

HTCECA Youth Cricket: Operating guidelines

Registration Process:

1. Registration for the youth is done twice a year. One for the summer session & one for the winter session.
2. Summer and winter sessions also include possible KNCB competitions.
3. The fee for the registration is decided every year based on the number of kids, coaches and facility charges applicable.

Role of a player:

1. A boy or a girl within the age categories U-9, U-11, U-13, U-15 & U-17. who is registered as a player with the club shall have equal access to the facilities and coaches.
2. Shall attend the practice sessions scheduled by the club.
3. Shall be available for the entirety of the competition season.
4. Shall wear the club jersey while playing in an event representing the club.
5. Shall be responsible for their belongings.
6. Based on the maturity and readiness of the youth player, they shall be assigned additional responsibilities like captain/vc by the club.
7. Until the age of 15 unless specified by the player/parent a youth shall be trained in all aspects of the game (batting, bowling, fielding, keeping etc)

Role of a parent:

The parent(s) of a youth player shall follow the guidelines below.

- Is responsible for punctuality of the player.
- Is responsible for decorum of the sessions (Discipline during the practice sessions & competitive matches)
- Is responsible for belongings of the player. (Club is not responsible for lost assets of an individual)
- Shall contribute to the hospitality, car-pooling and team management in coordination with designated parent coordinator
- During the practice session or a match the parent is only responsible for getting the player ready for the game & encouraging the player.

(Providing the game instructions to the player from outside the boundary lines is strictly prohibited)

- Parents shall not under any circumstances question the authority of the coach or youth coordinator during practice sessions or competitive games.
- Parent shall provide his feedback about a game or practice session to the youth-coordinator by email communication.
- There is no restriction on giving the feedback however there needs to be a time and place for such a discussion.

- Parents are responsible for monitoring the kids' schedules at home during the week and sharing the status or challenges regularly with coaches through standard channels.

Role of assistant coach:

- Organize and lead training sessions (one coach is assigned per age group)
- - Develop session plans focusing on key areas: fielding, fitness, match scenarios, tactics, and team dynamics, (tailored to specific needs of each group).
- - Track attendance and monitor progress of individual players within the group.
- - Select squads and assign batting, bowling, fielding positions(, and captains) per league game.
- - Design and discuss targeted drills for students requiring improvement in specific skill areas.
- - Provide regular feedback to parents on their child's performance, along with cricket-related activities they can practice at home to enhance on-field performance.
- - Compile player progress reports at the conclusion of the outdoor season.
- - Offer feedback to board members and the youth coordinator regarding facilities, training equipment, player behavior, and performance.
- - Manage inventory of training equipment (balls, cones, stumps etc.) available in the club's storeroom.
- - Provide match balls and general instructions to parent coordinators before each game, ensuring players are briefed in the event of the coach's absence.

Role of lead coach: -

All responsibilities as mentioned for assistant coach will be performed

- Responsible for overall youth development roadmap
- Guide parents regarding player registrations, contact-persons in the club & their roles and responsibilities, player progress, AOB related to youth
- Assort players to a playing group suitable to them - Oversee player transition from youth to senior ranks
- Assign youth players to senior T20 competition and track performance
- Provide dedicated attention to selected players for preparation during KNCB selection trials/season
- Assess and assign assistant coaches per age-group
- Plan and track off-season player progress
- Collaborate with specialized (visiting) coaches and conduct workshops/sessions for players

Role of a parent coordinator of the team:

1. The parent coordinator is the manager of a youth team & not the coach.
2. The parent coordinator is responsible for logistics, hospitality and communication relevant for the matches of the team.
3. Shall plan the car-pooling for away games and hospitality for the home games.
4. Is responsible for cleanliness of the club premises both home and away. Shall report in case of missing collaboration from other parents in the team.

Role of the youth coordinator:

1. The youth coordinator represents the club towards the parents of youth players, the position of the youth coordinator shall be respected by parents and coaches.
2. The youth coordinator operated within the boundaries established by the club w.r.t to decision making relevant to youth activities
3. The youth coordinator is responsible for the overall progress of the youth cricket & vision of the club towards youth.
4. The youth coordinator shall collect regular feedbacks from players, parents and coaches & report them to the club and also discuss corrective measures with the club.
5. The youth coordinator holds coaches accountable for league activities like team selection, training & results.
6. The decision of the youth coordinator is final in league matters.