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COUNTY CRICKET

Pathway

- **Fixtures:** 262 matches planned (Increase of 30 from last year)
- **Player availability** collated for all matches – please contact your team manager if you have not received this request.
- **Pathway Teams:** Listed [here](#).
- **Summer Subscription Fees:** To be emailed out mid-April.
- **Boys South State School Hub:** 9 sessions for U13 County, U14 Dev & County, U15.
- **Boys North State School Hub:** 9 sessions for U13 North & County, U14 Dev & County, U15, selected MCCF U15.
- **Girls U11-U13 County Summer Training:** New for 2024, 10 additional sessions.



Emerging Player Programme / Mid-week Player Programme

- 11 boys and girls accessed **ECB DiSE programme** (Diploma in Sport Excellence)
- 17 girls accessed **Southern Vipers EPP taster days**.
- 2 boys invited to phase one of the Regional u15 (**Bunbury**) assessment.
- **Girls EPP/MTP Summer Sessions:** 10 sessions.
- **Boys EPP Summer Sessions:** At Northants CCC.



Men's

- With the season fast approaching the Men's 1st team have completed their winter preparations, we welcome Billy Mead and Cameron Hemp to the County, which will add depth to our batting group. Tom Hampton starts his 7th season as captain with a fresh, balanced and hungry squad.



Women's

- Cara Duggan leads the team into the 2024 season with a young and improving squad, Amelia Ridgway has made the short move from Northamptonshire to join our talented young home grown batters. Recent "Hundred" drafter Ella Claridge adds experience to a fully driven group.



Full list of **fixtures** can be viewed [here](#).

Follow **results** across the season [here](#).

View Bucks CCC 'Coloured Trousers' Newsletter [here](#). This includes senior team updates.



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CLUBS

- **Affiliation Fees:** All clubs should have paid their Affiliation fee for this season, if you need the invoice re-sending, please contact admin@bucks cricket.co.uk
- **Ground Hire:** Can you help? We still require venues for a small number of fixtures, listed [here](#).

Upcoming Courses / Meeting

- **Club Safeguarding Officers:** Safe Hands Management System webinar on 17th April to assist clubs with the administration of the system. Book [here](#).
- **Grounds Management:** 4 Courses on varying topics available [here](#).
- **Growing Junior Club Cricket in North Bucks:** A workshop to support Clubs in building, growing, and sustaining junior cricket sections. Please contact harry.gadsby@bucks cricket.co.uk for more information.

Facilities

- **County Grant Fund:** Applications are currently being reviewed and we will be issuing money shortly.
- **County Pitch Advisors:** We have 2 new advisors to conduct pitch assessments in Bucks. More info [here](#).

Junior Competitions

- **52 Clubs** have entered teams into the competitions with a total of **421 teams**.
- We have published a '**Bucks Cricket Junior Competitions Code of Conduct**' and mandated that all Junior Coordinators and Chairpersons from Clubs with teams participating in the Bucks Cricket Competitions sign up to it. The Code of Conduct is displayed on the Competitions website [here](#).
- **AJ Sports** are the Bucks Cricket junior competitions ball supplier for 2024. Clubs can order branded balls and other equipment from AJ Sports. Use of AJ Sports balls is not compulsory this season.
- All clubs must have completed the required information on the **Safe Hands Management System**.
- *For any junior competition queries please contact harry.gadsby@bucks cricket.co.uk*

National Programmes

- **Registration:** All Stars & Dynamos player registration is now open.
- 43 Clubs have so far registered to run programmes in Bucks.
- **Activator Training sessions:** 2 further sessions to be delivered in May/early June – an opportunity for Clubs to train new activators during their programmes.
- If your Club requires **support** in setting up your National Programmes (e.g. verifying first aid/insurance/safeguarding documents or guidance on recruiting activators / marketing your programmes.) please contact harry.gadsby@bucks cricket.co.uk



Women's & Girls'

- **EDI funding:** 24 clubs have received funding to deliver Women's or Girls' festivals or events.
- 2 women's softball leagues with 11 participating clubs have been created in the south and west. A number of clubs are starting women's softball sessions for the first time. 2 clubs have entered new hardball women's teams in the HCWCL.
- **ECB U11 & U13 Girls Softball (windball) Tournaments:** U11 on Sunday 7th July at Bletchley Town CC, U13 on Sunday 21st July at High Wycombe CC. Enter your club [here](#).
- **Girls Softball Cricket Festival (years 5-8):** Friday 7th June, 5.30-8.30pm at Ascott Estate, Wing. Register your interest (as a group or individual) [here](#).
- *For more information on Women's & Girls' cricket please contact: claire.munday@bucks cricket.co.uk*



