will need to manage data entry for a joint team, this cannot be shared.***

RULES

- **Under 16s and 14s**
 - LBW- There is no warning in these age groups.
- **Under 12s**
 - LBW- There is a warning in this age. Player to receive a warning by informing the batsman and other umpire a warning given. If a 2nd “out” decision is given, it is out.
 - ROOKIES- NO LBWs
- When giving LBWs please be aware **ANY Doubt = NOT OUT !!**
- To be given out, all of the following must apply :
 1. The ball must be pitched outside off stump or in line of the stumps
 2. The batsman is hit in line with the stumps
 3. The ball is going to hit the stumps 100% of the time

MCC Laws (New) Adopted

- Batters DO NOT cross at the fall of a ‘caught’ wicket
 - *NEW batter must face the next ball, unless the wicket occurred on last ball of an over.*
- RUN OUT non striker- U12 (only) Warning MUST BE GIVEN before batter can be OUT.

Permit (Age) -INFO

-Guidelines for permits- Application Process

The possibility exists for 'overage' players to be granted an 'Age Permit' to play below their actual age.

*Any Special Permit approved, lasts for one season only.

In every Special permit application, the Junior sub-committee review various factors in the application.

*When applying please list all information from last season- Games/ Runs/ Wickets & which # criteria applies

E.g. Ricky Ponting (DOB –July 2008) G-7 R-29 W-3 >Criteria 2+4, request to play in 'X' team this season

Special Permit applications are determined on a “needs basis” using criteria below, with the application preferably fitting several (but not necessarily all) of the following criteria:

Criteria Options/ Guidelines

- 1- Club lacks a team in a higher-age group (or grade), so the player would be lost to the club
- 2- Rejecting the permit would deprive the player of a game as they are not playing senior cricket or elsewhere
- 3- The club has “awkward numbers” and rejecting the permit would prevent the club fielding a team
- 4- The player is only slightly over-age (within a 3mth period)
- 5-The player has poor skill levels / never played cricket before / physical or emotionally immaturity / documented physical or intellectual disabilities that render them vulnerable if forced to move up
- 6- The player is clearly not of “high-capability” as evidenced from previous season’s statistics >PIs provide these

Players granted a permit are expected to play in the highest graded team, unless approved prior

*****This needs to be emailed to SECA Juniors & confirmed/ approved prior to any matches*****

SECA Match Balls

SECA Juniors:

- U18 - Kooka (Practice) 156g White 2 piece
 - U16 - Phil Arnold Silver 156g Red 2-piece
 - U12 + ***U/14 (NEW)**- Phil Arnold Silver 142g Red 2-piece
- *NEW 23/24*** ALL 14 + 16 (Friday) Phil Arnold Pink- First 3 games ONLY
- Rookies - *Kooka 'Star Ball' Rubber

**Or approved equivalent, as stocks for this item can be limited*

SECA branded balls must be used in ALL SECA Matches !

These are **ONLY available from Knights Sports (Moorabbin)*

P: 1800 807 465 or @ sales@knightsport.com.au

[Website: knightsport.com.au](http://Website:knightsport.com.au)

Disputes – Match / Misconduct

To avoid any potential disputes:

All coaches/TMs to speak to each other before the game- to ensure the game runs smoothly.

Play by the rules and in the spirit of cricket & junior sport

- There are approximately 150 games played each weekend, we can't monitor every game, if there may have been a team which may not have played within the rules.
***It is up to the coaches/TMs of each side to sort out any issues on the day.**
- If this can't be achieved, a written report (only) must be lodged by 8pm on the Monday following any issue or incident > to SECA Juniors
- Any issues with coach/player/parent or spectator behaviour > contact SECA juniors detailing concerns.
- ANY SECA decisions on protests or (potential) adjustment to match points will be final and no further correspondence will be entered into

ALL Concerns MUST be in writing <Email ONLY !

Weather INFO

Our main priority is for the kids to play cricket when possible !

**However, various factors can threaten play.*

- If SECA cancel play (the full round of juniors), the SECA Website + Facebook will be updated. An email will also be sent to all junior co-ordinators ASAP

****We aim to notify by 1pm Fri or 8am Sat/ Sun (latest), for a FULL cancellation of day.***

- If nothing is placed on website, social media or email (by 1pm Fri / 8am Sat), play is not called off and play can go ahead, report to games/ grounds.
- We do not force ANY child to play cricket on hot days, if a parent or child is uncomfortable to do so, it is best to advise your club or teams manager.
- On hot days, extra drink breaks are encouraged to be taken e.g. every 10 overs / instead of 20 overs.

Key Dates

30th September	ALL Junior teams/grades final = <u>NO More Changes</u>
Wednesday 4th October 7pm –Hurlingham	JNRS Meeting – <u>ALL CLUBS > COMPULSORY !</u>
W/C Friday 13 October	Round 1 > Standard Competition Matches
15/16/17 December	Last game before Christmas
12/13/14 January	Resume playing (A+B Grades ONLY <C Jan 20)
W/C 23 Feb + 1 March	Finals commence (Semi Finals)
W/C 8 + 15 March	Grand finals / <i>*Reserve Day (GF Only) March 22</i>

Other - Contact

SECA Junior Operations Mgr. Nick Macmillan 0419 140476

SECA Jnrs email : seca_junior@outlook.com.au

**Email is the preferred method of contact, that way any matters can be documented & easily referenced > Across our 300+ junior teams*

ALL Communications MUST go via your clubs Junior Co-Ordinator ONLY !

Never Coaches/ TM's or Parents Please

- An issue previously with a parent who was abusive/excessive/ via social media platform. This is not acceptable **for ANY reason !**
- SECA asks that ANY matters be dealt with by email, so it can be documented.
- Latest updates will be sent to Co-Ords & via SECA website & Facebook page.

Any issues or queries please contact SECA Juniors to discuss, we are here to help !!

Questions ??



**& Good Luck to ALL TEAMS
For the Season ahead !**