

Templeton CC – Junior Skills Development Program

The Templeton Cricket Club Junior Skills Development Program identifies key competencies (batting, bowling, fielding and game sense) that are considered to be important in the development of our junior players. The main objectives of the program are to (i) assist players to realise their playing potential and (ii) equip them to transition through the junior age groups and ultimately to senior cricket.

There are 4 levels of the program, with the goals becoming more advanced as player's progress. The levels do not correlate to a particular age group (i.e. U10s, U12s etc.) and players will be coached to progress at their own pace. Players will be assessed early and at the end of the season.

Junior Taipan – Bronze

Pass Criteria: Achieve 80% of requirements

Batting

- Calling when running between wickets
- Backing Up & sliding the bat
- Bat Grip and Stance
- Taking guard
- Straight bat lift
- Forward Defence
- Pull shot

Bowling

- Correct grip
- Left arm up looking through the window
- Straight bowling arm
- Correct foot when bowling
- Correct follow through

Fielding

- Cupped hands when catching
- Throwing the ball - basics
- Underarm returns from 5m.
- Overthrows and how to stop
- Backing up in the field
- Calling for catches

Junior Taipan – Silver

Pass Criteria: Achieve 80% of Silver requirements & all previous level requirements

Batting

- Off & straight drive
- Cut shot
- Leaving the ball
- Soft hands when defending
- Back foot defense

Fielding

- Outfield catching
- Outfield throwing
- High catches

Bowling

- How to build a run up
- Bowling at a target.

Game Sense

- Play the game – don't spectate
- Batting & bowling in partnerships
- Attacking & defensive bowling, what & when

Junior Taipan – Gold

Pass Criteria: Achieve 80% of Gold requirements & all previous level requirements

Batting

- Rotating the strike – placing the ball
- Leg glance
- On drive
- Back foot drive
- Playing spin – use of the crease

- Variation in an over – stock delivery & change up balls
- Bowling to a field

Fielding

- Slips catches

Bowling

- Slower ball
- Inswing and outswing
- How to use the crease when bowling
- Technique adjustments needed to bowl to left handed batsmen
- Bowling to a target

Game Sense

- Watching opposition batsmen to identify strengths & weaknesses
- How to Build an innings - going through the gears
- Batting when a collapse is occurring

Junior Taipan – Platinum

Pass Criteria: Achieve 80% of Platinum requirements & all previous level requirements

Batting

- Lofting the ball
- Slog sweep
- Playing spin - use of feet to play forward
- Sweep shots

Bowling

- Variations on the slower ball
- Off and leg cutters
- Setting a field to your bowling

Game Sense

- Starving a batsmen to get a wicket
- Seeing a top bowler off
- Attacking a weak bowler