



The British Officers' Cricket Club of Philadelphia

2016 MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE

Welcome! About the BOCC

The BOCC was first founded in 1925 but ceased playing in 1939 at the outbreak of World War II. The club was revived in 1986 at a time when there were only three active local cricket clubs in the Philadelphia area. There are now more than 25 clubs within an hour's drive providing a thriving cricket playing community (and varied opponents!).

We are proud to have consistently grown since our revival to be one of the most active and best-organized clubs on the Eastern Seaboard. We presently boast some 40+ senior playing members along with an expanding youth section (Philadelphia Youth Cricket Academy). BOCC participates in the [Greater Philadelphia Cricket League](#) and for a typical weekend (April thru October) we simultaneously field one or two further teams playing in other competitions or friendly but competitive games. Continuing expansion has required more ground time than our original home ground at Cope Field in Haverford College could provide. In 2006 we made history by laying down the first cricket wicket in any State Park in Pennsylvania at Evansburg (Collegeville) and inaugurating our second home ground. In 2008 we laid a second pitch at Evansburg State Park, and converted them both to artificial wickets, which provides three grounds in total for home fixtures. In 2009 we gained access to a disused house on the boundary of Evansburg which has been converted into a club house (again, the only one we know of in the area).

The BOCC plays cricket for fun, for love of the game, yet competitively, with a will to win. We place high importance upon members participating in social functions and volunteering effort on and off the field. There is a full program of social events throughout the year, besides the traditional post-game celebrations. Our Club is run democratically, by the members, for the members. Above all, the BOCC strives to uphold the notion of "cricket first, Club second, team third and the individual last!"

How to Join

- If interested in playing, come to nets at Haverford College on Thursdays after 5:00 pm (when school is out) otherwise Mondays early and late in the season. After two net sessions, you may apply to join the club using the form attached and receipt of appropriate fees by the Club Treasurer.
- **If joining Philadelphia Cricket Youth Academy please complete that section only of the attached form**
- Please see playing eligibility, and notices selection criteria below.
- Approval of membership applications is vested in the Club Committee, whose decision is final. If an application is rejected, all fees paid will be returned.
- If your interest is not playing but rather supporting the club in some other way, an additional membership option is available through becoming a Vice President.

Disclaimer

Those playing at nets practice and matches agree to do so entirely at their own risk and while the Club carries certain insurance covering third party medical and property expenses, the BOCC expressly disclaims any liability for any injury to any player that may participate in practices or matches. The club does not provide full protective gear - players are advised to provide their own helmet, gloves, box and pads, etc. Should any BOCC player cause a ball to damage any player or



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non-player or his/her property then it is the sole responsibility of the player directly causing such damage.

Eligibility and Selection

- The BOCC is governed by its Constitution. All Applicants are expected to read and abide by the Constitution. (See <http://www.bocccricket.com/docs/constitution.html>)
- Members are expected to conduct themselves as Gentlemen, on and off the field
- Playing Members will commit to play for no other club except with the prior consent of the Club Committee [the BOCC believes that the future of cricket in the USA crucially depends on the development of independent club infrastructures with their own registered and committed memberships]
- BOCC is a member of the American Cricket Federation
- Membership does not convey the RIGHT to selection. While best endeavors are made to arrange forward fixtures to marry available demand, this is not a precise science and any game may be oversubscribed on a weekend! Further, the Selection Committee (whose decision is final) have full discretion to weight selection criteria according to playing ability, volunteer work on and off the field, regularity of availability, practice attendance and social participation. Note that the GPCL side is strictly selected by merit, and represents the best available players for each league game. Selection policy for other leagues or fixtures will be at the discretion of the Club Committee.

Notices

- The membership fee for players joining the club includes a club shirt, cap and tie along with a prepayment towards club social functions (waived for student/reduced fee memberships).
- Members are strongly encouraged to purchase their own playing gear as the club doesn't provide it. However, the Club does maintain certain items of signature club clothing for purchase.
- The BOCC maintains a website at www.bocccricket.com with a "Players only" section accessed via a login and password. Upon your playing membership application being approved, you will be provided with access to this site by our Webmaster. Instructions on making yourself available for games are posted on the site. ***Please note that all team selection and match availability activities are conducted via this website.*** Members are particularly asked to register their availabilities at least a week in advance, **whether you are available or not.**
- Beginners who wish to learn the game of cricket are welcome to join and players are generally helpful in the coaching arena – just ask! Playing members however will take preference in selection and those likely selected for upcoming matches will take priority in nets practice.
- Please note that no alcohol is permitted at either Haverford College or the Evansburg ground and such rule is strictly enforced. Please pick up after yourself and park in designated areas only at Haverford College or Evansburg. Our good standing with the host authorities of our grounds are of paramount importance to the Club.
- Players are required to arrive at matches **60 minutes before the scheduled start time and should be prepared to help before and after games in various duties as directed by the team captain.** Players must wear cricket whites for all matches except those subject to special league rules.
- Failure to follow the guidelines in "Eligibility and Selection" and the "Notices" may lead to loss of playing privileges at the discretion of the Club Committee.



