

For Your Attention

To: The parents of all the boys enrolling to play year 7 cricket at AUCC this season (2010/2011)

From: Dinesh Patel, AUCC Year 7 Grade Convener

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Important Notice

This year, the year 7 boys who want to be considered to play Premier Grade cricket will be asked to **trial on Saturday 18 September 2010 (at sometime to be advised between 12noon and 6pm). Trials are being held at Eden Park indoor nets.**

Those boys wishing to trial need to register their interest with me in advance so a trial time can be allocated and advised to them. Can you please **press reply to this email and confirm “yes, I do wish to trial”**.

If there are any issues with prior engagements I need to know this asap so where there is flexibility I can give you a time on the day that best suits you, however, I cannot guarantee anything.

I need to receive **confirmation of your wish to trial by email by the end of Friday 10 September 2010**, and will confirm times of each player trial early the following week.

Important Changes to Last Season

This season there are a number of changes in the format (compared to last year's Year 6). **Some of these changes may affect the decision as to what grade of cricket your son wants to play in.** I have set out below the notable differences (assuming there are no changes to the rules from last season).

The salient difference is in relation to **Year 7 Premier Grade. This grade is played all Saturday afternoon and consists of up to 40 overs each innings – a significant increase from 28 overs.** This means a greater commitment in time and concentration by the players (and many parents) involved. The need to have competitive teams is crucial as mismatches over a longer formatted game can lead to some dissatisfaction. In past seasons, less premier teams from a grade have been entered in Year 7 than in Year 6. This season the number of teams entered will be influenced by the number of boys wanting to play premier cricket and the coaches and selectors' assessment of the boys and their capabilities relative to the other club premier teams.

Note Year 7A and 7B grades have similar playing conditions. Not until final playing numbers are known and I have received comments from last season coaches, will I be in a position to advise whether we will have teams entered in both grades.

Format of Each Grade this Season:

Assuming last years rules are adopted this year, the salient rules of each grade are:

Year 7 Premier

Games are max 40 over's each and played from 12.30 to 6.00pm – this is a big step up from a max of 28 overs in year 6.

The pitch is now the full 22 yards (20 metres versus last year's 18 metres).

LBW's when hit in line with the stumps and playing back.

8 players must bowl 3 over's each before 4th over or more bowled by a player, and there must be a minimum of 8 over's of *spin* bowled in an innings.

With exception of the WK(s) any player who does not bowl when in the field, must bat in the top 6 and similarly any player who does not bat in the innings, must bowl when in the field.

No more than two wks are to be used during an innings. Wicket keepers can only be changed during a scheduled drinks break. If a wicket keeper fields then he must also bowl the minimum number of overs.

Batsmen retire at 50 runs.

Coaches are not permitted to umpire except in exceptional circumstances – i.e. there is no parent, player, or other person present on the day who can act as umpire.

Year 7A and B

Grade rules for 7A and 7B are the same.

Games are max 28 over's each and played from 8.30am to 12 noon.

The pitch is now the full 22 yards.

Batsmen out when dismissed.

Batsmen must retire at 50.

LBW's are introduced and a player can be given out when hit in line with the stumps and playing back.

Maximum of 5 over's per player but all players must bowl 2 overs except a WK who keeps for entire innings.

7A - Coaches are not permitted to umpire except in exceptional circumstances – i.e. there is no parent, player, or other person present on the day who can act as umpire.

7B - Coaches should not umpire unless agreed with the opposition coach prior to the start of play.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the above.

Kind regards

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