

Latrobe University Playing Fields, Car Park 2a, Kingsbury Drive, Bundoora 3083, Victoria, Australia

Member Information Book 2015/2016



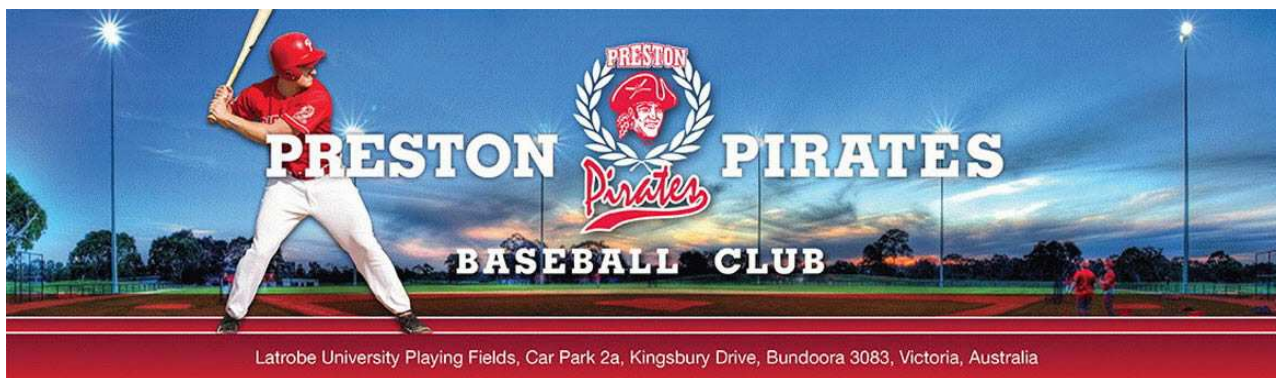
Preston Pirates Baseball Club
Level 3 Good Sports Accredited Club

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President's Message

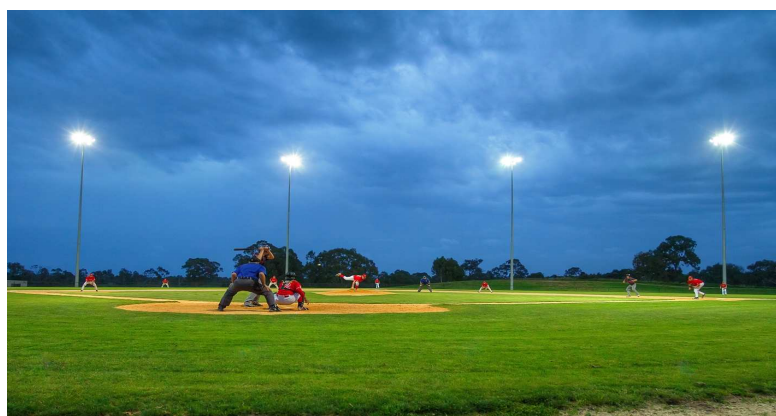
Welcome to the home of the Division 1 Preston Pirates Baseball Club - Season 2015/2016.

This year sees us stronger than ever, continuing as a division 1 club. We will once again be fielding a minimum of four senior teams, a master's team, along with our T-ball team(s), a growing numbers of Little League (Under 12), Junior League (Under 14), Senior League (Under 16), and an Under 18 team.

The 2014/2015 season saw us field four senior teams, a master's team and twelve junior teams across Tee-Ball, Little League, Junior League, Under 16 and Under 18 totalling one hundred and twenty children and 70 adults across our club. We run what we believe to be an excellent junior program, with great coaching staff headed by Alan Sutherland as our head junior coach.

Established in 1910, we were started by some of the Preston Cricket Club players of that bygone era. Long identified by our red and white stripes, we introduced a grey element during the seventies to move from the basic white uniform with red trim and socks.

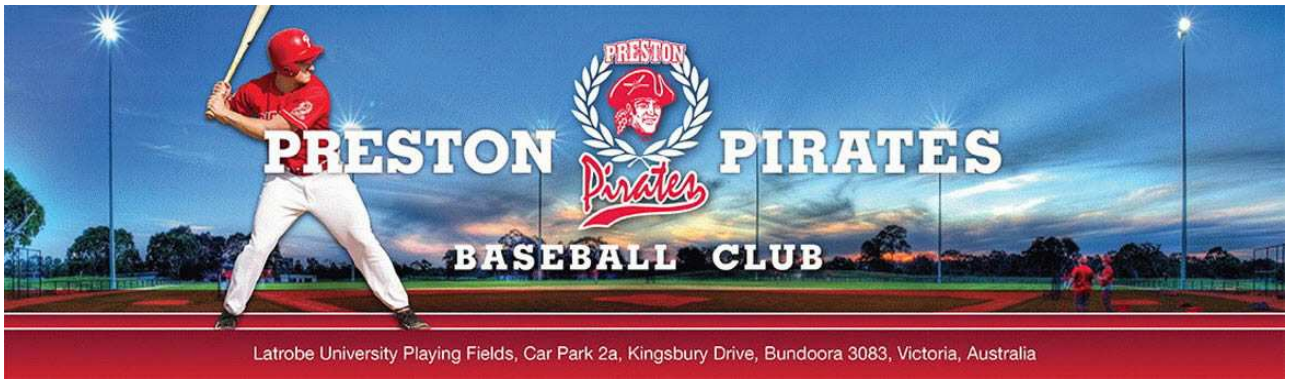
Like many inner suburban clubs, Preston has survived a number of relocations. We spent time at Crisp Park, Preston City Oval (Cramer Street) and Haxby Park (south of the Olympic Hotel) before moving to Robinson Reserve (West Preston) in 1962. The club camped at Robinson Reserve until 10 years ago, when it relocated to the magnificent, fully-lit facility at Latrobe University (below). This is by far one of the best baseball diamonds in Melbourne.