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COMMUNITY

Schools

- The eight ECB U13 & U15 secondary girls indoor events attracted 40 teams from 21 schools this year, culminating in a competitive set of games at the County Finals at Stoke Mandeville in March.
- There are 9 dynamos festivals and 13 skills festivals planned.
- We offer free coaching sessions and teacher CPD to Primary, Secondary & SEND Schools. View our different offerings [here](#).
- **North Bucks Secondary Softball Events:** At Bletchley Town CC & Thornborough CC, enter [here](#).
- **Chance to Compete Secondary Girls Events:** At Ascott House & Stewkley Vicarge CC, enter [here](#).
- *For more info, contact: claire.munday@bucks cricket.co.uk*



Street Cricket

- 9 free weekly street sessions across the county (Milton Keynes, Aylesbury, Chesham, High Wycombe) including our new Girls only session in High Wycombe. More details [here](#).
- Following the success of the transition to Hardball cricket on Monday evenings at Bletchley hub, we are arranging hardball transition sessions in Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Chesham.
- Chance to Shine Internal competition to be held in August at Kingsbrook School, Aylesbury:
 - U11s Mixed: Tuesday 6th August, 10am-2pm
 - U15s Mixed: Wednesday 7th August, 10am-1pm
 - Women & Girls: Thursday 8th August, 5-8pm
- *For more info, contact: samina.mehrab@bucks cricket.co.uk*
- CTS Regional Competition will be taking place towards end of May in Berkshire, Bucks will be taking 4 teams to participate in the competition.



Disability Cricket

SUPER 9's

- Bucks Cricket has it's first ever Super 9's Disability team this year.
- They have 8 fixture, view details of home fixtures [here](#).

SUPER 1's

- **4 free weekly Super 1's hubs** for young people with a disability aged 12-25 (Milton Keynes, Aylesbury, Chesham, High Wycombe). More info [here](#).
- Congratulations to Abdul from the Bletchley hub who has won an award from Lords Taverners. He will be invited to attend their annual celebrations evening.
- Bucks disability festival: 25th August, 10am-3pm at Kingsbrook School, Aylesbury
- *For more info, contact: samina.mehrab@bucks cricket.co.uk*



MCC Foundation Hubs

- 10 weeks of free winter training at 8 MCC Foundation hubs in MK and South Bucks.
- Currently organising a small number fixtures for these groups for the summer.
- Player availability collated for all matches & asked players to register on Play Cricket and associate their account with Bucks Cricket.
- *For more information please contact: george.morris@bucks cricket.co.uk*





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BECOME A PATRON

Bucks Cricket is now a Charity – **Bucks Cricket CIO** – making Cricket more accessible and enabling talent from all backgrounds to realise its potential.



To become a Bucks Cricket Patron - set up a standing order or one-off payment of £100 or more to Bucks Cricket CIO:

Sort code: 30-99-50, Account Number: 67272968, Reference: Patron

Boost your donation by 25% with **Gift Aid** by submitting this online [FORM](#).

Your donation will go into:

- Coaching programmes for State Schools, Disability, Diverse Communities
- Funding hardship bursaries and reducing costs for County Pathway U11-U18 Girls and Boys and Bucks Disability teams.

If you have any questions about becoming a Patron, or how Bucks Cricket CIO can be supported to do more to make cricket a game for everyone in Buckinghamshire, please contact our CEO, Richard Hudson via richard.hudson@bucks cricket.co.uk

100 CLUB

Register for the Bucks 100 Club now! Each entry is £5 per month and you can pay for multiple entries (each at £5 per month).

Every month there is a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place draw with prizes of £80, £50 and £20. Twice a year there is a major draw of £250, £150, £100 and £50.

More details on how to register are on our website [here](#).



