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**Primary School Boys Christmas Tournament
2008 Playing Conditions**

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Draw (and wickets)

		<u>A Section</u>	<u>B Section</u>
27th December	North Harbour Black v Manukau District	LEP 1a	LEP 5a
	North Harbour Burgundy v Eastern	LEP 7a	LEP 6a
	Western v Central	LEP 8a	LEP 4a
28th December	Western v North Harbour Burgundy	LEP 1a	LEP 5a
	Eastern v Manukau District	LEP 7a	LEP 6a
	North Harbour Black v Central	LEP 8a	LEP 4a
29th December	Manukau District v Central	LEP 1a	LEP 5a
	North Harbour Black v North Harbour Burgundy	LEP 7a	LEP 6a
	Western v Eastern	LEP 8a	LEP 4a
30th December	North Harbour Black v Eastern	LEP 1a	LEP 5a
	Central v North Harbour Burgundy	LEP 7a	LEP 6a
	Western v Manukau District	LEP 8a	LEP 4a
31st December:	North Harbour Burgundy v Manukau District	LEP 1a	LEP 5a
	Western v North Harbour Black	LEP 7a	LEP 6a
	Central v Eastern	LEP 8a	LEP 4a

Note : Games shall be played on the day as set out in the published draw

Composition of teams

District:	Boys:
WESTERN	2 teams (A & B)
EASTERN	2 Teams (A & B)
CENTRAL	2 Teams (A & B)
MANUKAU DISTRICTS	2 Teams (A & B)
NORTH HARBOUR BURGUNDY	2 Teams (A & B)
NORTH HARBOUR BLACK	2 Teams (A & B)

About the Tournament

The Christmas Tournament began originally in 1952 when seven Auckland clubs joined with Northland in an eight-team inter-districts competition.

Standards improved rapidly and the format was soon changed to a two-section competition with section winners contesting a final. There were no significant changes until 1977 when the current six-district 'A' and 'B' competitions were introduced.

Since then there have been a number of changes in the organisation of Junior District Cricket in Auckland. The current structure is a reversion to the District structure introduced in 1977 but now comprises only five districts, the Southern District having ceased to exist and the clubs in that district now being part of the Manukau Districts District. In 2001 the tournament format was fully aligned with the playing conditions for the regional tournament which follows this tournament.

Up to the beginning of this, the **57th** Christmas Tournament the 'A' Section has been won by: Eastern (**24**), Grafton (**3**), Northland (**1**), Eden-Roskill (**1**), Papatoetoe (**3**), Cornwall (**5**), Western (**10**), Southern (**2**), North Harbour (**7**), Central (**8**), South Eastern (**6**), Manukau District (**1**). The title has been shared on thirteen occasions.

Section Winners 2007

The 2007 winner of the 'A' Section for the Herbert Smith Trophy was won by Western. The 'B' Section was shared between Eastern and Central.

Sportsmanship: Spirit of Cricket

Although this Tournament has been, and is an important stepping stone to higher age group and senior Auckland representation, the main emphasis in the tournament is participation and the development of individual and team skills all within the environment of the "Spirit of Cricket"

North Island & Northern Regional Tournaments

The first official North Island Tournament was held in the 1953/54 season when Auckland, Wellington, Hawkes Bay and Hutt Valley competed in the Hutt Valley.

Subsequently Northern Districts and Western Districts were added to make a six team competition and Hawkes Bay became Eastern Districts. For a brief period Auckland entered two teams to retain an eight-team format with a rotating draw.

Some years ago New Zealand Cricket decided that tournaments at the Primary School level should be regional rather than North Island. The current position is that each region can now decide whether to play a regional tournament with its nearest neighbour or decide to combine with the other region to stage a North Island tournament. At the present time Northern Districts have elected not to select teams to play in a regional tournament at this level however Auckland representative teams will be selected to play in a number of matches between each other and a Northern Districts Development XI.

Acknowledgements

Organised cricket, a mix of clubs and schools on Saturday mornings is essentially the nursery from which our District teams are selected. Parents, club members and school staff willingly give up their time for meetings, transport, umpiring, scoring, coaching and all the myriad tasks involved in sport. This Tournament would not be possible without the hard work of all those who foster the game on a day by day basis and it is appropriate that such efforts are formally acknowledged. We would also like to acknowledge:

- the assistance of Manukau City and their contractors at Lloyd Elsmore Park, Excell Corporation is an essential ingredient in the running of this Tournament.

- the committee and members of the Howick Pakuranga Cricket Club for the use of their clubroom facilities and setting up match venues, etc.

- The valued support of the Southern Trust for this Christmas Tournament and our other age group selection Tournaments is very much appreciated.