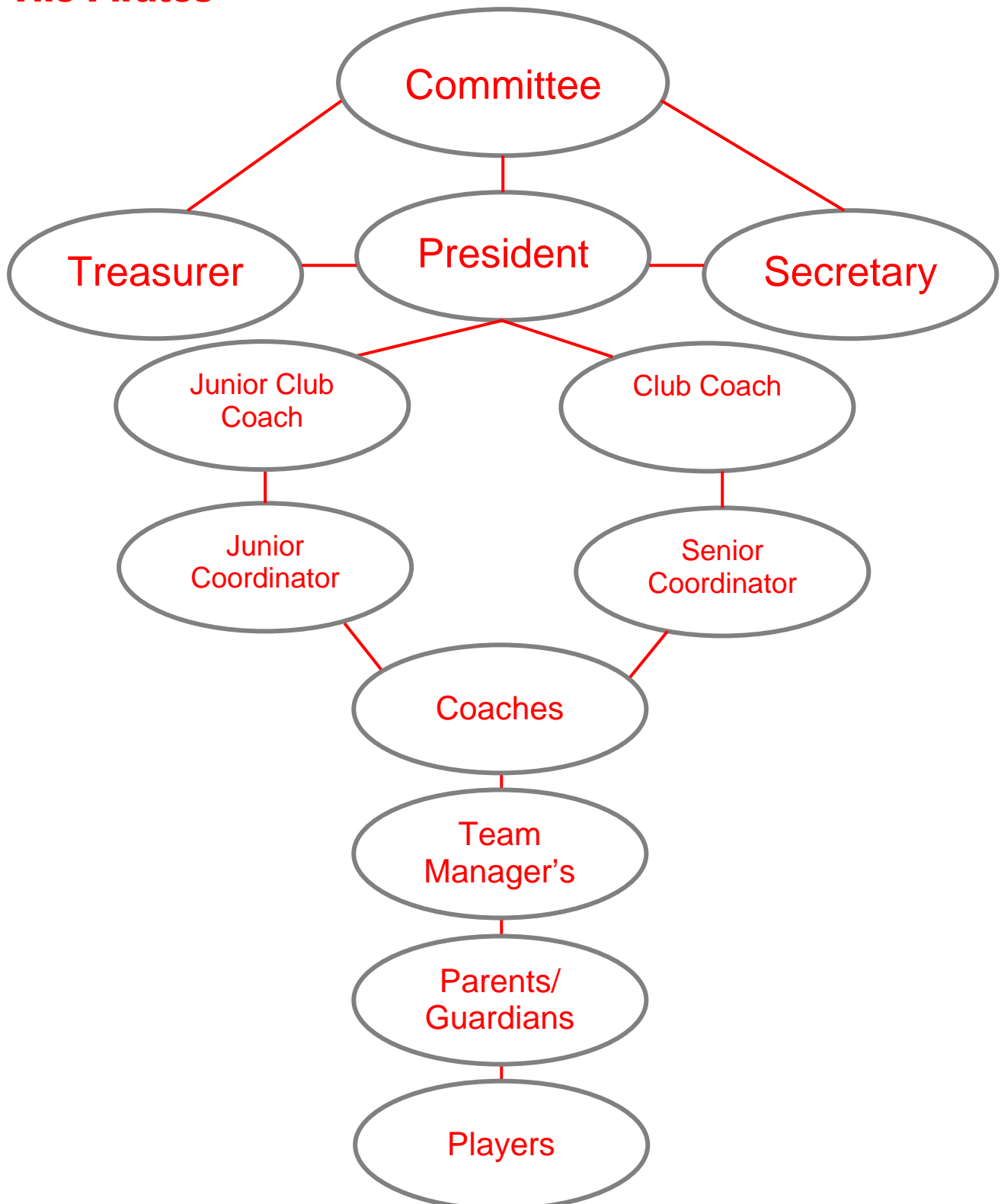
We have a strong club committee who meet on a monthly basis to discuss the club as a whole including social events, current match reports and financials.