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KEY FIXTURES & EVENTS CALENDAR

We will keep our website update with key events and fixtures:

<https://buckscricket.co.uk/pages/calendar>

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Friday	12/04/2024	10am-3pm	Girls U9-U15 Tournament. Free & open to all. Contact claire.munday@buckscricket.co.uk for more info.	The Radcliffe School Sports Hall
Sunday	14/04/2024	11:00	Bucks Men NCCA T20 XI vs Oxfordshire. Nurton/York Trophy	High Wycombe CC
Sunday	21/04/2024	11:00	Bucks Men 1st XI vs Herefordshire. T20 x2.	Aston Rowant CC
Sunday	28/04/2024	11:00	Bucks Men NCCA T20 XI vs Bedfordshire. T20 x2.	High Wycombe CC
Sunday	05/05/2024	13:00	Bucks Super 9s Disability Team vs Berkshire. T20.	Gerrards Cross CC
Monday	06/05/2024	11:00	Bucks Men NCCA T20 XI vs Hertfordshire. T20 x2.	Beaconsfield CC
Monday	06/05/2024		Bucks Womens 1st XI vs Hertfordshire. 50 Overs.	Dinton CC
Sunday	19/05/2024	10:30	Boys U11-13 Regional T20 Day & Girls U11 & U13 vs Hertfordshire.	Berkhamsted School
Sunday	26/05/2024	13:00	Bucks Super 9s Disability Team vs Oxfordshire. T20.	Cublington CC
Sunday	09/06/2024	13:00	Bucks Super 9s Disability Team vs Northamptonshire. T20.	Great Brickhill CC
Sunday	09/06/2024	11:00	Bucks Men NCCA Trophy XI vs Devon. 50 Overs.	High Wycombe CC
Sunday	16/06/2024	13:00	Bucks Super 9s Disability Team vs Cricket East. T20.	TBC
Sunday	16/06/2024	10:30	Bucks Womens 1st XI vs Hertfordshire & Suffolk. 20 Overs.	High Wycombe CC
Sunday	16/06/2024	10:30	Boys U11-13 Regional T20 Day, Girls U11 Internal & Girls U12 & U13 vs Cricket East.	Berkhamsted School
Sunday	23/06/2024	9am - 3pm.	A Game For All Day. More information to follow.	Kingsbrook School Outdoors - Aylesbury
Sunday	23/06/2024	11:00	Bucks Men NCCA Trophy XI vs Berkshire. 50 Overs.	Chesham CC
Sunday	30/06/2024	11:00	Bucks Womens 1st XI vs Suffolk. 50 Overs.	Holmer Green CC
Sunday - Tuesday	14/07/24 - 16/07/24	11:00	Bucks Men NCCA Championship XI vs Suffolk. 3 day game.	Tring Park CC
Monday	22/07/2024		Bucks Men 1st XI vs Leicestershire. 50 over Showcase game.	Grace Road, Leicester
Tuesday	30/07/24 - 01/08/24	11:00	Bucks Boys U18 vs Oxfordshire. ECB County Championship 3 Day Game.	Winchmore Hill CC (Penn)
Tuesday	06/08/2024	10am - 2pm	U11s Boys & Girls Free Summer Street Cricket Competition. Contact samina.mehrab@buckscricket.co.uk for more info.	Kingsbrook School Sports Hall - Aylesbury
Wednesday	07/08/2024	10am - 1pm	U15s Boys & Girls Free Summer Street Cricket Competition. Contact samina.mehrab@buckscricket.co.uk for more info.	Kingsbrook School Sports Hall - Aylesbury
Thursday	08/08/2024	5 - 8pm	Women's & Girls' Free Summer Street Cricket Competition. Contact samina.mehrab@buckscricket.co.uk for more info.	Kingsbrook School Netball Courts - Aylesbury
Sunday - Tuesday	18/08/24 - 20/08/24	11:00	Bucks Men NCCA Championship XI vs Staffordshire. 3 day game.	High Wycombe CC
Tuesday	20/08/24 - 22/08/24	11:00	Bucks Boys U18 vs Norfolk. ECB County Championship 3 Day Game.	Marlow CC
Wednesday	21/08/2024	11:00	Bucks Womens 1st XI vs MCC Women. 40 Overs.	Chesham CC
Sunday	08/09/2024		MK Showcase day. Bucks Men 1st XI vs TBC & Bucks Womens 1st XI vs Southern Vipers Academy.	Campbell Park Cricket Ground

Green = Men's & Women's Fixtures

Blue = Pathway Fixtures

Orange = Disability Fixtures

Yellow = Community Events



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SUPPORTERS CLOTHING RANGE

Bucks Cricket and G&P have launched a Casual Clothing range available to supporters/family and for players/officials to wear away from Bucks matches or on festival tours. This is with a new modern Bucks Cricket logo that differentiates from the official one worn by players and officials.

View the full supporters clothing range [here](#).



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