

## Parent Coaching at Parnell CC

### Information on Coaching Junior Cricket



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## Introduction



Volunteer coaching is a vital pillar in the Parnell junior cricket.

Every season our coaches manage 650 junior players, an enormous task.

As a club, it is our responsibility to upskill our coaches, enhancing the experience of our largest playing group.

We encourage all our current coaches and anyone thinking about coaching to read through this document. Please also be aware that some basic drills and training sessions are available for all members, just follow the link below:

# Why?

## Why do we Coach?

Coaching can produce several positives for those involved, including the following –

1. Spend time with kids
2. Assist in kids development
3. Helping them achieve their goals.
4. Personal sport and exercise
5. Personal development
6. Meet new people!



## Can I do it?

Yes!

You don't need to have played cricket or been a cricketing superstar to coach.

All that's needed is enthusiasm, patience and good communication skills.

Help is always on hand, our Director of Cricket, Club Manager, Grade Co-ordinator and other PCC coaches are only a phone call away and happy to help.

## What Type of Coaching does PCC provide?



### Parent Coaching

Done on a voluntary basis, parent coaches are an essential part of Parnell Cricket.

### Pro Coaching

The club has a collection of professional coaches who take teams on a regular basis. They provide more technical coaching and to provide assistance to the parent coach.

### Private Coaching

Private coaching is available through our professional coaches. This is arranged strictly between parent and coach. Coach information can be found via our website below:

<https://www.parnellcricket.co.nz/club-coaches>

### Coach Upskilling & Education

Our upskilling process includes pre season technical coaching, scoring, umpiring and education courses. Information sourced from a combination of Auckland Cricket, New Zealand Cricket and PCC material.

# What to Expect from Each Grade

## Grade 1 – 4

All about having fun!

There are opportunities to play representative cricket throughout the season. However, focus is on learning through fun.

Grade 1 (5 year olds) is managed by a team of PCC coaches who run a collection of skill based activities and games. Parents do not coach teams in this grade **however** we absolutely endorse parents helping our coaches!

## Grade 5 – Hardball

As the name suggests, players move into cricket played with a hardball rather than soft plastic ball.

Protective equipment is introduced and compulsory.

Games are adapted to encourage participation and give everyone a go.

Coaching moves toward technical improvement, while still maintaining that players need to have fun!



## Grades 6 - 8

Teams are entered into ACA competitions with games played all around Auckland.

Players begin to specialise (batsman, bowler etc).

Players should still have just as much involvement each game as in previous grades. Enjoying the game is still paramount.

Representative cricket is introduced. This will be covered later in this document.

## Girls Cricket

From grade 4, girls have the choice of either continuing with a boys team, or switching to a girls only competition which we highly recommend.

The girls-only cricket begins with u12 softball grade, then progresses to u13's and u16's playing hardball cricket.

Girls cricket is available for those over 16 in the Premier Woman's Grades.

# Representative Cricket

## JT Sparling Series

The JT Sparling series is a junior representative competition when PCC teams compete against Grafton, Auckland University, Cornwall and Howick Pakuranga.

Games are played on Sundays.

Teams are selected based on merit and performance.

Grade Co-Ordinators will communicate regarding this series via team coaches.



## District Cricket

Parnell Cricket is one of three clubs that make up Eastern Districts Cricket Association (EDCA).

Senior youth playing groups are expected to trial for selection. This is a high performance level from which Auckland representative training groups are selected.

EDCA coaches are selected by the association.

Parental involvement in game scoring is encouraged.

# Our Coaches Code

## What we Expect of you

1. Be generous with praise and set a good example.
2. Teach your players that rules are mutual agreements, the breaking of which is unacceptable.
3. Equal time and opportunity is required for all players, regardless of talent, skill and ability.
4. Develop a culture of respect for your opponents, umpires and opposing coaches.
5. Remember kids are playing for fun, never ridicule or yell at them for making mistakes.
6. Ensure trainings give your players an opportunity to learn and improve from their mistakes.



# The Spirit of Cricket

**Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its laws but within the spirit of the game.**

**Any action which is seen to abuse the spirit causes injury to the game itself.**

## 1. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests of the captains.

### *Player's conduct*

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decisions of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

## 2. Fair and unfair play

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

## 3. The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair.

## 4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain and team
- The role of the umpires
- The game's traditional values.

## 5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
  - a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out
  - b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
  - c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.

## 6. Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.





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