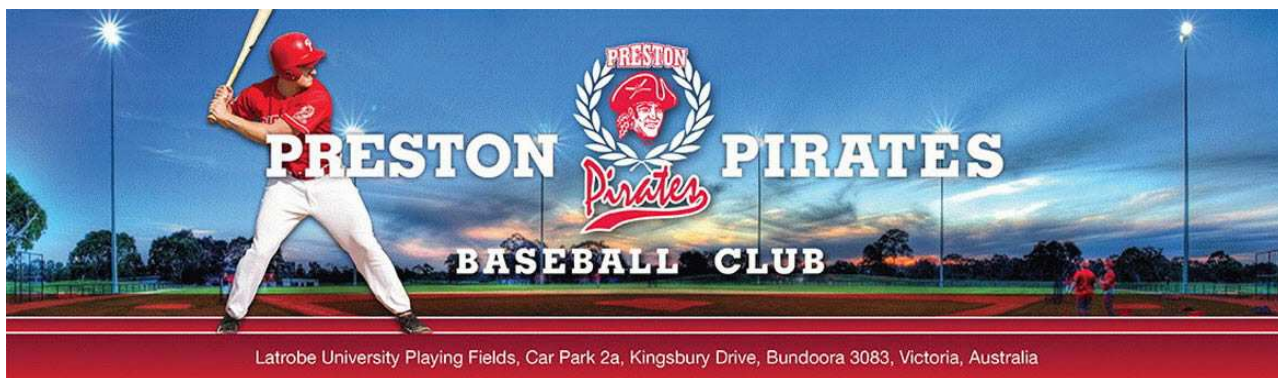
We put a lot of faith in our junior programme which we believe is fundamental to our future success. Placing the sport in a life context sees a wider purpose to what can be achieved. We want to continue to build our club and our community spirit to where we all make lifelong friends and preserve the history of a proud club that started up 105 years ago.

I look forward to another successful season at the Pirates. *Alex Djorgonoski* - President



The Pirates

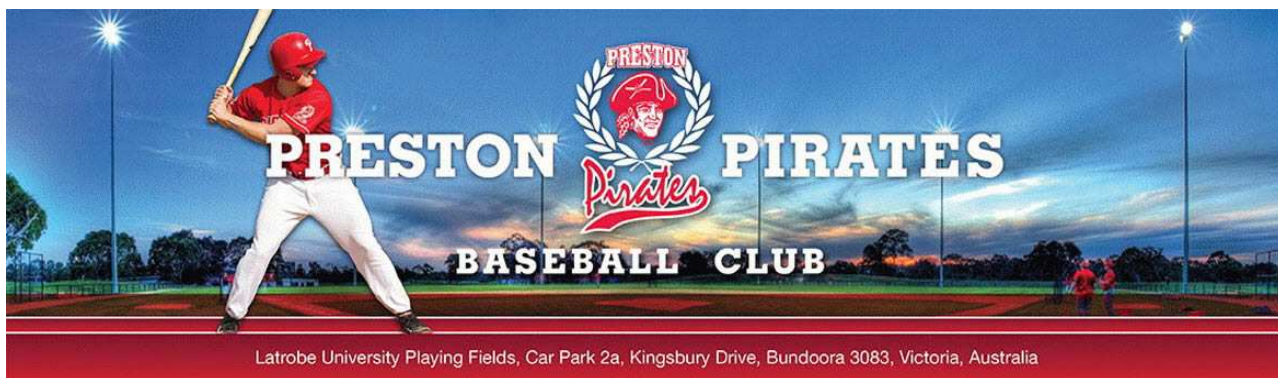




Committee 2015/2016

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Please feel free to make contact with any Committee member should you have any questions, queries, suggestions or concerns in relation to the Club.



Coaches 2015/2016

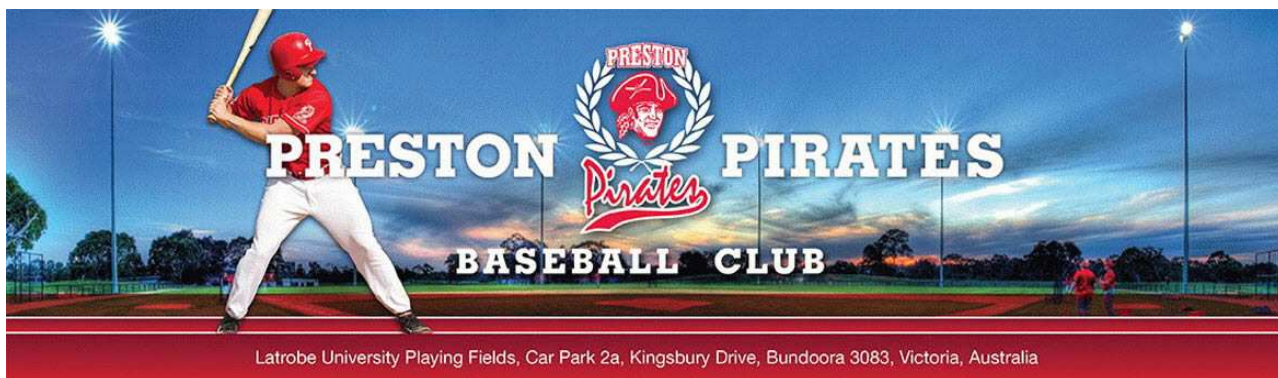
Coaches and teams will be confirmed within the following weeks along with training days and times. All Preston Pirates Baseball Club Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Managers, and Committee members are **Working With Children Check** accredited.

