

On the Chopping Block - Butcher News

Season 2011/12 – Yes it's that time already Butchers! It's time to pull those grass stained white's out of that smelly sweat soaked cricket bag, soak them, wash them and have them packed ready for your 1st game ...unless you're a 1st or 2nd Grader who got to that a week earlier than the other grades this year.

Most already know, but for those not in the know, the competition is now divided with only 1st and 2nd grade remaining with the established format of playing a mixture of 1-Day and 2-Day cricket throughout the season. Cricket Illawarra have changed the lower grade format slightly with 3rd grade now also resigned to playing permanent 1-day cricket for the entire 2011/12 season. 4th Grade continues their 1-Day format as in season's past, and despite some hype of a return of "5th Grade" that has not eventuated.

Cricket Illawarra are also looking at one improvement for 3rd grade this season by trying to introduce umpires into 3rd grade matches wherever possible – but let's wait and see as it's been raised before to no avail.

Code of Conduct and Player Fee's

A schedule for fee payment has been outlined in the Code of Conduct (CoC) & every player needs to ensure they are familiar with the details within the CoC - especially the requirements on fee payment.

The CoC is available by downloading a copy from the club documents section of the website – once you logon of course.

Player Fee's will remain at \$400 per Adult player this season and full time student fees also remain at \$350. Due to increased sponsorship the club has been able to maintain the status quo in fee structure - a great achievement at a time where costs are going up and sponsor money is harder to come by!

So why do my Fees cost that much? Well, many people don't understand why fees are set at the amount they are, so here is a brief explanation:

Cricket Illawarra Charges – NDCC has to pay approx. \$20,000 to CI annually. This is mostly due to council ground charges which make up 80% of that amount but also to cover other association costs in relation to running the competition. During the time

of Council administrators, this cost increased by around 10% each year for the past 3yrs, but NDCC have absorbed that cost with improved sponsorship.

Balls – the club spends approximately \$7000 a season on balls. How you ask, well there are 7 teams who use approx 20 balls each during a season at an average price of \$45/ball ...so 20 x \$45 x 7 teams = \$6300. That's also why the club wants the match balls to come back to training!

Playing Shirts, Polo's & Hat's – Each shirt costs the club approximately \$35ea and we need to buy around 100 each year for the 80 odd players, plus life members, and sponsors etc ...so that's 100 x \$35 = \$3500. Last year every player should have received a club polo, if not, please speak with your captain. This season, every player will receive a new playing shirt for Round 4 (we hope) and as always the club provides a new sky blue "flex-fit" peak cap to any new players and tries to renew the caps for every player after 3 seasons. The high quality flex fit hats cost approx \$20ea to purchase.

Training Nets and Training Equipment – the club has already spent approx \$1000 on training equipment such as baseball gloves, target stumps

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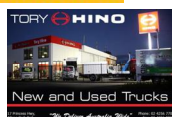
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fluro bibs, tennis and golf balls as well as some new keeping gloves and pads for the lower grade kits. In addition to this you will have seen some changes happening around the training nets with repairs to the wiring and rubber matting to improve safety. This is in preparation for new synthetic matting which is to be laid at a cost of approx. \$4000.

Umpires and Club Fines - \$3500 went to umpires last season and another \$1800 in fines to Cricket Illawarra. The lower grade players might argue that their fees should be less seeing they don't have umpires, but show me a sport where the best players in the club pay the most money? Cricket is a team sport and the club functions as one big team, so, that's why the fair thing to do has ALWAYS been to spread that cost across all players in the club (\$3500/77 = \$45 per player)

Finally, there are many other minor costs like trophies and gifts associated with presentation night, entertainment & gifts for the family xmas day, club BBQ's and other minor events throughout the season which bear a cost to the club of anywhere between \$1000 to \$2000 p.a.

I can tell you it costs a little more than this to run our club for a season, but sticking with the approximations shown here, you can quickly see how the operating costs add up:

- Cricket Illawarra = \$20k
- Balls = \$7k
- Shirts = \$3500
- Equipment = \$5000
- Umpires = \$3500
- Miscellaneous = \$1000
- Total = \$40,000

That works out at \$520/player and nobody pays that much for fees !!!

The final point to make here is that the costs of playing shirts and cricket balls must be paid up front by the club to get any 'early bird' or bulk discounts. However, to pay those bills you need to have the money and that is why the club has introduced the requirement of paying a \$100 "rego fee" prior to season start. This money is to assist the club in paying those bills prior to Round 1.

Training Dates & Player Availability

With daylight saving now here training will run from 4:30 to 6:30 until the end of October switching to a 5pm start from Tuesday, November 1st.

Could all players also ensure your availability status is up to date on butchercricket.com

Social Events and Fundraising News

As part of our sponsorship commitment with Thirroul Bowling Leagues & Recreation Club, we ask every NDCC player to become a member of the club – the form is downloadable from the NDCC website, the bowlo website ...or fill one out when you're there next !

NDCC also ask that all players make every effort to return to the club for the post match presentation – which is usually wrapped up by 8pm – but we also encourage you to bring your partner. Kids are also welcome anywhere in the club while under supervision.

The i98FM Camp Quality Convoy is being held once again on the weekend of November 20th. NDCC Gold Sponsor Dialtone Traffic Control are also a sponsor of the convoy and seeking as many NDCC volunteers as we can get to assist with setting up the car park area's and general marshalling duties on the day. Please advise Matt Benstead if you can help or post on the Forum (Social Events)

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 22nd = Rego Fee Due
- Nov 1st = Fee Installment Due
- Nov 20th = i98FM Convoy
- Dec 3rd = Trivia Night
- Dec 11th = Family Xmas Day

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