



# CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

## YEAR 7 plan to January 2022

### Summary

**Year 7 Summer Festival (completed)** – even teams playing both 20/20 and 35 over games

**Year 7 Interdistricts (March- completed)** – teams selected to play games against other Districts based on feedback from Coaches/Managers and performances during Summer – consideration given to the strength of opposition. *Not all Boys were able to be included as we are limited by the number of opponents we had.*

**Year 7 Pre-season Training** – August/September – [LINK TO REGISTRATION](#)

**Year 7 Spring Festival**– Tiered teams playing a blend of 20/20 and 35 or 40 over games probably split 4/4. Teams arranged following assessments and considering performances in previous events.

**Year 7 turning Year 8 January Festival** (South Island Primary “Shield”) – Freshly created teams due to player and coach/manager availability playing 10-13 January in 4 day South Island event – 2022 event in Christchurch – the CJCA will endeavour to have warmup games for these teams in December but the turnaround on these teams is tight.

**Self-nominations for the January Festival will open during the Spring Festival**

### Background

In the first Year 7 Festival of a calendar year (February/March) this is the first 18 metre event for all these boys (apart from those who participated in the “New” Year 7 Festival in January). In order to assist with decisions made later in the year **even teams will again be constructed**. Most boys will only just have started playing on 18m pitches and would have stopped playing pairs cricket. This a significant change to the way the game is played and the adjustment to more conventional cricket is a significant one. Saturday Cricket does have a “grace period” but in CJCA Festivals the “out you’re out” aspect of the games is a new concept and boys often need to support to deal with early dismissals.

Following the first Year 7 CJCA Festival of the year traditional Interdistricts matches are played – **the number of these games are determined by the number of opponents we can source – this effects the number of boys we can select**. Teams will be chosen based on the number of teams we need to select and be based on feedback and performances during the CJCA Summer Festival. Some of our opponents may be stronger than others - South Canterbury for instance normally has 1 team and is generally quite strong as opposed to Canterbury Country who often have more teams of an even nature.

This is a “moment in time” selection and those not chosen should be supported as there will be plenty of opportunities going forward. In 2021 5 teams were constructed so not all boys were able to be included.

## **SPRING FESTIVAL**

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 7 Festival (Spring) held there should be enough information gained from previous events and the Assessments to be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October (Last Sunday of the School Holidays) to grade the boys into Tiered teams.

These teams aim to provide a “like vs like” opportunity in the Spring Festival. This allows boys who have demonstrated higher competencies to play against each other and those who may be developing later in some areas to have the opportunity to advance their skills and confidence against boys of similar ability. Boys new to Festivals can therefore have an opportunity to enter these events at two points (Tier 1 or Tier 2) and those needing to gain confidence can do so.

By introducing tiered teams at this stage boys who are placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier have an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and press for elevation into the higher Tier in future events.

Even at Year 7 level some boys can develop some quite advanced skills and placing these boys up against new or less skilled boys at this moment of time may not be best way to keep boys at either end of the spectrum engaged.

**It is important to stress to parents and boys that this is just a call that this moment in time.** CJCA Festivals events and those involved in the coaching and management of these teams need to ensure that they develop a solid knowledge of boys skills and have the confidence to reset teams in future events to reflect improvements made by Boys during Festivals and also notice boys who may benefit from playing at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier of these events.

Those involved in the match management of these teams must ensure that a balanced opportunity to participate is provided through the use of a Pod system which rotates the boys through batting and bowling positions

## **JANUARY FESTIVAL**

During the Spring Festival all boys will be able to self-nominate to be involved in the South Island Festival (Christchurch 10-13 January 2022) which will feature both this year group and boys a year older who are not selected to play in the traditional South Island Festival for their Districts (two Year 8 CJCA teams only). Last year 16 teams participated but with this CJCA Year 7 cohort now fully entering we expect this number may grow. Given games will include games against slightly older boys from across the South Island the cricket will should be of a good quality and the format of the Tournament will mean that after 2 days the games organised on Days 3 and 4 will reflect their results from Days 1 and 2. Year Convenors will decide on how our Year 7 teams will be constructed and there may be a need for a blended team for Year 7/8 to be included if we are dealing with an odd number of nominations. Boys from both Tier 1 and 2 during Spring are encouraged to enrol should this be able to worked into family plans for the holidays.

From February 2022 Boys will move into the Year 8 CJCA Programme which will be advised in due course.

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