

# Parnell Cricket Club

## Parent Coach

### Role & Responsibilities

You don't need to have played cricket extensively in order to be a good coach. What you do need is enthusiasm, organisational skills, be good with small groups of children and the patience of a saint! What you'll get out of it is satisfaction, the achievement of learning something new, coaching skills to use at work or home and a lot of great memories to share with your child.

There is a strong support structure for coaches at Parnell CC. All teams get regular assistance from professionally qualified coaches throughout the season, "Coaching Guides" are provided in the team gear bag and from the DOWNLOADS section of our website, plus there are regular skills courses for parent coaches at all different grades. For details of these go to [http://www.parnellcricket.co.nz/levels.asp?p=j\\_8](http://www.parnellcricket.co.nz/levels.asp?p=j_8)

The first and most valuable piece of advice is "don't go it alone" As we all know cricket is a team sport. This also extends to the support team. Each team needs a coach (or co-coaches), a manager, scorers and umpires. Good team organisation and support will lead to a happy season for team members.

## Coach

### *Responsibilities and Duties*

Has overall responsibility for coaching and managing the players at practice and during the game on Saturday.

Knowledge of the game or cricket experience is useful but not a prerequisite for the job (as we provide you with what you need to know), but rather enthusiasm to learn, coach and manage the players through the season.

The coach often umpires in the younger grades but this is not necessary where other parents are available.

Collates player statistics at the end of the season for the purposes of Club certificates and prizes. (may be assisted by Team Manager)

## Time Commitment

Ideally you attend and run one mid-week coaching session (between 45mins and 1.5 hours) depending on the grade) each week at a time that suits you and most kids.

Most are run sometime between when school gets out (say 3.15pm) and 6.30pm, but again this is depending on ages of children and your availability.

Your attendance at the game on Saturday is necessary. Games for the years 2 and 3 for example take place at 8.30am and finish at about 10.30am. You may not be able to make all games but should be able to commit to making most. Other parents should be able to cover for you from time to time throughout the season when you cannot attend.

The Club provides a number of instructional sessions at the beginning of the season on such things as coaching, scoring and umpiring, so your attendance at those relevant sessions is desirable.

#### *Our Commitment*

The coach will be provided with a gear bag, which includes all the necessary gear to run practice and play on Saturday.

We provide coaching support, including:

- Providing Coaching Manuals in all gear bags plus further reference in the DOWNLOADS section of our website
- Putting you on suitable New Zealand cricket accredited coaching courses e.g. the Milo Have A Go Cricket coaching course for the beginner coach (2 hours non examinable)
- Providing regular professional coaching assistance for all teams.
- Providing various locations for practice

The Club appreciates the commitment you make as a coach and is committed to supporting you in the role. If you have any concerns or require any assistance you need only to ask your Grade Convenor or the Club Manager.

#### *Coaches' Code*

- 1) *Be reasonable in your demands on the young players' time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that they have other interests.*
- 2) *Teach your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreements, which no one should evade or break.*
- 3) *Avoid over playing the talented players. The 'just average' players need and deserve equal time.*
- 4) *Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Never ridicule or yell at a child for mistakes or losing a game.*
- 5) *Ensure that equipment and facilities are appropriate to the age and abilities of the players.*
- 6) *The scheduling and length of practice times and games should take into consideration the maturity level of the children.*
- 7) *Develop team respect for the ability of the opponents, as well as for the judgment of umpires and opposing coaches.*
- 8) *Follow the advice of a doctor in determining whether an injured player is ready to play again.*
- 9) *Remember that children need a coach they can respect. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved and set a good example.*