

Dear Players and Parents going in to the Year 4 grade for the 2016-17 season,

As registrations for the coming cricket season are now open I thought you would like to know a bit more about the Year 4 Grade at AUCC. The format of the Y4 competition is very similar to Y3 in that teams of 8 children play other Year 4 teams – however the games are slightly longer at 20 overs per side. Therefore players bat in pairs for 5 overs instead of 4, and there is the opportunity for 4 bowlers to bowl 3 overs instead of 2. Full details are on our website www.aucc.co.nz – follow >> Membership >> Grade Info – Junior >> Year 4.

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.

As with Year 3 no players actually go out whilst batting – they just concede a few 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 or a local venue. As the season progresses, we play against Parnell and Grafton teams on a home-and-away basis – away games are at 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 4 brings an expansion to our inter-club Representative programme – notably Year 4 teams are included in our own Quadrangular tournament which happens late February and includes Cornwall, Takapuna and Howick-Pak – it's an all-day affair. Other fixtures include Parnell, Ellerslie, 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 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).

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

Best wishes for the season,

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