



KOOKABURRA CUP

FRIDAY NIGHT CRICKET 5.30 PM – 7.00PM



Kookaburra Cup Information 2017 Term 4 – 2018 Term 1

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The Kookaburra Cup is the name of our Friday Night Format. Our goal is to help boys and girls learn the skills of the game and have fun in doing so. The structure (and cost) of this competition has been designed to give as many children as possible a chance to experience cricket and for the family to have a fun social experience.

KEY DATES

TERM 4 – 2017 (6 Sessions)

- Start Friday 03 November - Last Friday 08 December

TERM 1 – 2017 (6 Sessions)

- Start Friday 09 February (*16 February - Bye Due to Aust v NZ Game at Mt Eden*)
- Last Friday 23 March

REGISTRATONS

Registrations will remain open throughout the season.

IMPORTANT Your child will not be assigned to the Friday Night Format until payment has been received. We suggest you pay online as you register.

Payments can be made to TDCC via BNZ Takapuna, AC No: 02 0272 0042810 00 including your child's name as a reference. However, it can take up to 2 weeks to confirm your membership.

CLUB CAP

Your child will be supplied with their own uniquely numbered Takapuna Cricket Club Cap. The number stays with you during your time paying the Friday night format.

For new members Caps will be handed out on Muster Day Sunday 29th October.

The Cap Number corresponds to each child's registration and the school they represent, it also allows the Competition Manager to attribute your child's results to the right school. This means every run scored, every run saved and every wicket taken has an impact on the overall school's performance. Regardless of which schools make up your team. Even if you move teams.

- Individual stats will be published against each Cap Number on our Kookaburra Cup Web Page and emailed to you in the weekly newsletter.

- If your child requires a replacement cap you may purchase another (with another number for \$20). All children must wear their cap on a Friday.

- Each Friday we will have a Cap Number Prize draw.

THE FORMAT

Development Squad – Primarily Ages 5-6-7

If your child is in Year 1 or Year 2 at school they will automatically be placed in this Squad.

The *initial* emphasis is to upskill the children so they can compete in the Competition Grade. The Development Squad will be managed by our Head Coach Kaushik Patel and other Takapuna Club Premier Players. This is a great opportunity for these kids to work with some quality coaches who also love working with children.

We do welcome parent help, however parents or teenagers who want to get involved in coaching will need to attend our coaching course.

Initially the Development Squad will be split into 12 Coloured Groups by age range and assumed skill levels. The makeup of these squads are not set in stone, if a child wants to move into a different squad it is no problem.

These younger children are managed in a completely different way than those playing a game. As in our experience the younger kids often don't have the concentration to play in a game where it involves fielding and waiting to bat. They are kept very busy and are often exhausted after 90 minutes.

OUR GOAL: Is to develop these children so they can be a feeder for the Competition Grade. Often we will pull children from this grade to play when teams are short of players.

Usually after the first term we will make up 2 more teams from the Development Squad to play in the Competition Grade.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD COACHING SCHEDULE

- Skills / Fun Games

If you think your child would not benefit from this module contact the Competition Manager.

Tournament Grade – Primarily Ages 7-8-9

If your child is in Year 3 or Year 4 at school they will automatically be placed in this format.

This grade will compete in mixed boys/girls teams of mixed ages. The winning team will have the highest net runs. The final score is determined by TOTAL RUNS less 3 runs for each out.

Required from Parents

Each team will need to appoint a Manager to coordinate their team (and ideally a coach).

We will communicate to all members via text if games are cancelled and each team member can easily go online to see where their games are.

The Managers Role is to simply be the person who everyone informs if they can't make it on the night. The Manager will then advice Mike McCarthy (Competition Manager) who will supply another player (from the Development Grade) to make the team up to 8.

CANCELLATIONS:

Cancellations will be advised by text and email. You will receive a text update at 2pm each Friday. To be added to the text updates just text the Competition Manager on 021 364848

WHAT TO WEAR

All children are required to wear their Takapuna Cap.

Children are encouraged to wear their School Sports Uniform or their blue Takapuna T-Shirt that was handed out last year.

This year to assist with funding the club we will be selling Blue Takapuna TShirts for \$10. These can be purchased over the bar or via our control station on the deck or via eftpos over the bar.

Official White Takapuna Club Shirt can be purchased from Cricket Express Albany for \$35.

If your child is selected to play Sunday Representative Cricket then they will need to have a White Takapuna Club Shirt.

ON THE NIGHT

Development Squad: Each squad is called a colour EG (Blue/White). There will be signs displaying each colour. Each child is required to sit in a line behind their colour.

Competition Grade: Simply check your weekly email or go to www.kookaburracup.co.nz to check where you are playing and turn up to your field and wait for your team. Ideally one parent will rally the kids and get them warmed up.

Your Match Bag will be on your pitch when you arrive at the grounds each Friday. Use the gear in the bag to warm up but also share the gear with your opposition team. If you need a ball send a child over to the control centre on the deck. Please encourage your children to put all balls back into the bags after the game.

At 5.30pm a Pitch Manager who will be wearing a Yellow High Viz Vest will turn up to your field. They will be responsible for the gear bag, overseeing the Toss and starting the game on time they'll also be there to help children out with technique.

There will be one score sheet for each team which the Pitch Manager will use to score the game.

One parent of the fielding team will be required to stand at Square Leg to help kids rotate after each over. The more parent help we have the more our Pitch Managers can coach your children.

IMPORTANT INFO

Will be emailed each week however rules and draws will be available via www.kookaburracup.co.nz by Wednesday before the Friday.

FACEBOOK

We have a Junior Cricket Club Face book page and we encourage you all to like it, we will be posting results and draws on this page as well. https://fb.facebook.com/TakapunaJuniorsCricketClub?ref=br_tf

PRACTICE SESSIONS

As a club member the grounds are available to you to practice on throughout the summer. The nets however are booked by the club from 4pm on week nights for our older (hardball) grades.

We will not be handing out gear bags to teams at Muster as all gear required to play will be provided on the Friday night (Cones, Wickets, Bats and a Ball).

If you want to borrow equipment for midweek practices please contact the [Competition Manager](#).

Prize-Giving

A quick prize giving will take place after the games. Hence why we need to start games start on time.

Tournament Grade: Each team will need to appoint a player of the day, to be written on the score sheet and handed back to the Competition Manager after the game.

Development Grade: Will receive a few lollies at the conclusion and are encouraged to come over to the club afterwards.

FACILITIES

The Club Bar will be open from 5pm. Dave our Kitchen Chef is well known for his quality and affordable family food. You will find that you may choose to make Fridays your 'family day out'.

Due to our licencing rules any alcohol brought at the club can't be taken any further than the outdoor deck.

We do encourage you to use the facilities and to make yourselves comfortable, whether that be bringing along a picnic or using the club for the family to have an early dinner. There are plenty of takeaway options that also surround the club also.

SATURDAY / SUNDAY REP GAMES

We will be looking to recruit a Year 3 and Year 4 Rep Squad to play the following matches:

Rep Players must play in a Takapuna Official Players Shirt available from Cricket Express in Albany for \$35. We will be having some preseason activity which will help us to identify representative players.

- North Shore Inter-Club

We will appoint both a Year 3 and Year 4 squad to play 2 games against East Coast Bays, North Shore and Birkenhead clubs during the season.

This competition is sanctioned by North Harbour, the winner of this competition will receive a Trophy for their Club. Each child must play their age, there are no dispensations to play up a grade.

The entire grade will be communicated to when trials are set.

NOTE: Saturday / Sunday Players must have a Takapuna Club Shirt and or white short or longs.