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Please print out this form and complete (PYCA members use separate application)

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BELOW WITH CLUB DUES. NEW PLAYING MEMBERS MUST HAVE ATTENDED TWO NET PRACTICES PRIOR TO APPLICATION. (Please pay dues promptly on or before May 1st each season, or on joining if a prospective new member: ***no pay - no play!***)

PLAYING MEMBERS: \$250 (after July 1 - \$175) (includes Club shirt, cap and tie and a subsidy towards club social functions)/RENEWING, \$200 (includes social subsidy)

FAMILY PLAYING MEMBERSHIP: \$250 as above for Father and son(s)/RENEWING, \$200

BEGINNER/SUMMER PLAYING MEMBERS: \$60 (eligibility for Summer social games) typically for local country club players interested in further matches outside of their limited playing season

OUT OF AREA PLAYING MEMBERS: \$50 (at the discretion of the Club Committee certain playing members that have moved out of the area can renew at this reduced rate)

STUDENT (OTHER THAN PYCA)/UNEMPLOYED MEMBERS: \$150 (including Club shirt, cap and tie)/RENEWING, \$100

VICE PRESIDENTS: Discretionary (a minimum of \$25 is customary)

MATCH FEES: Typically \$10 per game, students/unemployed \$5 and payable to the match Captain

Name (Block capitals) _____

Name of Spouse/significant other (for social events) _____

Children (for FAMILY MEMBERSHIP ONLY) _____

Address _____

Tel work _____ Tel home _____ Cell _____

Email address (note we use this for contacting you regarding club activities and it's required from players for match availability) _____

Playing Membership Only:

Standard of play (circle whichever applies): First Class / League / Club / Friendly / Beginner

When did you last play regularly? _____ Name of club: _____

Type of player (circle whichever applies): Bowler / Batsman / Wicket-keeper / All rounder

The BOCC is always on the lookout for umpires (particularly for league matches). Would you be willing to volunteer your time to provide this valuable service to the club?

(circle whichever applies): Yes / No



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Signed:

(I have read and agree to abide by both the Eligibility and Selection criteria above (if intending to play) and the Constitution of the British Officers' Cricket Club of Philadelphia)

_____ Date _____

If seeking to join as a new playing member you will be notified promptly of the Club Committee's decision and provided access to the players' website page upon acceptance.

**SEND completed form with check made payable to "The BOCC" to:
Chris Lawrence
Treasurer
British Officers' Cricket Club of Philadelphia
336 West Springfield Road
Springfield, PA 19064**

PRESIDENT'S FUND: Contributions to this special fund have proved invaluable in the support of major facilities related development projects such as new wickets and maintenance equipment that help ensure the BOCC is the premier cricket club in the mid-Atlantic. Individual donors are featured by name on a Recognition Board displayed in the BOCC club house in Evansburg State Park along with an Honor Board on our website and are differentiated by the value of their donation, as follows:

Diamond Supporter: \$1,001 +

Platinum Supporter: \$501 – \$1,000

Gold Supporter: \$251 - \$500

Silver Supporter: \$100 - \$250

Cumulative donations will qualify the donor's name to be moved up the categories relative to the total sum donated.

Yes, I would like to contribute to the President's Fund

Amount \$ _____

Inscription for Recognition Board/Website: _____



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Philadelphia Youth Cricket Academy (youth wing of BOCC)

Primary focus of the PYCA is to provide a safe and enjoyable environment where young cricketers up to 16 years old can learn how to play the great game of cricket. Coaching sessions will be conducted throughout the season with participation in organized tournaments also available.

How to Join

- Complete the form and email to PYCA Director Sunil Gaikwad gaikwadsl@yahoo.com. All checks are to be made payable to "BOCC"
- The Program typically runs from April through September at our ground located in Evansburg State Park at 528 Skippack Creek Rd, Collegeville, PA 19426.
- Approval of PYCA membership applications is vested in the Director, whose decision is final. If an application is rejected, all fees paid will be returned.
- If your interest is not playing but rather supporting the Academy activities in some other way please talk to Academy Director, Sunil Gaikwad.

MEMBERS PLEASE RETURN THE FORM BELOW WITH ACADEMY DUES.

(Please pay dues promptly on joining: *no pay - no play!*)

PLAYING MEMBERS: \$120 (Boys) / \$60 (Girls) (for 1 year) (includes 10 coaching sessions and a subsidy towards club social functions)

MATCH FEES: Typically \$3 per game payable to the match Captain/coach. Any applicable extra Tournament Fee will be decided specific to any tournament(s) the PYCA decide to participate in.

Name(s) (Block capitals) _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

Tel work _____ Tel home _____ Cell _____

Email address _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date _____