PRELIMINARIES

Controlling Body

Auckland Cricket Association

District Representation

The Tournament shall be run on a District basis and shall be divided into an 'A' and a 'B' Section. Each District shall be eligible to enter one Boys team in each section of the Tournament. The Districts shall be as follows: - Western, Eastern, Central, Manukau Districts, North Harbour (which for the purpose of the age group tournaments is divided into the sub-districts North Harbour Burgundy and North Harbour Black).

Eligibility.

To be eligible for the Tournament players (**BOYS**) must be, Primary or Intermediate School Children, must be under 14 years on **September 1** of the year in which the teams are to compete and must have been regular players in their District's Saturday morning competition or the ACA Under 14 competition. Players may not play their cricket in one District and represent another District without prior approval of the Association.

Special note re all players in the Manukau District:

Players in this zone cannot be eligible for selection in both the Auckland and Northern Districts Association teams for the Zonal Tournament. Thus players, having played in Northern Districts Association trials or selection tournaments are not eligible for the Manukau District teams to play in this Tournament.

However players living out of the Auckland Cricket Association area but playing in the Manukau Districts Saturday morning competitions may play in the Manukau Districts teams at this Tournament but will not be eligible for selection in the Auckland teams unless they fulfil the residential qualifications. Manukau District must advise the Tournament Manager at the time of submitting Team Lists which players are not qualified residentially.

Umpires: Where available, official umpires will be appointed to all games by the Tournament Manager: In the event of official umpires being unavailable each district shall have available a person competent to act in this capacity for each full playing day. Such person may only be required to act as 'square leg' umpire only.

Replacement of 'A' Team Players: In the event that a player or players in the 'A' team become unavailable through unforeseen circumstances such as sickness, injury or family bereavement then promotion from the 'B' team only is permissible for the period involved with the prior consent of the Tournament Manager. The promoted player shall revert back to the 'B' team when no longer required.

Starting Times: The Commencement of Play each day will be signalled by the Tournament Manager. Drinks breaks, Luncheon, Close of play will be indicated by the Umpires or the course of each individual match. Refer to Playing Conditions below.

Weather Interruptions: Weather interruptions shall be signalled by the Tournament Manager. All matches shall cease at the same time and Umpires shall report to the Tournament Manager for information relating to the re-start of play. All matches shall re-start at the same time on a signal from the Tournament Manager.

Playing Conditions for Primary School Boys

Except as specifically provided hereunder The Laws of Cricket (2000 Code) and any subsequent amendments shall apply to all matches. ACA Bylaws shall also apply where applicable

N.B. The 5 run penalty clauses as per Laws 2, 18, 41 and 42 will not apply this Tournament

1. The Tournament:

- (a) The tournament shall consist of one-day matches over five days. There is no provision for Reserve Days
- (b) Each team squad shall comprise no more than 13 players

2. Nomination of Players:

For each match teams may be composed of 12 players. Prior to the Toss for each match team captains must provide opposing captains, umpires and scorers a list of their Batting XI and their Fielding XI. (NB For the purposes of Playing Condition 9, Fielding Lists shall clearly identify players deemed Pace Bowlers). The player left out of the Fielding XI will act as a normal 12th Man for the fielding portions of the match. (i.e. the player may bat in the Batting XI but may not bowl or keep wickets). Up to a maximum of two other squad members may also act as traditional 12th men providing they do not bat, bowl or keep wickets.

Where possible no player should be 12th Man more than once during the Tournament.

3. Cricket Equipment

- (a) Equipment: Each team shall provide its own full set of gear including stumps and bails. Stumps shall be of standard size – 711mm high
- (b) Dress: In all matches teams shall wear white cricket attire with the District logo. Coloured clothing may not be worn except with the prior consent of the ACA. All teams in all sections must comply with this requirement
- (c) Balls: The Tournament Manager will provide 142 gm balls for each match; at the end of each match balls will be returned to the umpires. The A Section will use 4 piece balls, the B Section will use 2 piece balls.
- (d) Length of Pitch: 20.12 meters
- (e) Length of boundaries: The minimum length of boundaries shall be 50 meters (and the maximum length shall be 60 meters when measured from the centre. Where circumstances permit the maximum permitted boundary 60 meters should be used.
- (f) Scoring: the Tournament Manager shall provide scoresheets and scoreboards. Each team shall provide its own instructed scorer. Players and supporters are requested to keep well away from the scorers.

4. **Hours of Play**

- (a) Commencement of Play: **10.00 am**
Luncheon: at the completion of 50 overs (or such lesser number as may eventuate or be determined): **40 Minutes**
Close of Play: **5.30 pm** (or such other time as may eventuate or be determined)
- (b) The hours of play set down in this Playing Condition may be varied by the Tournament Manager provided the total playing time for each day (6 hours) is not affected. The hours may also be varied for late commencement or interruption on account of weather but under no circumstances shall play continue beyond 6.00 pm (except as provided in Clause 6b and Clause 6e). Any variation in the hours of play shall be notified to all team managers prior to the commencement of the Tournament or, in case of variation because of weather, the commencement of the day's play.
- (c) If the commencement of play is delayed by weather or other unforeseen circumstances, or if play is interrupted by bad weather the decision on the starting time or recommencement following an interruption shall be in the hands of the Tournament Manager, in consultation with the umpires.
- (d) Drinks must be taken on the field of play.

