

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET JUNIOR COACHING PRINCIPLES

Fostering the next generation of young cricketers by providing a **fun, positive** and **safe** environment for every player to **develop**.



Have Fun – Play the Game

- Trainings are more fun when you play games and activities that set the right challenge
- Make aspects of training competitive and inclusive
- Value and reward the effort over performance
- Foster problem solving – as Don Bradman famously said, *“Tell the players what you want them to do, not how to do it”*



Player Development

- Make the junior experience about every player, not the coach
- Get to know every player; find out what motivates them and keeps them coming to your sessions
- Ask every player how they want to go about their cricket
- Focus on helping every player develop their skills and an understanding of the game



Opportunities For All

- Give every player the same opportunity. Don't favour better players
- Provide opportunities for every player to experience all aspects of the game
- Ensure every player has a role to play and feels important in the team
- Embrace difference and individuality



Retention Over Results

- Measure your coaching success by the percentage of players that return the following season. Do not worry about win/loss record
- Foster an environment that contributes to your players feeling like the cricket club is the place to be
- Help your players develop character, connect with and respect each other and become more confident young people