

CASO



CASO Cricket league is providing premier level cricket and is determined to build diverse communities, promote, encourage, foster and cultivate interest in the sport of cricket at all levels.

CASO Cricket League and Chicago Panthers have teamed up to create a premier youth cricket academy in Chicago. Our academy is designed to enhance the skill levels of all players, from beginners to advanced players. We offer a wide range of training programs, including individual and group lessons, as well as competitive teams for those looking to take their game to the next level. Our experienced coaches and state-of-the-art facilities provide the perfect environment for youth prospects to improve and excel. We provide a positive and inclusive environment for all players, regardless of their background or experience.

<https://chicago-panthers.com/academy/>

FOUNDERS and BOARD MEMBERS



TARIQ KHAN

Pilot by profession, a legend in Chicago Cricket and Co-Founder of CASO



EMAAD HUSSAIN

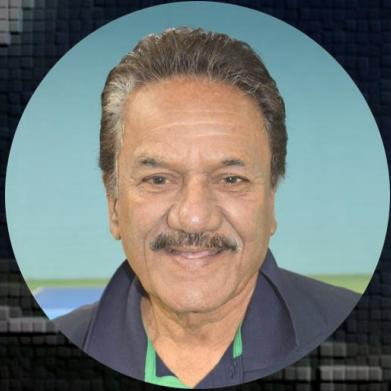
IT professional and Co-Founder of CASO



RON MAJUMDAR

IT Architect, Academic Research and cricketer, Founder of Chicago Panthers

ADVISORS



AKHTAR MASOOD
CHIK SYED

Massod Chik is a USA Cricket Hall of Famer and often call the High-flying Bird. He was born in Delhi but moved to Karachi where he played for his college DJ College and started his first class cricket career with Pakistan Central Zone against Commonwealth XI in 1967. He has played a catalytic role in the growth of cricket in the US from 1972 after he moved to Chicago. He was elected vice president of USA Cricket Association (USACA) in 1987 and president from 1996 to 1999. From 2000 to 2004 he was chairman of the US national selectors. Syed helped select the team, which won the Americas Cup in Argentina in 2002, and success followed in the 2003 Six Nation Tournament in Dubai where the US became the first ICC associates member to play in the 2004 Champions Trophy. It is an honor to have Chik as our Advisory Coach.

[Cricket Hall of Fame Induction](#)
[The High-flying Bird](#)
[Historic Album](#)



JATIN PATEL

Jatin Patel has been coaching multiple sports including cricket in the US for more than 2 decades and is a former medium-pacer batsman. He was inducted into the USA Cricket Hall of Fame in 2020 and was awarded the Lifetime Achievement awards presented by former West Indies captain Shivnarine Chanderpaul in 2023. He was also awarded with the President's Lifetime Achievement Award by Joe Biden in 2023. Jatin founded the ACF Cricket coaching Certification & Accreditation Program in 2014 and has trained more than 300 Level 2 Coaches and 700+ Level 1 Coaches. He is also passionately pursuing the mission to coach school PE teachers within and outside the US. It is an honor to have Jatin as our Advisory Coach and Coach Certification Head for the academy.

[Cricket Hall of Fame Induction](#)
[Cricket Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement](#)
[President Biden's Lifetime Achievement](#)

COACHES



SUKITA HARAMBAGE

Sukita has an extensive history of playing Division 1 cricket with Singa Kyoto in Japan opening the batting for the team before he moved to the US and started playing and practicing with the Chicago Panthers. He has also started as a batsman and spinner for the Kings XI Chicago and United Elgins at the Midwest Cricket Conference, for the Incredibles opening the bowling in the Bolingbrook Premier League and, of course, opening the batting for the Chicago Panthers in the CASO Cricket League. He has also been building the grounds in Osaka, where he lived most of his life and now in Chicago at BPL and other places.



