

Dear Players and Parents joining Year 3 this season,

As registrations for the coming cricket season are now open we thought you would like to know a bit more about the Year 3 Grade at AUCC. The format of the Y3 competition is very similar to Y2 - teams of 8 children play other Year 3 teams and the games are the same length – 16 overs per side. Full details are on our website www.aucc.co.nz – follow >> Membership >> Grade Info – Junior >> Year 3.

Most games are on Saturday mornings starting at 8:30 but some in this grade are 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 endeavour to accommodate this when we put the draw together. I will check with all teams when they have been formed.

In this grade no players actually go out whilst batting – they just concede a couple of runs if dismissed. The emphasis is still very much on developing skills, keeping all the players involved in the game - and **HAVING FUN**.

In the early part of the season, our teams play against other AUCC teams at Colin Maiden Park. As the season progresses, we play against Parnell and Grafton teams on a home-and-away basis – home games will be at CMP and away games at either Shore Road, Orakei Domain, Victoria Park or Cox's Bay.

The playing dates this season are:

- Saturdays October 29th to December 17th
- Saturdays February 4th (Waitangi weekend) to March 25th

Year 3 sees the introduction of our inter-club Representative programme. We select 2 teams and the selection trials will be held early in November. Games are played on Sundays against Howick-Pakuranga, Ellerslie, Parnell, and Grafton. Dates are being finalised now and will be published shortly.

You can read more about the grade on our website www.aucc.co.nz – follow Membership Info >> Grade Info-Junior >> Year 3.

We encourage you to get as many kids together as you can, from your local school, into the same team. This allows practices to be held close to where you live 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).

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

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