

Welcome to Carlton Cricket Club!



We'd like to extend a warm welcome to you to Carlton Cricket Club in 2025. This note is a brief introduction to the club; there is lots more information on the [club website](#).

Our ground is at [Grange Loan, Edinburgh EH9 2EE](#). All training sessions take place there, and some home games. We have just one pitch, and 8 senior teams (not to mention about 15 junior ones), so many "Home" games have to be played elsewhere.

Our season runs from early April to the end of August. We also have indoor winter training sessions from January to March.

Training

Summer senior training sessions are led by our head coach, Dewald Nel.

Senior training	Tuesday 6:30 - 8:30pm
Senior training	Thursday 6:30 - 8:30pm
Women's training	Friday 6:00 - 8:00pm

All players are encouraged to attend training as often as possible. Players aspiring to play in the 1st or 2nd XI are expected to attend training twice a week, and should notify the head coach if they aren't able to attend a session.

Matches

Carlton enters 5 teams in the ESCA leagues. In 2025, our teams are in these divisions:

- 1st XI: Eastern Premier League
- 2nd XI: ESCA Championship
- 3rd XI: ESCA Division 2
- 4th XI: ESCA Division 5
- 5th XI: ESCA Division 7

We enter two Women's league teams:

- 1st XI: Women's Premier League
- 2nd XI: Women's Challenger League.

The 1st XI and both Women's teams also enter various cup competitions.

League matches are on Saturday or Sunday; cup matches are on a Sunday (one-day), or Tuesday or Thursday (T20).

There are also friendly midweek T20 matches throughout the season.

Social

We have a bar in the clubhouse which is open every Saturday during the cricket season from the middle of the afternoon. The bar is also sometimes open on Friday nights, Sunday afternoons and during midweek matches. There's a range of soft drinks, wines, beers - including [Jump Ship](#) alcohol-free beer - spirits and snacks on sale.

The club also hosts special social events - Pizza evenings run by [Pizza Geeks](#), Quiz Nights, Curry Nights and our famous BBQs. Not only are the social events a great way to meet other club members but they raise valuable funds for the club.

The pavilion and bar are available for private hire - for all types of celebrations such as birthdays, christenings, family dinners. We can offer full catering service too. The ground and pavilion can also be hired for work functions such as cricket matches or drinks receptions.

Contact Kerry Simpson at kerry_david_simpson@hotmail.com if you are interested in holding an event in the pavilion.

Keeping abreast of events

We use Pitchero for most of our club communications and fixture management. You should have signed up to the club already through Pitchero, we strongly recommend that you use the smartphone App, and allow it to post notifications to your phone, and to forward them to your email.

Availability and selection for matches

The selection process is covered in detail in [Senior and Women's Team Selection Policy](#). Here is a brief summary of your part in the process.

In Pitchero, you can see a full schedule of any teams that you are signed up to play for. We ask that you post your availability as follows.

- Keep an initial indication of your availability up-to-date for the next 3 weeks. We won't hold you to this, but it helps us to identify potential problem weekends, for example when many people are on holiday at the same time.
- Update your availability for the following weekend by the Sunday evening before.
- Keep an eye on selection notifications - when you see you have been selected for a team, respond - hopefully positively - immediately.

Communications

You can stay informed through:

1. **Pitchero** – Match details, training updates, and event announcements. Enable notifications so you don't miss anything!
2. **Instagram (@Carltoncc1863)** – News and updates.
3. **WhatsApp Groups**
 - Team admins may create WhatsApp groups for team discussions (not for availability or selection, which is managed via Pitchero).
 - The "Arrows Chat" group is available for general Carlton discussions (family-friendly, children must have a parent in the group too). Contact your team admin if you want to be added to this group.
4. **Website ([CarltonCC](#))** – Regular news updates.

Who should I ask ...

In the first instance, ask your team captain. You can contact them through Pitchero's "Messages" feature, although you will probably quickly discover their phone numbers.

Team	2023 Captain
1st XI	Dan Da Costa
Womens 1st XI	Sam Haggio
2nd XI	Charles Stronach
Women's 2nd XI	Sarah Beith
3rd XI	Brad McKay
4th XI	Al Murray
5th XI	Keith Murray

Other useful contacts are:

President	Bob Irvine
Director of Cricket	Stevie Gilmour
Head Coach & Chairman of selectors	Dewald Nel
Pitchero admin	Martin Firth

Your responsibilities

Club Culture

Our key values are inclusivity, respect and development. When you join Carlton, you accept these values, which are expanded on in our [Culture Statement](#) (also linked from the footer of every page of the [club website](#)).

All of our lead coaches for training sessions are paid professionals, but all the administration of the club and of match squads is done by volunteers. Please consider in what ways you can help - there is always more we could do:

- Helping to organise social events.
- Preparing the ground ahead of the new season, and clearing everything away at the end of the season.
- Helping with groundwork during the season.
- Joining one of the committees that run the clubs' administration - see <https://carltoncc.co.uk/club/governance/>

Code of conduct for players and match officials

We are proud of our record of fair play. When you join Carlton, you accept the [Cricket Scotland Code of Conduct](#).

Code of conduct for working with children

Carlton has a thriving junior section, which provides our senior teams with a steady stream of talented young players. Every senior team will include players under 18, you will therefore be playing alongside children. When you join Carlton, you accept the [Code of conduct for working with children](#).

If you have any questions on these codes of conduct, please talk to your team captain.

Other information

Membership Subs

Membership subs for 2025 are listed in <https://carltoncc.co.uk/club/membership>, the following is a summary.

- Senior players: £275
- Student players (in full-time education or training): £170
- Women: £145
- Social playing members: £170

Students who are at university outside Edinburgh can ask for pro-rated subs to cover the period of the summer during which they are in Edinburgh.

Very occasional players - non-playing members and parents of juniors who play no more than 4 matches (of any sort) in a season and do not attend training - can opt to pay a match fee of £25 (league games) or £15 (T20s) in lieu of playing subs.

Subs can be paid in one lump sum, or monthly over a period (usually 3 months).

Clothing and kit

Everyone should be wearing official team clothing for match days, and we would love everyone to be wearing the club badge at training.

There are two strips.

Kit	Description	Used by
Playing blues	Sky blue shirts with dark blue trousers	Worn for all league matches
Training blues	Dark blue shirts with dark blue trousers	Worn for training. Also worn for most friendly games.

Kit can be ordered from Gray Nicolls Carlton store:

<https://www.gray-nicolls.co.uk/collections/carlton>.

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We hope you enjoy playing cricket at Carlton as much as we and our families do, and we look forward to seeing you at Grange Loan this summer.

Bob Irvine, Stevie Gilmour & the Management Committee