

Ashfield Cricket Club (ACC) – Juniors

Team Formation Guidelines

The Canterbury Western Suburbs Cricket Association (CWSCA) runs junior cricket competitions for the following age groups that usually have a Division 1 and a Division 2 level of competition:

U11 (stage 1), U13 (stage 2), U15 (stage 3)

The two year gap in each age group allows for greater flexibility in assigning players to each team. For example stronger younger players may enjoy the challenge of division 1 while less experienced players may be better suited to develop their skills in a division 2 competition.

Depending on the number of players in a particular age group ACC may undertake team formation trial sessions before the beginning of the season to assess player skill level to determine the most suitable team and division.

This process will involve and be organised by ACC coaches for the particular age group. Coaches will work in the spirit of openness, honesty and collaboration with each other and families to reach consensus as much as possible for team members.

Factors taken into consideration for decision making can include any of the following:

- Player age
- Observation of player skill in net sessions and other drills
- Friendship groups and family preferences
- Sport or other commitments that may limit player availability throughout season
- Previous season participation at ACC or other club
- Player safety
- Player MyCricket Statistics
- *Minimum number of full-time* registered players to form a squad before the season starts – minimum number should be those able to commit to full season (before and after summer break). There may be times where we will have to advise some players that they may not be guaranteed a game if they are part-time**.*

Definitions:

* A Full-Time Player is able to commit to playing the whole season and play 80% of games across the season and do not have other significant commitments that will affect game or training attendance.

** A Part-Time Player is unable to commit to playing the whole season ie: have other significant commitments such as Private School Competition, Other Sports or Work Commitments.

Coaches are encouraged to consult with other experienced coaches and executive members at ACC as required.

The ACC Coaching Coordinator will keep all relevant coaches and admin team informed to support handling of queries from general public and families.

Team Formation will take place at least 1 week prior to the commencement of the season.

Should any party (family, coaches) dispute a team placement decision a submission will be made in writing to the ACC Executive Committee. Discussion with assessing coaches and family will take place and issues around the above considerations will be assessed and clarified. ACC will endeavour to maintain friendship groups however in extreme circumstances where player participation will be limited or safety is at risk the player will be allocated to the team and division most suited to their ability level.

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