5. **Length of Innings:**

- (a) Each team's innings shall be limited to a maximum of 50 six ball Overs
- (b) Where the commencement of a match is delayed by weather or ground conditions, the maximum amount of time available, less 10 minutes, shall be halved to determine the maximum length of each team's innings and the number of overs to be bowled shall be determined by dividing the minutes remaining by 3 with any fraction being counted as a full over. Otherwise Playing Condition 5(a) shall continue to apply.
- (c) A minimum of 25 overs bowled to each team shall constitute a match unless a team is dismissed in fewer overs.

6. **Play Suspended During Innings:**

- (a) If play is suspended during a team's innings the total number of overs still to be bowled shall be reduced by one over for every 3 minutes lost and the entitlement of the team then batting shall be reduced by one half of the overs lost. For this purpose if the number of overs lost is an odd number the next highest even number shall be adopted.
- (b) The side batting second will be entitled to the same numbers of overs as that received by the team batting first.
- (c) If the suspension in play occurs when the side batting second is at the crease the number of overs remaining to be bowled shall be calculated as follows: -
- EITHER: the number of overs still to be bowled shall be reduced by one over for every 3 minutes lost

OR: the number of overs still to be bowled shall be calculated by dividing the time remaining until the scheduled end of play as set out in Playing Condition 4(a) by 3 minutes

And the calculation producing the **greater** number of overs shall prevail.

- (d) The target score to be passed to win the match shall be calculated by multiplying the revised total number of overs for the innings by the average runs per over scored by the team batting first. If the team batting first was dismissed in less than its full entitlement of overs, the calculation of the run rate shall be based on the full number of overs to which it was entitled.
- (e) Where play has been interrupted by weather or ground conditions, or by poor light, it must continue until the team batting second has received its full quota of 50 overs or a reduced number of overs or is dismissed.

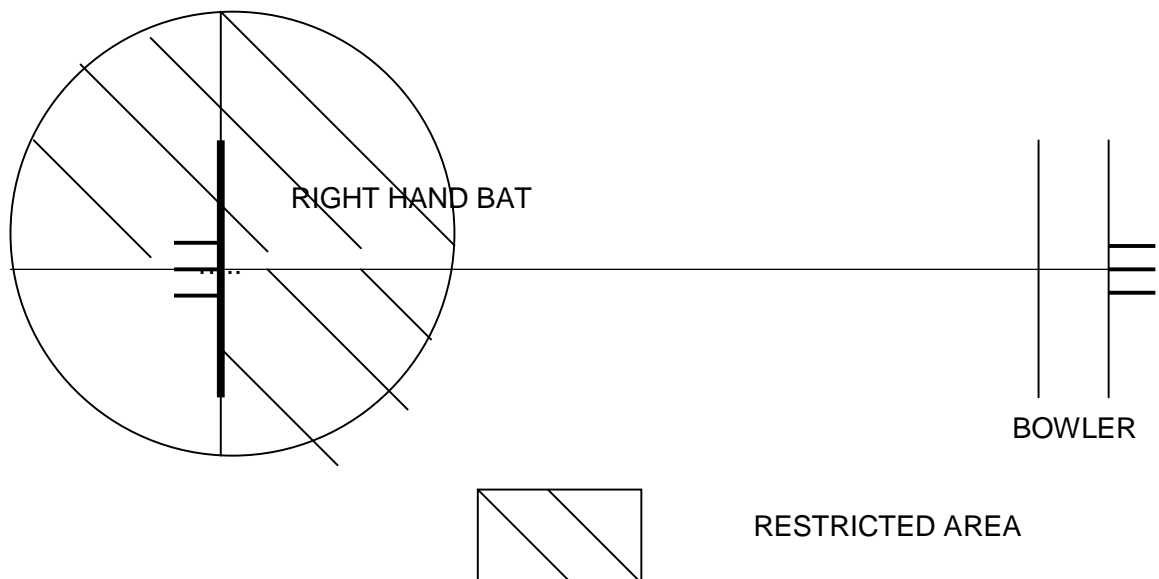
7. Over Rate:

There shall be no over rate penalties applied to Primary School Tournaments. However it is expected that a rate of approximately 18 overs per hour will be maintained for limited over matches.

