



**CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR
CRICKET ASSOCIATION**



YEAR 7 & 8 NATIONAL COMPETITION – CHRISTCHURCH QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS & NEW PARTICIPATION TOURNAMENTS

The Christchurch Junior Cricket Association will be running the qualification event for the National Primary School Cup and Shield Competitions in 2020. The event will take place as two 2-day tournaments to be held at the Polo and Hospital Corner artificial pitches in March 2020.

In addition to a grade which will be called “Competitive” and feed into the Regional and National Finals in 2020 a new “Participation” grade will be offered.

Slight changes have been made to the Girls Participation grade to increase the involvement of the girls in the games – the format to be used is the same as the format used for the CJCA Superstar Year 5/6 Friday Competition.

Boys entry options –

- **Competitive** (will become part of the National Competition playoffs – still Hardball and 20/20 games)
- **Participation** – still play in Tournament but separate from Competitive grade – **(still Hardball and still 20/20 games)**

Girls entry options –

- **Competitive** (will become part of the National Competition playoffs – still Hardball and 20/20 games)
- **Participation (CHANGES IN 2020)(8-a-side)** – still play in Tournament but separate from Competitive grade – **INCREDIBALL** and 12 over games (each pair bats for 3 overs and all girls should bowl at least 1 over 4 players can bowl 2 overs – Some safety gear still recommended but not mandatory i.e. front pad, helmet, gloves (whatever makes the girls feel comfortable and safe))
- **Girls Participation grade will play 3 games on each day so there is maximum chance for Schools to interact and there are multiple opportunities for the Girls to have multiple bats and bowls during the event.**

The aims of these options is to provide schools with options at the appropriate level of competition for their teams without putting them out of their depth against more established “cricketing schools”.

Both Boys grades will be Hardball and 9 a-side. Girls Competitive grade will be 9 a-side but the Girls Participations grade will be 8 a-side – Schools are welcome to bring more than these numbers and rotate players.

It is hoped that the reduction in team size may allow more schools to enter as they don't need find as many players. The CJCA is happy to consider merged teams from schools **in the Participation grades** if you have another local school who you may wish to jointly enter with.

In the Competitive Grade games are initially played at a local level (this Tournament), with the top teams progressing to the regional finals, and the best team from Canterbury moving into the National finals.

A maximum of 16 teams in total will be able to be accommodated in each of the events (Boys and Girls) and should entries go over this number, preliminary rounds may be need to be played prior to the tournament to narrow the field to a maximum of 16 teams.

Depending on entries in each of the grades a suitable tournament structure will be designed to aim to find the Top 2 teams in the Competitive grades (Boys and Girls) by the end of the Tournament and these teams will play a one-off final on the 23rd of March to find the direct qualifier for the Canterbury Finals. The runner up from this game will be required to play the Canterbury Districts runner up for a place on the 3rd of April in the regional finals to be held in Christchurch in October. Both the Boys and Girls Canterbury Schools Tournament will be held on the same days the 21/22 of October

Though it has yet to be confirmed the finals between the 6 Major Association winners may well take place at either Lincoln or in Christchurch in the week commencing 16th November 2020.

Dates for Christchurch (CJCA) Tournaments

BOYS – 5th & 6th March 2020

GIRLS – 12th & 13th March 2020

Dates for Christchurch (CJCA) Finals

Boys & Girls Monday 23 March 2020 (if required for Girls)

Dates for Canterbury Tournament

Boys & Girls 21st & 22nd of October 2020 (23rd reserve day)

Dates for National Tournament (Lincoln)

Boys 16-18 November

Girls 19-21 November

If you wish to enter, simply e-mail me back gm@cjca.org.nz with your entry and whether it is for a girls team, boys team or both and include the contact details of the person who we can send the draw and other information too.

Please also indicate whether your entries are for Competitive or Participation grades

SCHOOLS ARE LIMITED TO 1 ENTRY IN EACH GRADE PER GENDER i.e. 1 Competitive & 1 Participation in each of the Boys & Girls grades is OK.

If you have any queries, please feel free to get in contact. Entries close 21st February 2020.

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