



UTS ACADEMY

JUNIOR T20 **BLAST** CAPE TOWN

JUNIOR T20 BLAST · SQUAD RECRUITMENT

THIS DECEMBER, UNDER THE LIGHTS.

UTS ZENITH is entering the Junior T20 Blast — and we're building our squads now.



Real T20 franchise cricket — U11 to U16



Somerset West Cricket Club · 7–19 December 2026



Day AND night matches under floodlights



Every match live streamed & live scored



5 guaranteed matches + semis, final & All-Star game

**SQUADS ARE LIMITED TO 14 PLAYERS PER
AGE GROUP.**

**WhatsApp Coach Patrick on 074 975 4643 to claim
your spot.**



**UTS
ZENITH**

What Your Player Gets

- Full tournament playing kit & cap
- Pre-tournament training & warm-up matches with UTS coaches
- Professional team management on every match day
- Man of the Match awards every game · Best Batsman & Best Bowler per age group
- A festival venue: food vendors, live music, medical & security on site

The Investment

Tournament entry: R2,695 per player (includes kit & cap), paid to the organisers.

Zenith coaching & tournament management: R1,850 — covers 4 training sessions, a team tactical session and a warm-up match.

All-in total: R4,500.

A R1,000 deposit by 10 August secures your player's spot · payment plans available — just ask.



Homegrown First.

Every Zenith squad is built from Under The Sun Academy players first. Development, competing to win, and affordability — in that order.

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UTS ZENITH — an Under The Sun Academy franchise



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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

This sheet covers everything you need to know about the Junior T20 Blast and how UTS Zenith, our Under The Sun Academy franchise, fits into it. Keep it handy — we'll update you directly if anything changes.

ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

The Junior T20 Blast is a new junior cricket tournament held at Somerset West Cricket Club this December. It was created to make competitive junior cricket affordable and — with the help of sponsors — to open the game to players who wouldn't otherwise get the chance. UTS Zenith is proud to be one of the founding franchises.

FORMAT & STRUCTURE

- T20 format, played under normal CSA rules
- Six teams competing (may extend to seven)
- Every team guaranteed five round-robin matches, then semi-finals and a final
- All-Star match to close the tournament — top performers from each age group in one showcase game
- Day and night matches on the main oval — at least one game per team under floodlights (schedule confirmed by end August)
- Every match live streamed and live scored

The six franchises: Zenith • Raiders • Raptors • Sultans • Wolves • SWCC.

AGE GROUPS, SQUADS & DATES

Six age groups, U11 to U16, with squads of 14 players each.

AGE GROUPS	DATES
U14 • U15 • U16	7 to 13 December 2026
U11 • U12 • U13	14 to 19 December 2026

Both windows fall inside the December school holidays. If your family has travel plans, tell your coach as early as possible so we can plan squad availability around it.

FEES & WHAT THEY COVER

There are separate fees for the season. All of them are set out below so there are no surprises.

R2,695

FEE 1 • TOURNAMENT FEE

Paid to the tournament organisers. Covers tournament entry and full playing kit & cap.

R1,850

FEE 2 • UTS ZENITH COACHING & MANAGEMENT

Paid to UTS Academy. Covers pre-tournament team preparation and management: 4 training sessions, 1 team tactical session and 1 warm-up match, plus team management throughout the tournament.

TBC

FEE 3 • TEAM APPAREL

Paid to UTS Academy. Optional Zenith training wear beyond the tournament-issued kit — options and pricing shared once squads are fully formed.

TOTAL • TOURNAMENT + COACHING: R4,500



PAYMENT DEADLINES

- Deadline 1 · 10 August: a R1,000 deposit secures your player's place — or pay in full.
- Deadline 2 · date to be confirmed: balance due. We'll confirm this date with plenty of notice.

PAYMENT PLANS: if a one-off payment doesn't suit your family, get in touch — plans are available across all fees and we're happy to make it work.

ON MATCH DAY, AT THE VENUE

Somerset West Cricket Club will be set up as a full match-day venue, with:

- Bar facilities & beer garden
- Food and drink vendors, including halaal options
- On-site medical services
- Security on site
- Live music, announcers & player interviews
- A branded gazebo for each playing team

WHAT TO BRING ON THE DAY

- Playing kit and cap (issued with the tournament fee)
- Sun protection — hat, sunscreen, sunglasses
- Plenty of water and a snack for between innings
- Warm clothing for night matches under floodlights

Exact arrival times and match schedules will follow closer to December, once fixtures are confirmed.

OUR APPROACH WITH UTS ZENITH

UTS Zenith is built homegrown-first: every squad is drawn from Under The Sun Academy players with players from partner clubs and schools brought in only where a squad needs extra depth. Our order of priorities: creating an environment and team culture for players to thrive, player development, and competing to win.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Is my child guaranteed a game?

Every squad is guaranteed five round-robin matches; team selection for each match is a coaching decision, made with development in mind.

What if we're away for part of December?

Let your coach know as soon as possible so we can plan around it.

Why isn't the apparel fee final yet?

Coaching & management is now confirmed at R1,850. Team apparel is the only item still pending — we'll share options and pricing once squads are fully formed.

Will there be more updates before December?

Yes — we'll share the confirmed day/night schedule, match times and further details directly as the organisers confirm them.

QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH

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UTS ZENITH — AN UNDER THE SUN ACADEMY FRANCHISE



OFFICIAL SQUAD INVITATION

[Player Full Name]

Dear [Player First Name],

Some invitations are sent to everyone. This one is not.

This December, UTS Zenith — the franchise team of Under The Sun Academy — takes the field in the Junior T20 Blast at Somerset West Cricket Club. Six franchises. Semi-finals, a final, and an All-Star showcase. Every match live streamed, live scored, and played on the main oval — including under floodlights.

Each Zenith squad carries just fourteen players. After watching you train and compete over the years — your ability, attitude, and the way you carry your teammates — we are holding one of those fourteen places for you in our [Age Group] squad.

As a Zenith player, you will receive pre-tournament team preparation and warm-up matches to arrive tournament-ready, full playing kit and cap, professional team management on every match day, and at least one match under lights — with your family and friends watching from the boundary or on the live stream.

Your tournament window is [7–13 December / 14–19 December] 2026.

To accept your place, please have a parent confirm with Coach Patrick on WhatsApp — 074 975 4643 — by 10 August. The full parent information sheet accompanies this letter, and payment plans are available for every family.

Zenith was built homegrown-first, around players exactly like you. We hope you'll wear the badge this December.

See you under the sun — and under the lights,

Patrick van Niekerk

HEAD COACH · UTS ZENITH

Player: [Full Name]
Squad: [Age Group]