The general running of teams during the season requires volunteers to help out in a variety of roles. These include the following positions:

- Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Team Manager
- Scorer
- Game write up
- Canteen

Please contact Nicole Llewellyn, Junior Coordinator if you are able to help out with your team in any way.

Team	Coach	Training Time/Day	Venue
T-Ball		Thursday's 5.15pm for a 5:30pm start to 7pm 45 mins skills development 45 mins game development	Latrobe University Playing Fields Carpark 2A Kingsbury Drive, Bundoora (Melways 19 F6)
Little League		Commencing: Monday 8 th and Thursday 11 th September 2015	
Junior League		5:30pm to 7:30pm Please note: Team training sessions may be scheduled in addition to, or replacing, the above	
Senior League		Wednesday 3 rd September – 6.30pm start	
Under 18		Sunday 7 th September – 10.30am start	
Senior's – 1's		Wednesday 10 th September – 6.30pm start	
Senior's – 2's		Sunday 14 th September – 10.30am start	
Senior's – 3's		Wednesday 17 th September – 1's squad 7.00pm start	
Senior's – 4's		Thursday 18 th September – 6.30pm start	
Masters		Sunday 21 st September – 9.30am start	



Junior Information

On behalf of the Preston Baseball Club I would like to welcome back all of our players, and a special welcome to our new players! It is going to be a fantastic season at Preston this year with the club celebrating its 105th year.

You will receive regular newsletters throughout the season, and any urgent information will be passed to you via email.

SEASON STARTS: **FRIDAY 9th October / Sunday 11th October**
Home Ground – La Trobe University Playing Fields Melways 19 F6
Enter off Kingsbury Dr Bundoora Car Park 2A

Your coach will require you to be at the ground 1 hour before the game starts.

WET WEATHER:

Games will go ahead unless you hear from your team manager/coach. Otherwise you are to go to the ground in preparation to play. Sometimes it may be raining where you are but not at the ground you are playing at! Also, the condition of the ground needs to be checked before the game is called off.

JUNIOR FEES:

Fees for the season vary depending on the team/age group you are playing in. All fees must be paid in full before the first game on Friday 9th or Sunday 11th October 2015 in order for your son or daughter to be eligible to play. All registrations and payments are to be made online via the IMG system in accordance with Baseball Victoria guidelines.

U18 or U16 Playing Seniors	\$280.00
UNDER 12s, 14s, 16s, 18s	\$200.00
T-BALL (must be a minimum of 5 years old) *	\$130.00

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to speak to the Treasurer to arrange a payment plan.

JUNIOR AGE CUT OFF DATES

Little League Minor (U12) – DOB between 1 January 2004 & 31 December 2007

Little League Major (U12) – DOB between 1 May 2003 & 30 April 2007

Little League Major (U12) (State Champs) – DOB between 1 May 2003 & 30 April 2005

Junior League (U14) – DOB between 1 May 2001 and 30 April 2004

Senior League (U16) – DOB between 1 January 2000 – 31 December 2001

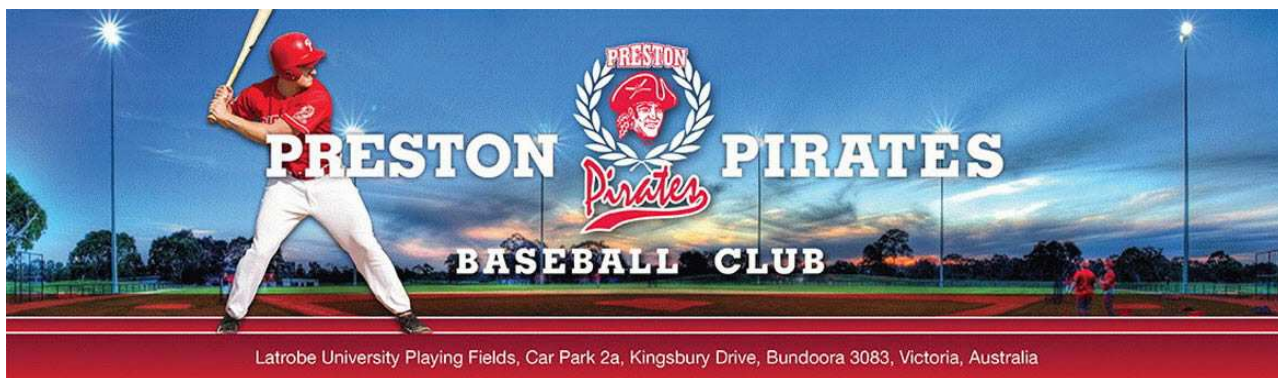
Senior League (U16) (State Champs) – DOB between 1 May 1999 & 31 December 2001

Under 18 – DOB between 1 January 1998 – 31 December 1999

UNIFORMS:

Playing tops will be measured and ordered for you at an approximate cost of \$60
 Further information.

Nicole Llewellyn, Junior Coordinator: 0403285734 or prestonbaseballclub@hotmail.com



Senior Information

Preston Baseball Club would like to welcome back all of our senior players, and a special welcome to our new players! It is going to be a fantastic summer season at the Preston Pirates this year, celebrating its 105th year in the Victorian baseball League.

