Michigan Cricket Academy is a nationally and confessionally diverse organization which welcomes anyone interested in making the world's second-most-popular sport available to Michigan's children. Our teams play in up to five tournaments a year; we enter a team in MICA's T20 league; we also hope to travel to Canada again for another cross-border series this year. The Academy practices at Lyon Oaks Park from spring until late fall and then indoors throughout the winter. We also have an outreach program designed to interact with schools, community organizations, parks, and recreation departments. If you would like to support our work through sponsorship, or if you would like to participate in the Academy, please do not hesitate to contact us. All contributions to MCA should be tax-deductible.

For more information about MCA contact coaches Shyam Mayasandra (734-342-9305) or Vasanth Krishnaswami (734-293-7586), or information director Michael Makin (734-646-4821; mlmakin@umich.edu).

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The host club, Michigan Cricket Academy, a Chappell Way affiliate and an Affiliate Member of the United States Cricket Association, was founded in 2004 to promote cricket among Michigan’s children. MCA numbers continue to grow: in the last twelve months more than forty children have participated in Academy events. MCA has been represented at tournaments in California (the National Youth Cricket Tournament), Florida, and Chicago, and has held its own summer tournaments since 2004. Two years ago MCA played the first of what is planned as an annual cross-border series with North Star of Toronto. Last year MCA hosted the first-ever Michigan Sixes Indoor tournament. MCA has entered a team into the MichCA T20 league for the last two years, and at least six MCA members have already played for adult clubs this year in the forty-overs league. Academy players have represented the Central East Region at both U-15 and U-19 levels. MCA, which practices year-round, emphasizes not only skills development but also the importance of team play, collective spirit, and respect for the game, the opponent, and the match officials. Chief coaches: Vasanth Krishnaswami and Shyam Mayasandra.

The MichCA Colts are from the Michigan Cricket Association (www.michca.org), established in 2001, which brings together cricketers from across the state, as well as northern Ohio and Windsor. Many of the Colts play for Greater Detroit C.C., one of some twenty teams competing in MichCA’s three main tournaments. MichCA is also the organizer of an annual tournament showcasing players from the automotive and related industries; last year six teams competed for the trophy, further expansion is planned this year. MichCA conducts annual youth coaching camps in Troy & Lyon Oaks. The MichCA President, Shahid Ahmed, is also the Head Coach of the G.D.C.C. Colts.

The Great Lakes Cricket Conference (www.greatlakescricket.org) consists of clubs from Michigan and Ontario, with over twenty teams playing in T-20, forty-over, six-a-side, and indoor tournaments throughout the year. GLCC is led by Nabeel Ahmed, who has been prominent in US cricket for many years and is now Vice President of the United States of America Cricket Association. GLCC runs a youth section, with a summer camp at Lyon Oaks. GLCC’s youth team is coached by Raghuram Boorada, a former first-class cricketer, who has also run a cricket academy in Andhra Pradesh.

The Chicagoland Combined XI consists of players from the Mid-West Cricket Conference and the Greater Chicago Cricket Association. The Midwest Cricket Conference (www.midwestcricket.org) is one of the largest cricket leagues in the USA. Established in 1964, Midwest now has some fifty clubs playing in two divisions. The conference has an academy program under the direction of Krishna Meluveettil, Ajit Ramaswamy, and Sridher Jagath.

The youth program of the Greater Chicago Cricket Association (www.chicagocricket.com) is led by Coaches Shirish Joshi and Hemant Chavan, whose young cricketers play in local leagues and in the GCCA adult competitions. Several of their players will represent the Central East Region in zonal tournaments this year, and, like MWCA, they contributed to the Michigan-Midwest Cricket Academies side which played in the national U-13 tournament in California last year, and which also included six MCA members.

MCA batting against North Star, Maple Leaf C.C. Ground, King City, Ontario, 21 August, 2008.