



## The British Officers' Cricket Club of Philadelphia

### 2022 MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE

#### Welcome! - About the BOCC

The BOCC [www.bocccricket.com](http://www.bocccricket.com) 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 60+ senior playing members along with an ever 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 State Park and inaugurating our second home ground. In 2008 we laid a second pitch, and converted them both to artificial wickets. 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). All home cricket matches are played at Evansburg State Park now.

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 our ground at Evansburg State Park on Thursdays after 5:00 pm in the season or pre-season indoor nets. After two net sessions, you may apply to join the club and be considered for team selection using the form attached and receipt of appropriate fees by the Club Treasurer.
  - The BOCC runs a specific youth program known as the Philadelphia Cricket Youth Academy and further details can be found 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.
  - For all contact information please email: [skippers@bocccricket.com](mailto:skippers@bocccricket.com)
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## **The British Officers' Cricket Club of Philadelphia**

### **Disclaimers**

**Those playing at nets practice and matches agree to do so entirely at their own risk and while the BOCC carries certain insurance covering medical and property expenses, primary responsibility rests with the member. The BOCC expressly disclaims any liability for any injury to any player incurred during practices or matches. The club does not provide full protective gear - players are advised to secure their own helmet, gloves, box and pads, etc. Should any BOCC player cause a ball to injure any player or non-player or damage his/her property then it is the primary responsibility of the player directly causing such injury or damage.**

**Membership of BOCC assumes member acceptance to being a part of any BOCC social media audio or video publications. Any specific objections must be explicitly submitted in written form to the committee members. In such cases reasonable effort will be made to minimize publication, but club cannot be held liable given the nature of team sports/events.**

### **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>. Two additional supporting documents provide details on club ethos, behavior on and off the field, and our governance structure and expectations. See Code of Conduct (<http://www.bocccricket.com/docs/bocccodeofconduct.pdf> and Roles and responsibility of Committee members (<http://www.bocccricket.com/docs/BOCC%20Officers%20roles.pdf>)
- 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 [we believe 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 USA Cricket <https://www.usacricket.org/>
- 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 Club 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 league sides are strictly selected by merit, and represents the best available players for each league game. Selection policy for other 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 logoed club clothing for purchase.



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- The BOCC maintains a website at [www.bocccricket.com](http://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 the Evansburg ground and such rule is strictly enforced. Please pick up after yourself and park in designated areas only while at Evansburg. Our good standing with the host authorities of our ground is 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 below)

**NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH CLUB DUES.**

**New playing members must have attended two net practices prior to application.** (To help with league registration requirements please pay dues promptly on or before March 1st before each season, or on joining if a prospective new member: *no pay - no play!*)

**PLAYING MEMBERS:** \$300 (after July 1 - \$200) (includes Club whites set, cap and tie and a subsidy towards club social functions)/RENEWING, \$200 (includes social subsidy)

**FAMILY PLAYING MEMBERSHIP:** \$300/\$200 as above for Father paid to BOCC with reduced fee of \$50 for each child payable through PYCA website

**BEGINNER/SUMMER PLAYING MEMBERS:** \$100 (eligibility for Summer social games) typically for local country club players interested in further matches outside of their limited playing season

**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, \$15 per game for league (reduced for youth/unemployed), \$10 for social games 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**  
[christopher.lawrence@vertexinc.com](mailto:christopher.lawrence@vertexinc.com)

**NOTE:** PayPal and Venmo can also be used as payment options. Payment via Venmo is preferred and can be made to @BOCCtreasurer, with a note explaining payment. If using PayPal send money using the "Send to Friends and Family" option to [treasurer@bocccricket.com](mailto:treasurer@bocccricket.com) again with a note explaining what it is for.

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**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 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 Honor Board relative to the total sum donated.

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

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription for Recognition Board/Website: \_\_\_\_\_



## **The British Officers' Cricket Club of Philadelphia**

### **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**

- Please access <https://philadelphiayouthcricket.squadfusion.com/home> for all details including membership fees
- The Program typically runs from April through September at the BOCC home 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 in supporting the Academy activities please contact Academy Director, Ajay Nayak.