You will receive regular newsletters throughout the season, and any urgent information will be passed to you via email or Team App. **If you are not registered do it today to keep up with team selections and other news items.**

SEASON STARTS: **Sunday 4th October**
Home Ground – La Trobe University Playing Fields Melways 19 F6
 Enter off Kingsbury Dr Bundoora Car Park 2A

Your coach will require you to be at the ground 1 hour before the game starts.

WET WEATHER:

Games will go ahead unless you hear from your team manager/coach. Otherwise you are to go to the ground in preparation to play. Sometimes it may be raining where you are but not at the ground you are playing at! Also, the condition of the ground needs to be checked before the game is called off.

SENIOR FEES:

All fees must be paid in full before the first game on 4th October 2015 in order to be eligible to play. All registrations and payments are to be made online via the IMG system in accordance with Baseball Victoria guidelines.

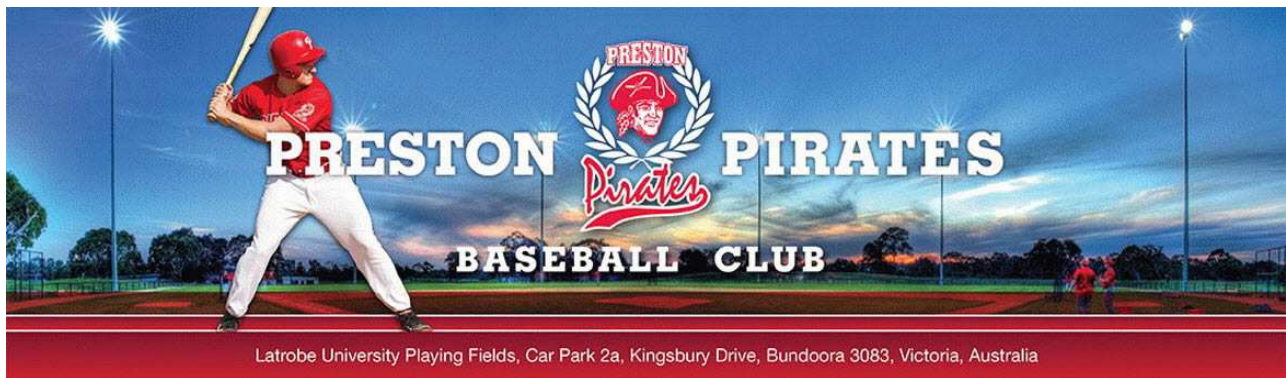
Fees for the season are as follows.

	Paid by 5 th Oct	Paid after 5 th Oct	Paid after 5 th Nov
Senior	\$430.00	\$450.00	+ \$50.00 late fee
Masters only	\$310.00	\$330.00	+ \$50.00 late fee
Masters & Seniors (in addition to senior fee)	\$150.00	\$180.00	+ \$50.00 late fee
Playing coach	\$250.00	\$280.00	+ \$50.00 late fee
Concession (student/unemployed/1 st year player)	\$350.00	\$380.00	+ \$50.00 late fee

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to speak to the Treasurer to arrange a payment plan.

UNIFORMS:

Playing tops will be measured and ordered for you at an approximate cost of \$80
Sharon Fittock, 0403 354276 re all uniform orders.



BASEBALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS:

There are several suppliers where baseball equipment can be purchased.

Ausball - 313 Victoria St, Brunswick VIC 3056

(03) 9381 0074 <http://ausball.com.au>

Ausport Superstore - 11 Rushdale Street, Knoxfield, 3180, Victoria, Australia, Melway Map 73 D6

(03) 9764 1511 <http://ausport.com.au>

K2 - 12/756 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully VIC 3156

(03) 9752 3993 <http://k2baseball.com/store>

Sharon Fittock (Uniform Coordinator) will assist you with all of your uniform needs. The club also has a Second-Hand Resale Facility. If you have any goods you wish to sell, please speak to Sharon, and she will advertise them for you, and endeavour to make you some cash!

OTHER EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

- Preston Playing cap
- White Pants
- Red Belt
- Red Socks
- Glove
- Cleats (Shoes)
- Sports protector

MOUTHGUARDS:

The Australian Dental Association Inc highly recommends mouthguards be worn whilst playing baseball.

Mouthguards should be worn during all competitions as well as during training sessions, as this is when many injuries occur.

