



AUCKLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC.

MEMORANDUM

To: Under 15 District Coaches, Managers, & Conveners

CC: Club Managers, Club Chairs, Junior Chairs

From: Kieran McMillan – Game Development Manager

Date: 19 November 2008

Subject Under 15 Boys District Tournament 2008/09

The 2008/09 Under 15 Boys District Tournament will commence on Sunday 7 December (A Section) and Sunday 14 December (B Section).

The tournament will be hosted and managed by

A Section: The North Shore Cricket Club and the headquarters for the tournament will be the club's pavilion at Devonport Domain. Back-up artificial wickets will be Takapuna Grammar, Vauxhall Reserve, Bayswater Reserve and Belmont Intermediate (7 December only).

B Section: The Birkenhead City Cricket Club and the headquarters for the tournament will be the club's pavilion at Birkenhead War Memorial Park.

The tournament format will be as follows:

A Section: Three x one-day matches and two x two-day matches

B Section: Five one-day matches

Play will commence on each day at 10.30am in both sections. There is one exception to this – on Monday 15 December the 'B' section will start games at 9.45am. This is to ensure matches are completed by 5pm when the ground needs to be cleared for an athletics meet. Playing times will then be:

9.45am – 1pm: 1st Innings

1 – 1.30pm: Lunch

1.30 – 4.45pm: 2nd Innings

Given the spread of venues on the "opening" day of Sunday 14 December, we will not hold an opening ceremony for the 'A' section this year, but will be holding a closing ceremony on the evening of Friday 19 December. For the 'B' section there will be a brief opening ceremony 9.15 – 9.30am at Birkenhead War Memorial Park and a closing ceremony on the evening of Thursday 18 December (dependent upon whether their tournament is finished that day).



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Team Managers of 'A' Section teams will need to attend the North Shore Cricket Club pavilion between 9.00 – 9.30am on Sunday morning (14 December), to collect match balls and scoresheets.

Please note that this tournament is also a selection tournament for the team to represent the Auckland Cricket Association at the North Island Under 15 Boys tournament in Rotorua to be played **18 - 23 January 2009**. All players involved in the District Tournament are expected to be available for the Auckland representative team. Team coaches or managers should advise the ACA of any player in their team who is not available for selection in the representative side on the first day of the tournament.

Playing Conditions & Draw

A copy of the draw and playing conditions is attached to the email which carries this document. Please ensure all relevant personnel are provided a copy of these documents.

Please note the following:

- There is no scheduled “rest day” in the “B” section. Play will begin on Sunday 14 December, and continue for 5 days until Thursday 18 December. In the event of bad weather forcing the cancellation of one or more days, then Friday 19 December will be used as a playing day.
- As we did last season we have attempted to clarify the situation regarding the time limit allowed to bowl 50 overs (being 3 hours and 15 minutes). However, we are also seeking the goodwill of coaches/managers to ensure that the innings is concluded (i.e. innings' are not curtailed at a 47 or 48 over mark), and that the players themselves are not disadvantaged due to slow over rates. It is in everyone's interest to progress games at a reasonable pace, and we'll be watching closely to see how this is managed this tournament.
- In one-day matches fast bowlers will be restricted to a maximum spell of 6 overs. This differs from the NZ Cricket guideline, but has been decided upon by ACA in the interests of player fitness and safety.

Pre-tournament Meeting – 1 December 2008

A pre-tournament meeting will be held in the Auckland Rugby Supporters Lounge, Gate 5 Walters Road, ASB Bank Stand, Eden Park at **6.00pm on Monday 1 December 2008**. All team managers and coaches are asked to attend this meeting in order to gain relevant information in relation to the tournament and to meet with the Tournament Management Committee, the ACA representative team selectors and the ACA staff involved with the tournament. Alternatively, each District should send a Convener to the meeting, who can report back to the District coaches and managers. All similar personnel from the U17 tournament will also attend the meeting at the same time, as many of the issues raised are pertinent to both competitions.

Match balls and scoresheets will be distributed for the matches on Sunday 7 December at this meeting.

Tournament Programmes

As with past years ACA will be producing a Tournament Programme for each of the District Tournaments. We wish to include squad lists for each District team. Please send your full District squad lists (A & B teams, including coach and manager) to Kieran McMillan no later than **Wednesday 3 December 2008 for inclusion in the programme.**

If you have any questions regarding the U15 District Tournament, please contact me directly.

Kind regards

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