

Who we are

Columbus Cricket Club (CCC) is one of the oldest Cricket clubs in Central Ohio. Founded in 1996 by a bunch of enthusiasts, CCC today boasts to be a constitutionally governed, democratic and professional club. CCC is one of the largest and fastest growing Cricket clubs in Columbus with a very loyal, dedicated and diverse membership. CCC is an Associate member of [The United States Cricket Association \(USACA\)](#), which is the governing body of Cricket in USA. CCC is an open club and membership is open to anyone with an interest in the sport.



Mission Statement:

To be a competitive and premier Cricket club in Central Ohio, and to promote the game of Cricket among all skill levels, in the local communities especially the youth and Cricket enthusiasts.

Vision

- To play competitive Cricket and with the right spirit of sportsmanship
- To organize Cricket clinics and youth camps to spread the game

Accomplishments

1. **Winners of 2008, 2009 & 2010 OICT QuickFire Twenty-20 Tournaments.**
2. **Winners of 2010 UCC Twenty-20 cup**
3. **Winners of 2009 Midwest Open Cricket League**
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7. **Runners up of 2007 Midwest Open Cricket League**
8. **Winners of the 2006 Cincinnati Open Challenge**
9. **Winners of the 2006 Six-a-Side Tournament**
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11. **Winners of the 2004 Six-a-Side Tournament**
12. **Winners of the 2003 Midwest Cricket Tournament**
13. **Winners of the 2003 Ohio Open Six-a-side Tournament**
14. **Winners of the 1999, 2000, 2001 & 2004 Tennis Ball Tournament**
15. **Runners up of the 1999 Midwest Cricket Tournament**
16. **Hosts of Annual Ohio Invitation Cricket Tournament**
17. **Hosts of the Annual Six-a-side tournament**
18. **Hosts of the 2000 Challenger Trophy Tournament**
19. **Touring the Sarasota Intl. Cricket Club in Florida**
20. **Hosting the Sarasota Intl. Cricket Club in Columbus**
21. **Achieving the status of reserving our own playing facilities**
22. **Maintaining a healthy, competitive, and diverse membership**

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History



Cricket, the game of glorious uncertainties is evident in and revealing of our culture today - here in the United States as it was in our respective homelands. It is a Gentleman's game, and once bitten by the bug, wherever we go we itch to play this wonderful game. Such was the determination of one, Jacob Benjamin and his group, who was bitten by the bug and had the itch. Their passion and enthusiasm for the game never died, even after arriving in the heartland of American society, where the word Cricket was synonymous with that of an insect or a dart game in a local Billiards Club. Determined to introduce this great game to this great land that we now call home, the Columbus Cricket Club (CCC) was born in 1996.

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The first few years were mostly preparative. A core group was formed and started playing, albeit with a tennis ball. In 1997, the strength increased and the desire to play regular cricket was evident in every club member.



In 1998, due to some great work done by the core group and assistance from the Ohio State University, the CCC graduated from a purely recreational club to a more serious Cricket Club.

In the same year CCC hosted its first Cricket festival at its adopted home base, the OSU cricket ground. Several Midwest Cricket teams participated in the festival with the highlight being the visiting touring team from India. CCC benefited from this venture by accumulating a much-needed inventory of cricket equipment from the overseas visitors.

With a rapidly growing membership of competent and enthusiastic cricketers, CCC promoted itself by participating in several friendly games with teams from the Midwest area. Though CCC was unable to gain entry into the much-acclaimed Midwest Tournament in 1998 due to a delay in registration, it demonstrated the skill of its players by defeating the champions in a friendly game later that year.

In 1999, a determined CCC revealed itself to the world. CCC proved that, the desire to always give its best, the power of teamwork and determination are the integral ingredients for a successful formula. The formula worked and worked well. Till date our accomplishments include:



Today, CCC is a healthy and rapidly growing organization. We have earned the respects of our peers (fellow cricket teams in the Midwest), by demonstrating the discipline and conduct required for being winners in the Midwest Cricket Conference. We are also striving hard to promote the game of Cricket in Central Ohio and Columbus in particular and are open to any individual with the interest to play the sport. **The club boasts to be a constitution-driven professional club that is managed by an Executive Committee which is democratically elected by its members every year.**