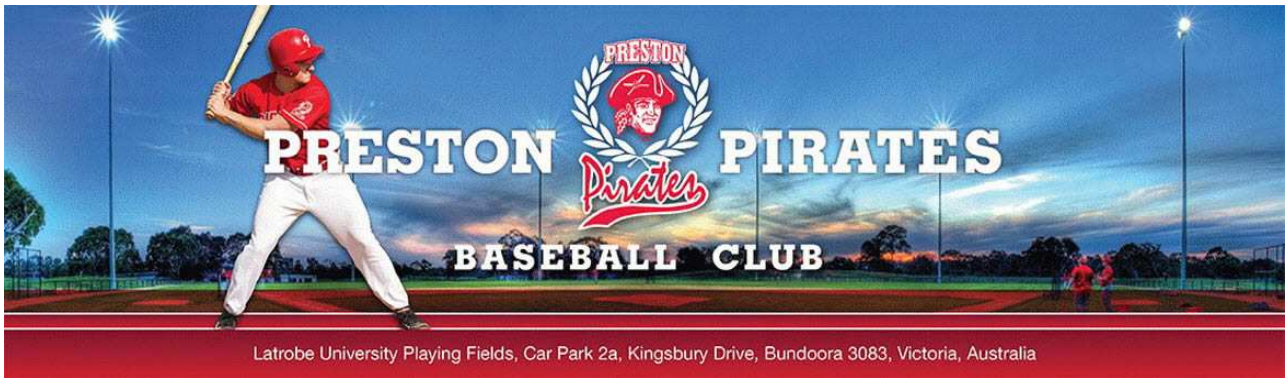
Teeth are at risk of damage when playing sport and can result in long and potentially expensive treatment to restore them to normal function and appearance.

Mouthguards also help to reduce the risk of jaw fractures and concussion caused by a collision.

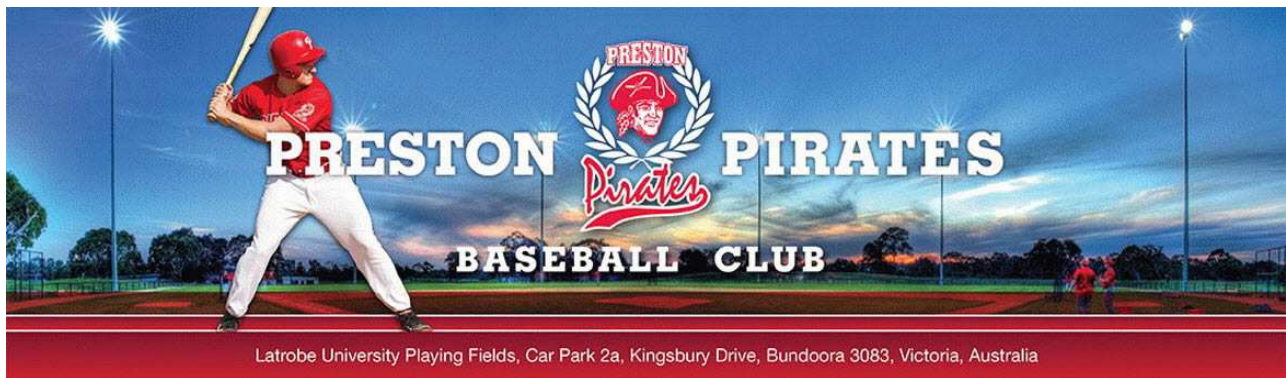
PARENTS AND PARTNERS:

We value parent and partner involvement at Preston Baseball Club. Each team needs a **team manager** and a **scorer**. Please let sharon know if you are interested in either of these roles. If you have never done either of these before, don't be afraid! We will provide you with all the information you need.

To be a successful club, we need parents and partners help with: Scoring, Team Managers, Training Nights, Canteen Duties, and Fundraising. Give Sharon or Nicole a call and come and talk to me at the club regarding helping the club.



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Sharon Fittock, Senior Coordinator: 0403 354276 or prestonbaseballclub@hotmail.com



Smoke Free Policy

Overview

Tobacco smoking is the largest single preventable cause of death and disease in Australia today. The Baseball Club as a member of the Victorian Baseball Association (VBA) recognise that Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) is hazardous to health and that non-smokers should be protected from exposure to tobacco smoke.

Therefore, the VBA and Baseball Club have jointly established the following policy to apply to all facilities, functions and activities as from the 1st October 2001. This policy applies to all members, administrators, officials, coaches, players, and visitors of the Baseball Club at the Park/Reserve or attending any Baseball Club, function or event.

Facilities

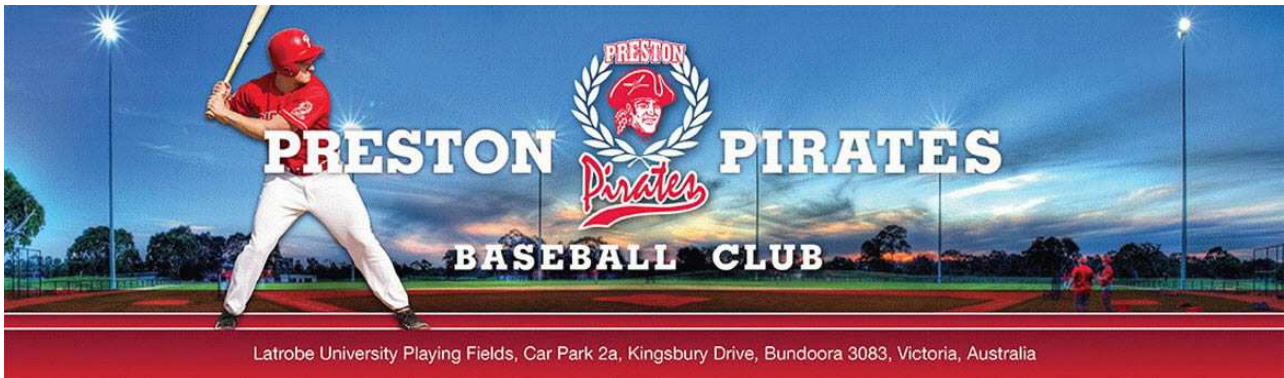
- All Pavilions at Park/Reserve will be 100% smoke free.
- All indoor areas of the Pavilions at Park/Reserve including foyer and toilets will be 100 % smoke free
- All change room areas of the Pavilions at Park/Reserve will be 100% smoke free
- Cigarettes will not be sold or dispensed from a vending machine at Pavilions at Park/Reserve at any time.