PHIL APTHORPE

Phil is an energetic Australian cricketer who moved to England and started teaching at the Highgate Cricket Club (HGCC) as the Lead Junior Coach since 2020. He is an England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Level 2 Certified coach and had been giving private lessons and running camps for HGCC. He is also the contracted coach for the Middlesex Cricket team working closely with the Director and ECB Advanced Coach, Johan de Silva, to deliver excellence in cricket skills. Phil is a Batsman and Off Spinner and had kept wickets in the past in his earlier days. He will be debuting for the Panthers in 2024 season.

COACHES



SAMI SOHAIL

Sami started his international cricket career as in the Malawi National team at the age of 16 in 2019 and got to captain the U19 team the following year. Sami has emerged as the top African cricketer in recent times when his average of 72.5 run was higher than that of Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan and the Indian superstar Virat Kohli. He played in the ECB premier league in Derbyshire for Eckington Cricket club as an overseas pro in 2023 with 593 run and 27 wickets for the season. He moved to the US to play with the Chicago Tigers. Sami is also a certified strength and conditioning trainer and ECB Level 2 coach.

[Sami's average better than Kohli's](#)



RON MAJUMDAR

Ron is a Level 2 ACF Certified Coach. He is passionate about the sport and had been playing all his life at the college level but pursued a career in Computer Science and Leads Center for Advanced Studies (Chicago, Midwest and India) for IBM. Ron is the founder of Chicago Panthers team and the CASO Panthers Academy along with Tariq Khan and Emaad Hussain. Ron is well connected in the cricket circles with academies throughout the US and working with schools in downtown, British International School of Chicago and University of Chicago Lab School to promote cricket curriculum in the US. He also started the first academic tournament in Chicago where University of Chicago, Northwestern University, University of Illinois Chicago, University of Wisconsin Madison participated.

COACHES



FAHAD BABAR

Fahad Babar has been the one player in recent times to challenge Steven Taylor's mantle as Team USA's premier batsman, mostly through a consistency of performance.

Since he first broke into the full U.S. lineup in 2014 he has not looked back, topping the teams run scoring charts for the USA in his first two ICC events, and being named as the MVP of the 2015 ICC Americas Division One championship in Indianapolis.

[Fahad Babar USA Cricket](#)
[Fahad Babar on ESPN CricInfo](#)



ZIA-UL-HAQ

Zia-ul-Haq is a left-arm fast bowler who started his career in the Pakistan U19 cricket team. caught everyone's attention when he made his domestic T20 debut in early 2012 during Super 8 tournament in Pakistan. He took 5/23 against Faisalabad in a dream spell where he consistently touched the 140 kmph mark. He played for Pakistan T20 International squad for their tour of Sri Lanka in July 2015. In April 2018, he played in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's squad for the Pakistan Cup and was the leading wicket-taker for his team with 11 wickets in 4 matches. In March 2019, he played for Federal Areas for the Pakistan Cup.

Zia moved to the US to play with the Texas Super Kings in 2023 for the MLC tournaments.

[Zia-ul-Haq on ESPN CricInfo](#)

COACHES

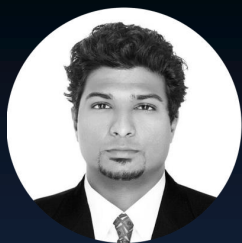


ASHHAR MEHDI

Ashhar started playing cricket as a youngster from the streets of Pakistan and started playing professionally with Rafique Shirazi club in Karachi with Pakistan Test cricket Ghulam Ali. Ashhar was encouraged by Masood Chik after he moved to the US to carry on with his cricketing career in Chicago and he soon became a top batsman and wicket keeping talent in the nation bringing in his experience with players like Rashid Latif while playing in Pakistan. He still hold the record for the fastest 200 runs with 204 in 67 balls.

He started playing for USA national team in 2010 against Jamaica and later that year was announced as the best wicket keeper by ICC at the 6-nation Americas Cup tournament in Bermuda.

