



Welcome Pack

Providing key information to help you understand our cricketing aims and how we ensure your children can play within a safe, fun and welcoming environment

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Welcome from the Junior Convenor

Dear Parent or Carer,

The Glenrothes Gladiators is officially the junior Section of Glenrothes Cricket Club. The club itself was founded in 1957 and is the oldest sports club in the town.

Our aim at the Glenrothes Gladiators is to unlock a passion and love for cricket through supporting healthy lives, building a culture of fun, enjoyment and respect and empowering young people to be the best they can be. This is achieved through providing high quality and fun cricket training and games which in turn is complimented by a programme of multi-sports which build core skills such as hand-eye coordination and developing agility, speed and confidence.

Gladiators Sessions

The sessions are open to boys and girls aged 6 and up, and all equipment is supplied by the club so all you need is to show up with a willingness to participate and have fun (though wear appropriate clothing and footwear for general sports activities).

Previously we have operated as part of a multi-sport offering, where sessions would have a mixed and rotating focus week by week and primarily focused on enjoyment and fun. Sports and activities such as football, rugby, golf, tennis, running, cycling and of course cricket all featured. We are in discussions with our partner organisation the Glenrothes Community Sports & Health Hub as to whether this is something that can be resumed.

Cricket training sessions will take place every Friday evening throughout the summer months at the Glenrothes Community Sports and HealthHub (KY7 6RB) in Glenrothes. If it's raining then we'll head indoors at the Hub for other activities such as board games, indoor sports and cricket education. We also undertake indoor sessions over the winter. Full information on timings, and venues for indoor activities, is regularly published across our social media channels.

Gladiators Coaching

Our coaches commit many hours of direct coaching, personal development and administrative duties in delivering cricket and multi-sports activities as part of the Gladiators programme and in widening awareness and increasing participation across the wider cricket community. We are hugely appreciative of the entirely voluntary support they provide.

Gladiators coaching is primarily based around enjoyment and largely focuses on sports and games which require hand-eye co-ordination. This involves some emphasis on developing general fitness, though we do not want to bore children so will do these in subtle ways and would ask you to do what you can to encourage fitness levels at home.

Outdoor sessions make use of the grass areas as well as the all-weather cricket nets. We will ensure that all young cricketers take part in activities that are appropriate for their ages, skillset and confidence levels.

Gladiators Games and Competitions

We take part in various junior cricket festivals and matches against youngsters from other clubs across Fife and beyond, covering both softball ("Kwik" cricket for those aged roughly 10 and under) and hardball (Under 12s, Under 14s and Under 16s) cricket depending on the number of children and young people participating.

We place a great deal of emphasis on building friendships not only within the Gladiators community, but also in engaging closely with other local clubs within Fife and beyond. We have for example in recent times visited places as far away as North Berwick, Dunblane and Arbroath, and firmly believe that visiting a wide variety of clubs helps build an appreciation for the history of the game and enables lifelong friendships to be developed.

We are also proactive in developing partnership arrangements with local clubs to ensure we can work together to ensure the maximum participation as possible across all clubs. We have, for example, partnered with Freuchie Fliers and Largo Lions in recent years to run combined teams to help with shared player development.

Website and Social Media

Our main club website at www.glenrothescc.co.uk is our primary resource for all information about the Gladiators, particularly the policies and procedures we have put in place to demonstrate our commitment to safeguarding children and delivering cricket activities in a safe way. We also aim to proactively use the site to promote the club and its news and activities to our members and the general public.

The Glenrothes Gladiators also has its own Facebook group page (<https://www.facebook.com/GlenrothesGladiators/>) and Twitter (@GCCGladiators) where we will keep you informed with the very latest news. These are our main communication channels and would encourage you to like, follow and engage with us through those as much as possible. The more likes, shares and retweets you provide helps raise awareness of the Gladiators and hopefully encourages more people to give cricket a go.

We also run a private discussion group on Facebook (search for Gladiators Discussion Group on Facebook or access it directly at <https://rebrand.ly/GladiatorsFacebookDiscussion>) where parents and coaches can communicate together in privacy from the public. All parents and carers that are registered with the club will be invited to join this Closed Group by email, though there is no mandatory requirement to join. This is however where the majority of our online conversations and event planning takes place, alongside a Facebook Messenger chat group.

We are also very active with social media within the cricket club more generally and regularly update our Facebook and Twitter pages. We try to raise awareness of Gladiators there also.

We aim to use website, emails and social media channels interchangeably in keeping parents and carers informed regarding training dates, matches, cancellations and various social events.

If you come along to Gilvenbank Park throughout the summer, or at any of the indoor venues we use through the winter (such as Cluny Activities, Michael Woods Indoor Football Centre and schools such as Glenwood High School), then there always tends to be several club members in attendance and parents are welcome to stay and watch.

All Gladiators sessions and matches are offered by the club at what we hope are very affordable rates (see <https://rebrand.ly/GCCMembership>), underpinned by a club commitment to ensure cost is not a barrier to participation and to offer discounted rates to those in need. We hope the children and young people will enjoy our cricket programme and recommend it to their friends.

