



## TO ALL YEAR 8 PLAYERS

November 2018

Enclosed you will find some useful information aimed at providing you with all that is required to continue playing cricket when you enter High School after Christmas.

Christchurch Metro Cricket and the Christchurch Junior Cricket Association feel it is very important to keep youth cricketers playing the game and statistics currently show that there is a drop off when they enter high school. We want to change this.

This information pack is intended to provide the contact points at the cricket playing high schools but importantly also highlight the North West and Sydenham initiatives to allow those of you going to high schools that do not provide a viable cricket option.

**There is an option available for ALL players in Year 9 and older regardless of which school you attend and which part of Christchurch you live in.**

If you feel that none of the contacts provided are suitable for you then please contact Keryn Ambler at Metro Cricket – [kambler@christchurchmetrocricket.com](mailto:kambler@christchurchmetrocricket.com) or 021 105 2552 and he will help you.

There are 'social' grades available in youth cricket so you don't have to commit a whole day but still want to have fun and play, these grades might be for you.

One big difference that you will notice from Year 9 is that you need to umpire and score your own matches. CJCA have offered umpire training to some Year 8's but if there is enough demand a further session can be held for those that missed out. Please contact Rob Wilkinson [gm@cjca.org.nz](mailto:gm@cjca.org.nz) if you are interested in this.

## Contact Information

A number of clubs and schools offer youth cricket in Christchurch, here are the key contacts:

### Schools

School	Contact	E-mail address
Christchurch Boys HS	Rob Smith	SmithR@staff.cbhs.school.nz
Christ's College	Steve Dods	sdods@christscollege.com
Middleton Grange	Chris Goldsmith	sport@middleton.school.nz
Riccarton HS	Angus Gourlay	AngusG@riccarton.school.nz
Shirley Boys HS	Dave Grocott	grocottd@shirley.school.nz
St Andrew's College	Mike Johnston	mjohnston@stac.school.nz
St Bedes College	Clare Kissick	ckissick@stbedes.school.nz
St Thomas College	Paul McCarthy	pmccarthy@stc.school.nz

## Clubs

Club	Contact	E-mail address
North West	Mike Dunlop	mike.r.dunlop@gmail.com
Sydenham	Fergus Smith	Fergus.smith@sharenz.com

- North West is based in the Burnside/Papanui area, but players from all over Christchurch can join the club
- Sydenham are based in the Sydenham area and mainly cater for players from Cashmere HS, Catholic Cathedral College and Hillmorton HS, but players from all over Christchurch can join the club

## Playing Formats

Cricket at the Year 9 level consists of two sections which cater for all abilities. Competitions run over a calendar year, so your season starts in term one, and continues in term four.

### Year 9A

This is the top grade for year 9 cricketers and consists of eight teams. In term one teams play a one day 45 over format and in term four they play two-day cricket. Fixtures commence at 10.30am each Saturday and the draw is available on the Christchurch Metro Cricket Website. A more detailed rule summary can be found in the Youth Cricket Section of the CMCA Website

### Year 9B

This is our most popular Youth Grade with 14-16 teams. Teams play 35 over cricket right throughout the season. Fixtures commence at 1pm each Saturday and the draw is available on the Christchurch Metro Cricket Website. A more detailed rule summary can be found in the Youth Cricket Section of the CMCA Website

## Representative Cricket and Festivals

Christchurch Metro Cricket offers a comprehensive pathway for the serious and social cricketer to develop their skills and obtain additional matches and training. Our programmes are aligned with both Christchurch Junior Cricket and Canterbury Cricket to ensure there is a seamless transition between each of the organisations.

### Super Boom

The Year 9/10 Super Boom runs in February and March each year and is modelled on the familiar CICA Spring and Summer tournaments. There is a self-nomination process and all players are guaranteed a spot in a team for three fun Sundays of twenty20 Cricket Action. We are always on the lookout for coaches and umpires to support the tournament and will call for expressions of interest closer to the time. You will also receive an e-mail to let you know when registrations are open

## **Mid-week Club Cricket Festival**

For the first time in term one of 2019, Christchurch Metro Cricket and its member clubs are running a mid-week club youth festival for year 9 players. Games will be on a Tuesday night, with the aim being for players and parents to be able to maintain friendships from junior cricket and for clubs to continue to be part of the youth cricket pathway. Your club will be managing team entries for this, so keep an eye out, it starts on February 12 and goes for four weeks.

## **Winter Training**

In the late part of winter, Christchurch Metro Cricket delivers a comprehensive Winter Training Programme, which is open to ALL players. Once again this is a self-nomination process and delivered along similar lines to the CICA Winter Training programme that you will be familiar with. We will e-mail you when nominations are open.

## **Representative**

Each summer Christchurch Metro Cricket enters teams into the Under 15 and Under 17 regional tournaments. All Year 9's will be eligible for the Under 15 tournament to be held in December 2019. There will be a series of trials held in the build up to team selection.

## **Pathway documents**

Attached are additional pathway documents summarising the pathways for the 2018-19 season to give you an idea of the programme

# **Additional Information**

## **Facebook**

Christchurch Metro Cricket runs a vibrant Facebook Page. You can keep up with all of the happenings - <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchmetrocricket>

We love to hear about outstanding performances from around the grounds so we can share these with our followers.

## **App**

Christchurch Metro Cricket has a free App that can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play Store. This has links to all key information including draws, results and cancellations. We would highly recommend that parents and players have the App on their phone.

## **CricHQ**

All players will need to register on CricHQ for their new school (or club). A link will be sent to you with a form to complete. This will allow results and stats to be compiled as the season progresses.

# **Contact Information**

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