



# AUCC Year 4 Grade Info Letter

Dear Players and Parents going in to the Year 4 grade at AUCC for the 2018-19 season,

As registrations for the coming cricket season are about to open I thought you would like to know a bit more about the Year 4 Grade at AUCC.

The format of the Year 4 Eastern District Competition is very similar to Year 3 in that teams of 8 children play other Year 4 teams – same wicket length and number of overs per innings.

Like Year 3 no players leave the wicket if they are out whilst batting – they just concede 3 runs instead of 2 if dismissed. The other difference is that boundaries are awarded for BYE's, Leg BYE's and overthrows, The emphasis is still very much on developing skills, keeping all the players involved in the game - and **HAVING FUN**.

As with Year 3, most games are on Saturday mornings starting at 8:30am but some will be on Friday evenings starting at 4:45pm – this was introduced some years ago due to the shortage of grounds in our area, but it proved very popular with most teams so we have continued to schedule in 3 or 4 Friday games during the season.

We recognise that some teams might be involved in another sport which also plays on Friday evenings and we will accommodate this when we put the draw together. I will check with all teams once they have been formed and before the draw is published.

The format of Year 4 cricket this season is the same as Year 3 last season – same wicket length, same team numbers and same number of overs per side. As in Year 3, two Year 4 "Junior Blues" teams will be selected to take part in the "[J.T. Sparling Junior Super Series](#)" as well as other traditional Rep fixtures. The two teams will be based on selection trials which will be held early in November. Games are played on Sundays against Howick-Pakuranga, Cornwall, Parnell, Grafton and others. Dates are being finalised now and will be published shortly.

You can read more about the grade on our website [www.aucc.co.nz](http://www.aucc.co.nz) – follow Membership Info >> Grade Info-Junior >> Year 4.

We encourage you to get as many kids together as you can into the same team. This allows practices to be held close to where you live (although we will be encouraging teams to practise at CMP this season) and for the kids to really enjoy the games playing with friends and classmates. It also helps build strong teams in terms of support if some of the parents know each other in advance of the season starting, as each team needs a Coach, Manager and Scorer(s).

## **What happens now?**

I know everyone will be looking forward to another great season of cricket – register on-line when you hear from the Club that registrations are open. Teams will be finalized after enrolments close on 28<sup>th</sup> September and before the start of term 4. We will be looking for a few team Coaches and Managers - so if you are interested please indicate the role you are interested in during the registration process. It is a fun and rewarding way to spend time with your child and his/her friends.



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NZ Cricket is placing a very high focus on Coach training and development this season. In order to provide the best possible experience for the children, NZC have made it compulsory this season for all Coaches of junior teams to attend an appropriate course for the grade (if not attended in the last 3 seasons). The relevant course for Year 4 is the Foundation course, which comprises an online module which takes approx 70 minutes and a practical module of approx 90 minutes – the practical module will be run by our own Club Coaches at a local venue. AUCC covers the full cost so there is no charge to the attendees. NZC's full policy can be seen at <https://www.nzc.nz/community/coaches-corner>.

NZC have also introduced a Vulnerable Persons Policy which includes police vetting for all who have regular interaction with junior players. The summary of the policy is at <https://www.nzc.nz/media/12979/the-new-coaching-and-vulnerable-persons-message-from-nzc.pdf> and the full policy can be seen at <https://www.nzc.nz/media/10261/nzc-welfare-of-children-and-vulnerable-adults-policy.pdf>. 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 online course module, and agree to police vetting are simple – full details will be provided to those who volunteer during our registration process.

The playing dates this season are:

- Friday/Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>
- February 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> to March 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>

If you have any questions about Year 4 cricket, please feel free to contact me.

In the October school holidays we will be running School Holiday Cricket Clinics – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of week 1 and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of week 2 – 9am to 3pm each day – and players can attend for any number of days. Bookings can be made when re-registering for the new season or after registration if your plans for the holidays are not yet firm.

Kind Regards,

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