

## Socially Distanced Cricket Camp for Kids Was a Big Hit for San Francisco Bay Area Families Over Labor Day Weekend

Fremont Mayoral Candidate Justin Sha presented a trophy to top participants at the conclusion of the camp.

FREMONT, CA, USA, September 8, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Willow Cricket Academy organized a socially distanced cricket camp over the Labor Day weekend for Bay Area kids. Close to 100 youth in the age categories of Under 12, Under 14, and Under 16 participated in the outdoors camp; the camp was spread out over three locations for each of the age cohorts. Camps were held safely with pandemic conditions in mind, in consideration of CDC and CDPH guidelines.



Students took social distancing precautions seriously while batting, bowling, and fielding.

This year, Willow Cricket Academy saw a tremendous outpouring of support from players and parents in the context of COVID-19. Camp organizers worked to ensure that social distancing precautions were strictly implemented and enforced at all camp locations. All participants and

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"In my opinion, this has been a very gratifying experience," said Prem Suri, of Willow Cricket Academy. "Parents and students took our safety precautions very seriously, and our social distancing precautions were complied with across the board at all locations. As cricket is not a contact sport, social distance efforts were easily maintained while playing. In addition to temperature scans, all players received specific instructions about how to wear masks

Justin Sha

and stay safely distanced from their fellow teammates and players on the field."

The camps were adjusted to ensure the health and wellbeing of all families. Parents were spread across the grounds with a distance of at least 6 feet constantly maintained. Some tents were erected for parents, with only three to four persons sitting per tent.

At the conclusion of the camp, community leaders were honored for their contributions and commitment to seeing cricket flourish in the Bay Area. "Kids are the future of USA Cricket, and it's great to see this level of participation in the Bay Area," said Suraj Viswanathan, Board Member of USA Cricket, President of the Bay Area Cricket Alliance, and <u>Milpitas City</u> <u>Council candidate</u>. Suraj Viswanathan asked students some of their takeaways, and many cited teamwork.

"I love cricket," said Justin Sha, candidate for Fremont Mayor and Chairman of Asian American Millennials for American Advancement (AAMAA). "As Chair of AAMAA, I look forward to working with our stakeholders to ensure equitable



All kids received temperature scan every day prior to the start of camp.



At the conclusion of camp, top participants received an award for their efforts.

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Prior to his Fremont mayoral bid, Justin Sha has consistently advocated for local residents in his mission to achieve a more representative, accountable, and transparent government. This has included instances of fighting against perceived bureaucratic laziness by City of Fremont contractors to ensure fair representation of cricket in official planning efforts by the Fremont Recreation Services department. Justin Sha has received the endorsement of the Bay Area Cricket Alliance.

The coaching camps were held at Rancho Milpitas Middle School in Milpitas for the Under 16 category, Delaine Eastin Elementary School in Union City for the Under 14 category, and Nielsen Elementary School in Dublin for the Under 12 category.

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About Justin Sha:

Justin Sha is running for Mayor of Fremont, CA. Sha is VP of Customer Success at Droisys, a global technology company headquartered in Fremont, and he teaches business law at Ohlone College. Sha is an involved community member, serving on local nonprofit boards. He is the Chairman of Asian American Millennials for American Advancement as well as a member of the Ohlone College Foundation Board. Sha received his B.A. from Dartmouth College and his J.D. from UC Hastings College of the Law.

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