[Ashhar Mehdi on ESPN CricInfo](#)



SUKITA HARAMBAGE



PHIL APTHORPE



SAMI SOHAIL



FAHAD BABAR



ZIA-UL-HAQ



ASHHAR MEHDI

Private and Semi-private Advanced Lessons

Advanced lessons can be scheduled based on the availability of the coaches and facilities. These lessons are provided to take the student's skills to the next level by analyzing their skills and providing a custom plan for each student.

We are adding more coaches and available slots. Please contact us for the latest information on these lessons.

Single or Blocks of private (1-on-1) and semi-private (2-on-1) lessons can be booked.

Single
Private Lesson

Block of 5
Private Lessons

Block of 10
Private Lessons

Single
Semi-Private Lesson

Block of 5
Semi-Private Lessons

Block of 10
Semi-Private Lessons

SELECT
COACH

FIND
AVAILABLE
SLOT

BOOK
SESSION

Contact us for our pricing

CASO Panthers Youth Cricket League



REGISTRATION OPEN

<http://tinyurl.com/cpyl-2024>

U15: Summer: May – August





First time in Chicago

Chicago Academic Cricket Tournament 2023

Organized by **CHICAGO PANTHERS**
in collaboration with **MID AMERICA CRICKET CONFERENCE**
and **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**



THE UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO



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Labor Day Weekend
September 2nd, 3rd

ADDISON: OAK KNOLL PARK
500 E. SHERWOOD DRIVE ADDISON, IL 60101



Chicago Academic Cricket Tournament for Universities and Schools (CACTUS)

Labor Day Weekend: September 2nd and 3rd, 2023.

First time in Chicago, an Academic Tournament will be organized only for students of universities in the Chicagoland area to participate in a cricket tournament. Only students enrolled in participating universities will be playing in the tournament. However, considerations may be made for teams to add students from other universities and schools in case they cannot make a full team due to logistics.

The tournament is organized by Chicago Panthers in collaboration with Mid America Cricket Council and University of Chicago.

Schedule:

2023-09-02 @ 09:00 : **University of Chicago vs University of Illinois Chicago**

2023-09-02 @ 14:00 : **University of Wisconsin Madison vs University of Chicago**

2023-09-03 @ 09:00 : **University of Illinois Chicago vs University of Wisconsin Madison**

2023-09-03 @ 14:00 : **Finals – University of Chicago vs University of Wisconsin Madison**



THE UNIVERSITY OF
CHICAGO

University of Chicago won the
2023 Panthers CACTUS Cup



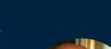
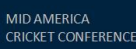
Catch the action on the Panthers
YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL82cBqnhmlRpMedEk9WKSfQz2e2bL6c6L>



Scoreboard on CricClubs:

<https://www.cricclubs.com/ChicagoPanthers/viewLeagueSchedule.do?league=16&clubId=31666>





CASO Panthers Academy

PROGRAMS

Winter Training

Mondays and Wednesdays indoors
at Play and Thrive

808 ROUTE 59, SUITE 120
NAPERVILLE, IL, 60540

Till end of April

Spring Camp

5 days of intense world class HIGH
PERFORMANCE training coming
soon.

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NAPERVILLE, IL, 60540

Stay tuned

Youth League

Open enrolment for youth teams
participating in 8-game league and
finals

HOFFMAN ESTATE
HANNOVER PARK

May through September

Advanced Lessons

Private (1-on-1) and Semi-private
(2-on-1) sessions with specialist
coaches

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Offered only to qualified
youths and adults

Bi-Lateral Tournament

The U15 travel team will play with
multiple clubs in the US and the
Caribbean throughout the season

Offered only to qualified
advanced youths

Summer Training

Mondays and Wednesdays
outdoors for a complete all-round
training in batting, bowling and
fielding

SKOKIE CRICKET GROUND

May through September

Contact us:
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Join the Academy:
<https://tinyurl.com/caso-panthers-academy-join>

