



CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Presidents Report
AGM
31st October 2022

Welcome

Firstly a warm welcome to the 2021/2022 AGM for the Christchurch Junior Cricket Association (CJCA).

The 2021/2022 season has again been a unique one for the CJCA with our financial year being 18 months in line with the changes we made to our constitution at the 2020/2021 AGM moving our balance date from 31st March to 31st July.

The 18 month term, of which 12 months was 'out of season' is reflected in our Year End Financial Reports.

Summary

This aside we reflect on the positive outcomes this season;

1. The Junior Facilities Fund
2. Club support for the delivery of in school awareness
3. Financial support to CCA for the activators who delivered Awareness in schools we were not able to have clubs deliver the program too.
4. Boys and Girl Spring, Summer and January programs extending the number of playing opportunities for all Juniors wishing to play more cricket.
5. The delivery of the 'preseason' campaign with the assistance of the University of Canterbury Sports Management Interns.

Financial

This year we are posting a loss for the financial year. Whilst this is not ideal it is in-line with our budget and something we had expected given the changes at our last AGM.

As with many sports we continue to have a number of challenges. The most prolific has been the continued increase in operational and delivery costs. Like most of our clubs we recognise that these are difficult challenges given the changing environment and delivery of our game.

We are very much aware that the rising costs eventually fall to our members and while a number of clubs, and the CJCA have resisted this to date we have to consider this going forward if we are to maintain the delivery of our game.

As a result we will be looking to increase our player levy next season in line with inflation. This will better allow CJCA to continue to deliver the core products offered each season.

This season we have implemented a funding model to reduce the levy cost by offering clubs to opportunity to have Coaches attend 'Smash Play' training events which will raise a credit to their total levy.

This will allow Clubs and ourselves to maintain consistency in the delivery of our game. The fundamentals of this reflect on our key goal to 'give every child the opportunity to succeed' in whatever way they wish.

Festivals

The CJCA has continued to support the development of the Festival space to reduce the barriers to participation. This has resulted in a significant increase in CJCA teams playing in the January events.

In 2023 will see the end of the South Island Primary Schools Festival in its current format with regionalised events aiming to increase participation by reducing travel and accommodation costs.

Our internal Spring and Summer Festivals remain a vital part of our Player Development Programme as we seek to provide extension opportunities for boys and girls to play more Cricket.

Junior Cricket Grounds

Access to pitches for Saturday cricket remains an challenge. With the nature of playing at other times during the week presenting a logistical issue for many parents and players as they seek other opportunities in sport and the arts.

This, and the need for parents to manage games in both scoring and coaching capacities adds to the complication of available time.

The CJCA will continue to work at solutions with both Council, CCA and CMCA with the aim to continue to maintain the dwindling stock of school grounds so we can provide suitable venues for our members.

Acknowledgement

Most importantly, and something we can all agree on the Executive would like to pass on our heart felt thanks to Rob Wilkinson. Rob works tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that the kids get a great experience. He is the face of our game, its biggest advocate, and passionate about everything he does.

In the last year Cat Quinn has been an additional resource we can call on to assist in the delivery of our 'core' products. She has taken on the role of assisting schools with School Cricket for boys and girls. This is outside of our normal cricket framework of festivals, Saturday cricket and Friday cricket.

As you might imagine this is a challenging task and I, and the Executive want to acknowledge and thank Cat for her input and time in making sure school cricket continues to give cricketers and non-cricketer the opportunity to have fun while playing cricket.

Clubs

Our Clubs are the lifeblood of our game. They are the 'boots on the ground' and without these tireless volunteers we would not be able to deliver the game on Fridays and Saturdays.

To the Club Convenors we extend our appreciation for all that you do for your clubs and the CJCA.

The Executive

To the members of the current Executive I want to acknowledge the time and effort you have given this year. It has certainly been a challenging one and your input, feedback and discussion are very much appreciated. Thank you.

For those new Executive members, we extend a warm welcome. You bring your own unique skills to the Executive and I wish you all the very best.

This year I am stepping down as President. For the last 5 and a half years I have been proud to hold the position and it is time to let others take the reins and continue to develop how we deliver cricket to the Junior Cricketer of Christchurch.

For my part I am proud of what the association has achieved over the years and I look forward to seeing how this continues to develop.

To all of those who have provided support, an ear to bend, or some sage advice I thank you.

Mike Dunlop