If you have any questions then please contact me.

Yours faithfully,



Nic Krzyzanowski
Head of Junior Cricket

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Key Information from the Child Welfare and Protection Officer

Dear Parent or Carer,

Glenrothes Cricket Club welcomes you and your children to our Gladiators cricket community. We hope that your child(ren) will enjoy being a club member and will enjoy the sports lessons and coaching; as well as the social interactions available at the club.

The aim of this letter is to provide information that may be helpful to you as new members. Please do ask me **Rachael Myles**, the clubs **Child Welfare and Protection Officer** (CWPO) or any committee member or coach if you have other questions not answered in this letter.

Club Volunteers

The club is run by several volunteers. We welcome offers of help from anyone willing and able, and hope that as you feel part of the club you will feel able to get involved.

A full list of officers, committee members, coaches and officials for both the club and Gladiators can be found on the notice board at our Gilvenbank Park ground and on the club website.

Head of Junior Cricket: Nic Krzyzanowski

Child Welfare and Protection Officer: Rachael Myles

Gladiators Coaches: Jay Lewis, Chris Marshman, Nathan Salt

Please keep in mind that the Glenrothes Gladiators is part of Glenrothes Cricket Club, a Cricket Scotland affiliated club and we adhere to the 'Safe in Cricket' policy for safeguarding children (see <https://rebrand.ly/GladiatorsSafeguarding>). All of the adults at the club who work with children and meet the necessary criteria have appropriate Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme membership.

Whilst we hope your child will be happy and content at the club, we understand that sometimes questions, concerns or difficulties may arise. Please feel able to raise these as soon as possible, so we can rectify things at the earliest opportunity. If you have a question regarding coaching, please approach the coach in the first instance. However, please try not to interrupt coaching sessions, especially nets practice, as this may distract the coach when he or she needs to be supervising the children. Our coaches will be happy to speak to you before or after training or at another convenient time.

If you have questions about kit requirements, training times or any other specific cricket enquiries then please speak to:

Head of Junior Cricket: Nic Krzyzanowski
nic@glenrothescc.co.uk
07734 054160

If you have any concern about your child or another child, or about the behaviour of any adult at the club, please speak to me, the Gladiators CWPO:

Child Welfare and Protection Officer: Rachael Myles
cwpo@glenrothescc.co.uk
07810 116073

All key policies and procedures, including our 'Safe in Cricket' document, is available on our club website (<https://rebrand.ly/GladiatorsInformation>) and physical copies are also available on the Club notice board.

Training Times

These will be published on the Club Calendar (<http://www.glenrothescc.co.uk/calendar>) or via the Gladiators social media channels (<https://www.facebook.com/GlenrothesGladiators/> and Twitter [@GCCGladiators](https://twitter.com/GCCGladiators)). We may also send emails to parents and carers registered to receive such correspondence. Please stay safe in all online conversations.

Drop off / Collection Arrangements

We operate a sign in / out policy so would request that you arrange for your child to be dropped off and collected and signed in and out before and after every session.

Finally, all members are reminded of the Club's Child Protection policies and guidelines and would ask that you and your child(ren) familiarise yourselves with these. These can be found online at www.glenrothescc.co.uk

We do hope that you and your child(ren) enjoy being a member of Glenrothes Gladiators, and if you have any concerns, please do let me know.

Best regards,

Rachael

Rachael Myles
Child Welfare and Protection Officer

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Submitting a Registration Form

Dear Parent or Carer,

Please complete a Gladiators Registration Form for your child(ren) to ensure we hold key information about them and contact information for yourself, and an additional emergency contact. This is to ensure we understand the individual circumstances of each young person we will work alongside and that we can tailor our support to meet their specific needs if required.

Gladiators Registration Form: <https://rebrand.ly/GladiatorsRegistration>

Who should complete the form

This form is designed to be completed by the Parent or Carer of any player under the age of 18. It should also be signed by the player themselves if they are aged 8 plus.

In completing this form and providing any relevant consent, you are confirming that you have responsibility for the named child, that you are entitled to give the relevant consent and that, to the best of your knowledge, all information provided on this form is accurate and that you will undertake to advise the club of any changes to this information.

Why do you need this information?

Safeguarding in Sport is a partnership between Children 1st and SportScotland (<https://rebrand.ly/SafeguardingOverview>). The aim of Safeguarding in Sport is to help ensure children stay safe and have fun while taking part in sport. They provide advice, consultancy, resources and training for any sports organisation working with children. We follow all relevant advice from them and as recommended by Cricket Scotland (<http://www.cricketscotland.com>), our sports governing body in Scotland.

The Glenrothes Cricket Club Privacy Policy (<https://rebrand.ly/GCCPrivacy>) sets out the basis on which any personal data we collect from you, or that you provide to us, will be processed by us. Please read the policy carefully to understand our views and practices regarding your personal data and how we will treat it. Our principal reason for holding and processing your personal information is to deliver and evidence our cricket programme (junior and senior level) and will not be used for any other purposes.

Yours faithfully,



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