

Negev Academy

Club profile

Full name Negev Academy Cricket Club

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Division 1st X1 – Division 2, 2nd X1 – Division 3

Home ground Dimona / Be'er Sheva

Domestic Honors

Dudi Silbowitz Memorial Trophy Division 1 Champions

Ben Abrahams Memorial Trophy Division 2 League Winners

Asher Jauliker Memorial Trophy Division 3 League Winners

ICA Cup Winners

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The brainchild of ICA coach George Sheader, the Negev Academy was founded in 2003 to give the swelling number of junior players in the Negev areas an opportunity to play regular, competitive cricket against strong opposition. The idea is to let the young cricketers play in a supervised framework, gaining experience and good cricketing habits, before being released to the local senior teams once they finish school. The team surprised everybody in their first league season, recording impressive results, and in just their second season, earned promotion from Division 3 to Division 2. A second team was added in 2005 to give the next generation of players the same opportunities as well. The vast majority of players who have represented the Israel national junior teams with such success in recent years are products of the Negev youth programme and play for the Negev Academy.