

CRICKET CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Do I need to buy cricket equipment and what should it be?

Parents often ask about what they need to buy before children start cricket. The answer is very little to start with. Just turn up in any clothing suitable for outdoor sport activity and appropriate for the weather. Always bring WATER, sunscreen and a hat.

Clothing

Rottingdean Cricket Club have set up an online shop through Intersport of Lewes. The base kit is all Gray-Nicholls and has our club logo embroidered. All types of playing and training kit is available in junior sizes. Plain cream for playing and black kit for training. I am advised by some parents that it is often better to go one size up - but I leave this choice to you and the retailer.

The link is:

http://www.gameforlife.co.uk/section.php/756/1/rottingdean_cc/6cc2cc91461624ca0cbc91988bd0652e

An alternative cost effective source for cricket clothing etc is Sports Direct:

<http://www.sportsdirect.com/brighton-store-0140>

We do not have a Junior policy on clothing so the choice is yours.

All cricket equipment for playing games is supplied in the club Kit Bag for each year. However it is best that all hardball players have their own personal groin protector (BOX). These should be worn with speedos or something else suitable. Loose boxers are no good for keeping the Box in place while batting!

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I appreciate that Juniors and parents like to acquire their own kit. If you wanted to know my view I would suggest the following.

Softball

Anything is fine for softball cricket including wooden cricket bats for softball. The critical thing for wooded bats for softball is they should not be too big for the child. Check with a good retailer. Old tennis balls or windballs are fine for cricket beginners. In matches we use a rubber ball called an incrediball or aero ball. These are excellent practice balls. These are available widely. An example being

<http://www.sportsballshop.co.uk/acatalog/Incrediball-Junior-Cricket-Ball.html>

Hardball

For hardball cricket it is good to focus any spending on the cricket bat, especially for aspiring batters. Bats vary in quality and are relatively expensive. In the Kit Bags we often have the Newbury Krakatoa which goes pretty well, but starts from around £100 - so not cheap!

<http://newbery.co.uk/collections/junior-cricket-bats>

For other equipment like pads and helmets the choice is wide. The cheaper brands are typically fine and do the job. In my view the bat is the most important purchase.

However the choice as ever is yours. Research well and ask around for other opinions.

All Equipment for coaching and matches is always available in the team Kit Bag provided by the Club.