Functions

- Any official function of the Baseball Club will be 100% smoke free. This applies to Awards Dinners, social gatherings, and committee meetings.
- All printed material emanating from the Baseball Club in relation to functions will reinforce the smoke free status of the function/event
- Ashtrays will be removed from any function and/or meeting room where Baseball Club meetings or functions are held.
- Receptacles will be provided at doorway entrances to minimise rubbish left by smokers and to encourage smokers to dispose of cigarettes before entering indoor areas.
- No smoking signage will be displayed in the Pavilions at Park/Reserve.

Baseball Club Officials

- Officials of the Baseball Club will refrain from smoking whilst acting in an official capacity.
- Baseball Club players will refrain from smoking or chewing or dipping tobacco whilst in uniform or representing the association in any capacity on or off the field.
- Baseball Club coaches, managers, team managers will refrain from smoking, dipping or chewing tobacco whilst acting in any official capacity on or off the field.



Code of Conduct

Coaches, Officials, Players and Families:

Please be aware that Preston Pirates Baseball Club has a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding abuse of Umpires.

Please be on your best behaviour as the Baseball Victoria and the Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria also have a Zero Tolerance Policy and will be clamping down on all abuse.

The concept of **Zero Tolerance** is in order to ensure that Coaches/Managers take a proactive role in eliminating umpire abuse. In this instance, Zero Tolerance will relate to all ejectable offences that include –

- Abuse of an umpire, Dissent, Arguing decisions (balls/strikes etc)

The most significant thing for players, coaches, managers and club officials to note, and for umpires to administer, is the fact that under Zero Tolerance rules, when a player is ejected from a game for one of the above offences, so too is the Head Coach/Manager.

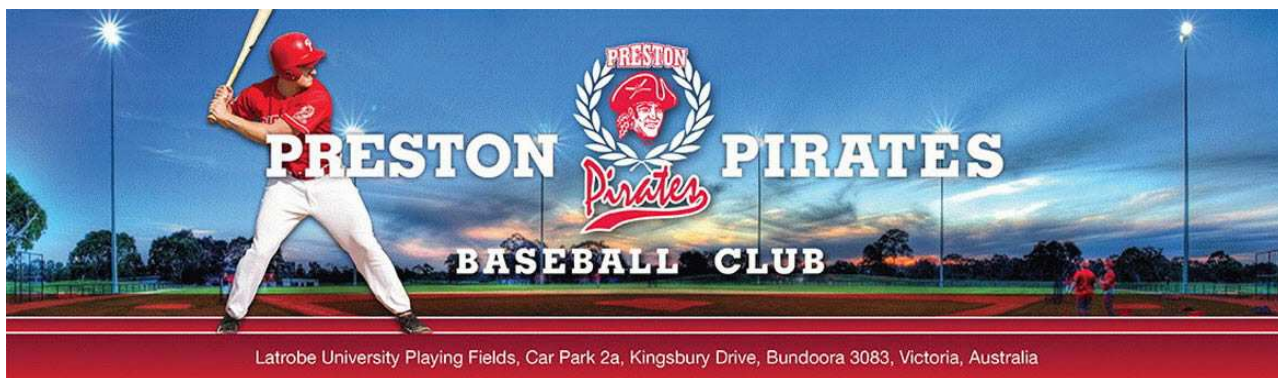
Please refer to the Baseball Victoria Policies section on page 113 of the Club Playing Conditions and Administration Handbook for further information.

The Preston Baseball Club fully supports the Codes of Conduct as introduced by Baseball Victoria and the Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria.

PLAYERS AND COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Baseball Victoria have issued the following Codes of Conduct for both Players and Coaches and for Parents and Spectators.

- Learn the rules and always play them.
- Never argue with an umpire, opposition player or official. If a problem arises resolve it amicably.
- Verbal abuse, swearing and un-sportsmanlike conduct are reportable actions and will not be tolerated in baseball.
- Strive to be the best of your ability at all times, both at practice and during games. This should include looking after yourself off the field. The use of alcohol and drugs will affect your performance while playing.
- Respect the time and efforts put in by your players, coaches and officials. They deserve your support and full commitment.
- Baseball is a team game. Encourage your team mates and players even when they make mistakes. Remember every player makes errors and has off days. Never ridicule opponents or team mates.

