



# Autism in Cricket Program

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Autism in Cricket Program About?

The Autism in Cricket Program is for everyone who is passionate about inclusion in sport. The program is designed to break down barriers to participation and support individuals with Autism to 'Link Up' with a cricket club that offers the most suitable program at their local cricket club.

The Autism in Cricket team also provides Endorsed Autism Inclusive clubs with training and resources to assist participants with autism in having positive experiences.

### When is cricket season?

Cricket is typically a summer sport. Various community cricket club's run programs, often beginning in October and concluding in March. In terms of junior cricket, the first half of the season will take place during Term 4; resuming in Term 1 of the following school year after a lengthy Christmas break.

### What are Autism in Cricket Endorsed Clubs?

The Autism in Cricket team have a close working relationship with several community clubs who are committed towards developing and maintaining inclusivity within their club and community. Endorsed Autism Inclusive clubs commit to demonstrating integration of inclusion resources and strategies into club practices, and are therefore more likely equipped to facilitate participants with Autism.

### Which area does the Autism in Cricket Program service?

The Autism in Cricket Program is an initiative developed by the Autism Association of Western Australia. Therefore, our efforts are centered upon servicing communities in the State of WA. The majority of our endorsed clubs are located in the suburbs of Perth, stretching from Quinns Rocks to Mandurah, as well as Albany. We encourage anyone and everyone to view our online resources.

### Do I have to be an Autism Association of Western Australia participant to receive support from the Autism in Cricket team?

No. We are here to support any individual with Autism and their families who wish to join and participate in their community cricket club.

### What age is suitable to participate in a cricket program?

Participants can start as young as 5 and play well into their adulthood.

### Which pathway should I choose?

Individuals with Autism participate in a range of cricket programs. The Autism in Cricket program can suggest an appropriate pathway via either All Abilities or mainstream programs. There is something for everyone, regardless of age or ability!

### What are the costs?

Registration fees are determined by the respective community clubs, based off a recommendation from Cricket Australia. The cost will vary depending on the program the participant wishes to join, typically starting at around \$100 for junior entry level programs. We recommend participants and their families to consider accessing Kidsport, as children aged 5-18 may be eligible to receive financial assistance to pay club fees.

### Can a parent/guardian/Support Worker support me at sessions and games?

Absolutely! All Abilities programs allow for a support person to be present during programs, training sessions, and matches. Clubs appreciate support so don't feel intimidated about offering on-field assistance. Your club will be able to guide you, and our experience suggests that participants have improved outcomes if there are additional helpers on hand.

### Where can I access more information on the Autism in Cricket program?

On the Autism Association of Western Australia website [www.autism.org.au](http://www.autism.org.au), you will find an Autism in Cricket link. From there, you can send us an email enquiry, view our complimentary resources and image gallery, or find out how your club can become endorsed by the Autism in Cricket Team. We also have a closed Facebook Group, if you wish to join, search Autism in Cricket and click the request to join button. In this group, parents share what's happening within their clubs, Autism in Cricket Team posts handy resources and advertise upcoming events, as well as some general cricket chat shared between fans of the game!

### How do I register?

The Autism in Cricket team are here to help at any stage of the registration process. By linking up with us via email or the Facebook Group, we will contact you asking for some information that can assist us in finding you or your child a suitable community club and program. From there, we can make a recommendation on the club/s to potentially join and provide you with the contact information of someone at those clubs. If you already have a club in mind, you can head to [playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au) and enter the club name or postcode.