

Information on the Girls Grades for 2018-19

The key aspects for the 2018-19 season are:

- Registration is now open. Click [here](#) for our registration page which provides all information for both returning players and new players this season;
- The girls-only Auckland Cricket grades have changed to Under 11, Under 13, Under 16; there are softball and hardball options for all 3 girls-only age-grades;
- Some playing times and formats have changed slightly from last season:
- Year 2 girls will play in a mixed team with the boys;
- Years 3 and 4 girls – we would like to put together a Year 3/4 girls team (or teams) to play in the mixed Year 3 grade.

Pre-season training:

- For those going into the **Hardball** grades, we have programmes available for the next 4 Sundays – Sept 9/16/26/30 at Sacred Heart College:
 - 3pm-4pm for first-time hardball players in U11 or U13
 - 4pm-5:30pm for players in U11 or U13 who have had at least one season playing Hardball
 - 5pm-6:30pm – for players going into the U16 grade
 - **Bring a friend along!** First training session is free for the friend, and the player will receive a one-on-one coaching session if the friend signs up for the season.If your daughter is not already participating but you would like her to join in please [email our Club Manager](#) indicating which programme you would like her join.
- For those going into the **Softball** grades, we have a School Holiday Programme available – likely to appeal to girls in Years 2-4 and Girls U11. Details are [here](#) and bookings can be made during the registration process.

Key information for the 2018-19 playing season

Dates:

27th October to 15th December; 4th February to 23rd March. Note all softball grades are split into two competitions: pre-Christmas and post-Christmas.

Teams:

- The focus is for **girls to play with their friends at the right level**
- Age cut-off date is 1 September, but **special dispensation** can be obtained for girls wanting to play down a grade. Please email me if you would like to apply for dispensation to play down
- The Club provides all gear including pads etc. for hardball players so there is **no need to buy your own gear** unless you want to. Players Sports has a good deal on a [Hardball Starter Pack](#) if you are considering buying your own gear.

A summary of each grade's options is listed below. Specific details for each grade can be found on [Auckland Cricket's Website](#) with a [summary here](#)

U11

Choice of

1. Softball: Saturdays 8:00am–9:30am; six-a-side, 12 overs
2. Hardball: Saturdays 9:30 am–12 noon; eight-a-side, 20 overs
3. AUCC Year 3 mixed grade: - Saturday 8:30am – 10:30am; eight-a-side, 20 overs.

U13

Choice of

1. Softball: Saturday 8:00am–9:30am; six-a-side, 12 overs
2. Hardball: Saturday 9:30 am – 12 noon; nine-a-side, 20 overs
3. Hardball: Tuesday 5pm–7:30pm; eight-a-side, 20 overs
4. *Note - U11 Hardball girls can participate in **both** the Tuesday and Saturday competitions if they so wish*

U16

Choice of

1. Softball: Saturday 8:00am–9:30am; six-a-side, 12 overs

2. Hardball: Saturday 9:30am–12 noon; nine-a-side, 20 overs

In-season training

- Monday afternoons starting 4:45pm. The Club will provide coaches to assist the parent coach.
- Pre-season Academy is in full force. Keep an eye out for other programmes including during the October holidays, and Term 4.
- **Note:** For any team that is made up of girls from one school, the Club will provide weekly coaching sessions at your school. It's a great perk so try and get a school team together!

Parental involvement

Each team will need a Coach and a Team Manager, and an umpire on match day. A big thank you to everyone who volunteers.

Please note:

- Coaches are required to go through an appropriate Coach Training Course (if not attended in the last 3 seasons). The NZC Coaching Pathway can be seen at <https://www.nzc.nz/community/coaches-corner>.
 - For the Softball grades the relevant course is Foundation – a 2-hour on-line module plus a 90-minute practical module.
 - For the Hardball grades the relevant course is Advanced Foundation – a 2-hour on-line module plus a 3-hour practical module.
 - The practical modules will be run by our own Club Coaching team at a local venue – dates and times will be provided direct to those who volunteer to help with team coaching.
 - AUCC covers the full cost of both courses so there is no charge to the attendees.
- NZC have also introduced a [Vulnerable Persons Policy](#) which includes **police vetting** for all who have regular interaction with junior players. The Policy sets out NZC's commitment to providing a safe, positive and fun environment for Children and Vulnerable Adults who play cricket.

The processes to register as a Coach, do an on-line course module, and agree to police vetting are simple – full details, including the dates, time and venues for the practical modules, will be provided to those who volunteer during our registration process.

Further information

Please contact Michelle on 021-426-888 or mgstsuil@hotmail.com, or visit [AUCC's website](#).