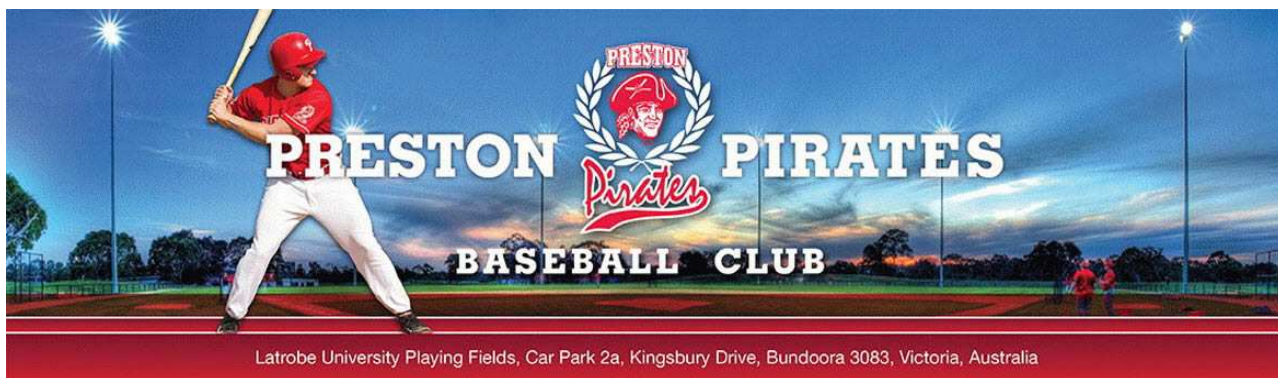


Code of Conduct cont'

- Accept that at times you may be required to take a turn on the bench. When on the bench encourage your team and be prepared to play at all times.
- Respect and appreciate your opponents. Without the opposition you would not be able to play the game in the first place.
- Play to enjoy the game and improve your skills.
- Respect and be responsible for the equipment provided for you. Abuse of equipment such as throwing bats and helmets, is a reportable act and will not be tolerated.
- Always think safety, to avoid injury to yourself and others.
- Set an example. If you want to be treated in a certain manner, then act that way to others. Be encouraging and fair and show respect to everyone.

PARENTS & SUPPORTERS CODE OF CONDUCT

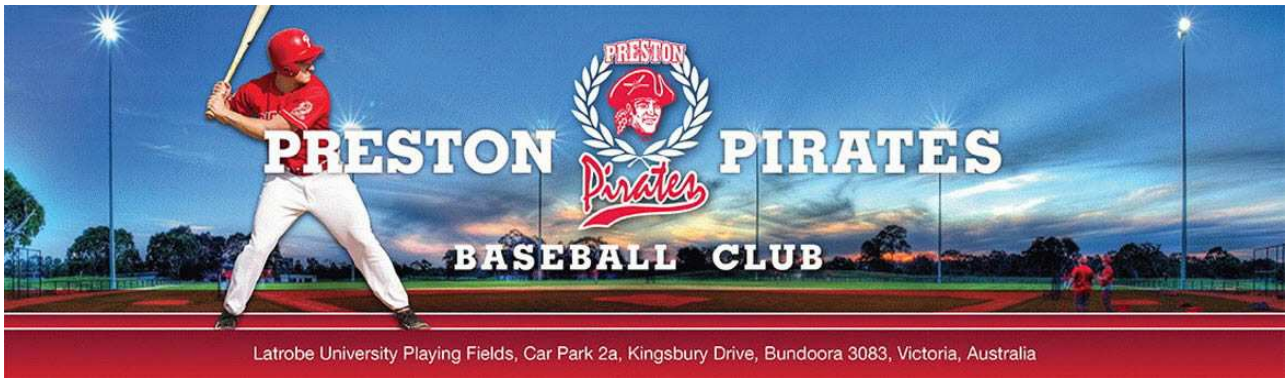
- Children play baseball for fun. Accept any mistakes as part of their learning process. Remember they are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Applaud good play from both teams and encourage your child to accept that their best and honest effort is just as important as victory.
- Encourage the players and coaches to always play within the rules and spirit of the game.
- To help assist your understanding, learn the rules.
- Never ridicule, abuse or yell at any player for making a mistake which may change the result of the game.
- Offensive language and behaviour from parents and spectators is not acceptable under any circumstances and the club concerned should take immediate stern action.
- Recognise the value and importance of the volunteers assisting. They give their time and effort to provide a safe and fun environment for your child. If you are able, your assistance is always appreciated.
- Baseball is a team game. Accept that each player will spend time on the bench and have a particular role within the team.
- Not all players are champions, so if they don't want to play, then don't force them.
- If you disagree with an official or coach, raise the issue after the game and attempt to resolve the matter amicably.
- **THERE IS NOTHING WORSE THAN THE UGLY PARENT.**



Functions Calendar

EVENT	MONTH*
Come & Try and Registration Day	Sunday 30 th August 2015
Senior First Game Dinner	October 2015
Junior Pie Night	Friday 3 rd October 2015
Calcutta Night/Cup Eve Function	Monday 2 nd November 2015
Junior Christmas Party	December
Senior Christmas Party	December
Junior Last Game Lunch	March
Junior Presentation Night	March
Senior Last Game Dinner / Vote Count Night	March
Senior Presentation Night	March

Please note: Events and dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances. The best efforts will be made to advise of any changes to events via email, sms or handouts.



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