8. Limited Field Placement:

No fielder may stand closer than 10 meters from the striker's wicket on the on-side or in front of point on the off-side until the ball has been played by the batsman – **see diagram.**
[Notes: (1) Fielder may stand within 10 meters of the striker if they are in the off-side slips position; (2) Ground persons shall mark a circle with a radius of 10 meters from each middle stump with dots.]

Diagram applies to a Right Hand Bat



9. Limitation of overs for Pace Bowlers:

(Note: this restriction does not apply to spin bowlers; see Playing Condition 10.)

The application of this Playing Condition at this Tournament is that Pace Bowlers may bowl a maximum of 10 overs per day but are limited to a maximum spell of 5 overs per spell. Player safety must be placed as a higher priority than match results.

At the completion of a bowlers spell, the bowler may not bowl again until the equivalent number of overs as the length of that spell has been bowled from the same end.

10. Number of Overs per Bowler:

- (a) No bowler shall bowl more than 10 six ball overs in an innings. In a match where the start is delayed and the innings of both teams is restricted from the start to less than 50 overs, no bowler may bowl for more than one-fifth of the total overs allowed except where the total overs is not divisible by 5 an additional over shall be allowed to a minimum number of bowlers, such minimum being equal to the remainder obtained where the total number of overs is divisible by 5. (e.g. in a 33 over match three bowlers may have a maximum of seven overs and no other bowlers may have more than 6 overs).
- (b) In the event of a bowler breaking down and not being able to complete an over, another bowler must bowl the remaining balls. Such part of an over will count as a full over only in so far as each bowler's limit is concerned.

11. Wide Balls and No Balls:

- (a) Umpires are instructed to apply an appropriate level of judgment and consistent interpretations in regard to this law and having regard to the age of the players and the conditions.
- (b) The following statement should be adopted as a guide to the umpires in the application of this player condition: "If the ball passes either side of the wicket sufficiently wide to make it virtually impossible for the striker to make a normal cricket stroke both from where they are standing and from where they would normally be standing at the crease, the umpire should call and signal wide. This provision will not apply if the batsman makes contact with the ball."
- (c) As detailed in Laws of Cricket, neither a wide nor a no ball shall be reckoned as one of the over. However, in these matches the maximum number of balls that may be delivered in any over is 8 (e.g. an over could consist of 8 wides – each one giving an extra to the batting team).
- (d) Any delivery which passes, or would have passed, above shoulder height when the striker is standing in their normal position shall be called a "No Ball".
- (e) Penalty: A penalty of one run for a No Ball shall be awarded and in all cases be scored as No Balls. The penalty shall stand in addition to any other runs, which are scored.

12. Mode of Delivery:

- (a) No bowler may bowl the ball underarm.
- (b) If any delivery bounces more than twice before it reaches the popping crease the ball shall be called no-ball and treated according to normal No Ball rules. The umpire at square leg may call this delivery.

13. The Result:

- Subject always to **three** rounds of competition or round robin play having been completed: -

1. The team having accumulated the most points at the conclusion of the Tournament shall be declared the winner.
2. In the event that two or more teams have accumulated the **same number of points** at the conclusion of the Tournament those teams shall be declared 'Joint winners'.
3. If, in the opinion of the Tournament Committee, the three rounds of competition have **not** been completed, the Committee reserves the right to decline to declare a tournament winner.
4. Any disputes concerning results and associated matters shall be referred to the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.

14. Competition Points:

Competition points shall be awarded as follows: -

- (a) Win: 4 points
- (b) A tie or no result 2 points each team
- (c) Loss 0 points

15. Trophies

1. A Section Boys: The winning team or teams will be awarded the Herbert Smith Cup.
2. B Section Boys: The winning team or teams will be awarded the Garth Ballantyne Cup.
3. The team best displaying the Spirit of Cricket qualities throughout the tournament (as judged by the ACUA) will be awarded the Dilmah Trophy.

16. Substitutes:

A player who suffers an injury by an external blow (as different to an internal injury such as a pulled muscle) and has to leave the field for medical treatment may, subject to the Umpires' approval, bowl immediately after their return, irrespective of the length of time for which they have been absent.

17. Players, Official, Spectators Conduct:

This tournament is played in accordance with the Auckland Cricket Association Code of Conduct which embodies the Spirit of Cricket as set out in the Laws of Cricket 2000. In addition the following provisions shall apply for coaches, managers and spectators; -

- No team official shall attempt to communicate with any player or players on the field of play
- Any difference of opinion with a player or official shall not be discussed publicly nor without due regard for the feelings of the other.
- Under no circumstances shall team officials remonstrate with umpires on or adjacent to the field of play.
- Team Officials and Spectators should recognise that the participation and enjoyment of the players is paramount at all times. Their behaviour around the players should reflect this.

18. General:

In the event of any dispute or clarification in respect of these Playing Conditions and the conduct of this tournament the decision of the Tournament Disputes Committee shall be final.