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Qld Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association

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The January 2021 General Meeting of the Association will be held in **The Captain's Room, Stuart Law Stand at QCHQ on Wednesday 20th January commencing at 7pm.**

SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON

We are now well underway for the second half of the 2020-21 season and everyone should be well back in the flow of things. The second half usually means captains and clubs will get down to the seriousness of trying to make the semi-finals and finals. While this is still some weeks away, it is important that we be vigilant and professional in our approach to the game. Remember, this is their Ashes series and they deserve professionalism and diligence in our umpiring.

The Men's two day Semi-Finals will be played on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th March with the Finals on 20th, 21st and 27th and 28th March.

Umpire Achievements

Congratulations to Nick Marjason who has made his first-grade debut. Nick has been allocated Cap number 165.

Annual Dinner

We are in the early stages of organising the Annual Dinner for 2020/21. It is expected that dinner will be held sometime in April 2021. Please keep an eye and ear out for the upcoming announcement.

Vale Jim Archibald (1930 – 2020)

Former umpire and Queensland Churches stalwart, Jim Archibald passed away last week aged 90. Before his umpiring retirement, Jim umpired for the church's competition week in week in week out, season in season out and was a true gentleman of the game.

His funeral was last Saturday at the Uniting Church, Windsor - due to current COVID restrictions, sadly numbers were limited to attend.

General Playing Conditions

The 2019/20 General Playing Conditions will be in use for all the T20, one and two-day fixtures being played in remaining rounds and finals.

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Availability

Entering and Updating your availability in MyCricket is mandatory.

Please enter your availability for all games as far as possible into the future, preferably until the **END OF THE SEASON**.

Always keep your availability as far in advance as possible. It not only helps you but helps us as well. It also ensures you do not miss out on being allocated to a game.

As an absolute minimum your availability should be entered for **at least** one calendar month in advance.

WHEN ENTERING YOUR AVAILABILITY BE SURE TO POPULATE ALL FIELDS. IF YOU ARE UNAVAILABLE PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT BLANK.

DO NOT ENTER "CONDITIONAL". REMEMBER TO PRESS THE UPDATE TAB AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN.

Selectors & Observers

Ron Johnsen is to be the **first point of contact** for anything concerning selections.

For the season 2020/21, three selectors have been appointed to cover all grades and observations during the season. These are: -

- **Ron Johnsen**
- **Mike Ralston**
- **John Rowe**

UNABLE TO STAND IN YOUR ALLOCATED GAME?

IF YOU CAN'T STAND IN YOUR ALLOCATED GAME OR HAVE ANY PROBLEMS ON GAME DAY PLEASE CONTACT IN THIS ORDER:

ALL GRADES

1. Ron Johnsen 0422 133 034
2. Mike Ralston 0478 093 159

CA Umpiring Accreditation

It is reminded that members that only have Community Umpiring Accreditation, are required to undertake the On-Line Representative Officiating Course at www.community.cricket.com.au, go to the umpiring tab, once logged in find the Representative Officiating Course. The cost to do this course is \$100.00.

While you can commence this course at any stage, the Association would prefer you commenced this after your first year umpiring with Association.

Following the successful completion of the on-line section you will be required to attend a series of "Face to Face" sessions covering off different sections. To register your interest in these sessions, please register your interest with the Secretary.

Those members that currently hold Representative Officiating Accreditation are required to keep their accreditation up to date.

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Those that have been sent reminders to undertake this course by Cricket Australia can complete it via www.community.cricket.com.au go to the umpire tab, once logged in go to "courses" and find Representative Officiating Reaccreditation. Once the course has been completed, please fill out and sign the [Umpire Reaccreditation form](#) (via Umpires' website) and return it to the Secretary.

Umpiring Tips

Law 2.10 Umpires Changing Ends - The umpires shall change ends after each side has had one completed innings. This means that for one day and T20 matches the umpires must adjudicate from the same end for the **entire game.**

When a wicket falls and the stumps are put down (i.e. bowled, stumped, hit wicket, run out) the umpire at that end must remake the stumps and the other umpire should stand behind his/her stumps to ensure the wicket at the other end is remade correctly.

Hot Weather

Temperatures and humidity had increased in the current season and we need to be mindful of the very hot weather we can experience. Please use common sense in the remaining games this summer.



If the extreme temperatures that are forecast, eventuate, arrange before the match with the captains, to take extra drinks breaks.

Lightning and Storms

During the remainder of the season we are likely to encounter storms and lightening and as Umpires we need to be mindful of our actions when this eventuates.



If during the suspension of play thunder follows a lightning flash by thirty (30) seconds or less, the thirty (30) minute suspension period is to recommence.

Techniques to consider / Handy Hints:

- When at square leg position yourself so that the building storm is in front of you and not behind. This may mean that instead of being at square leg you go to point. Take a few steps back assuming the fielding side have a point. Please let your partner know as well as the fielding captain/batters at the crease. This shows that you are proactive and a good opportunity to make all aware of what you are doing.
- When off the field, please don't hide away in a room, be present (in a safe area) so that you can monitor further lightning strikes and or change in weather patterns.

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Around the Regions

We welcome news for the January issue of the Black and Blue from the Mackay Cricket. We look forward to receiving articles from other regions in future editions.

Mackay Cricket

The Mackay Umpires and Scorers Committee (USC) was formally established at the beginning of the 2018/19 season. Previously the Mackay Umpires Association had operated as an informal group providing umpires for Mackay Cricket Association fixtures. Following an investigation into Incorporation, and after advice from the Board of Mackay Cricket, the members elected to become a subcommittee of Mackay Cricket. A Charter between Mackay Cricket Association and Mackay Umpires and Scorers Committee was established to assist in the governance and operation of the committee.

The Mackay USC is guided by Coordinator, Col Morris, Umpire Selector, David Powell, Regional Umpire Co-Coordinator, Col Morris. Ross Di Francesco is responsible for maintaining My Cricket, and Warren Husking assists the Co-Coordinator.

The Mackay Cricket Association consists of 6 foundation clubs: Souths CC, Norths CC, Walkerston CC, Brothers CC, Magpies CC and Pioneer Valley CC. Affiliate clubs joining the association include Sarina CC, Eastern Swans CC and Pinnacle CC. Fixtures are played in 4 Grades. Currently there 6 1st Grade Teams, 7 2nd Grade Teams, 10 3rd Grade Teams and 6 4th Grade teams.

Woman's Cricket has grown with teams participating in a social competition. Two teams also represented the City and County in the Komatsu Woman's Challenge series.

We currently have 15 active umpires officiating with 8 qualified Level 2 Representative Umpires.

Recruiting of umpires is a challenge. This season we have targeted players in the lower grade competitions to be trained as umpires. Clubs were required to nominate at least 1 person to attend a training day in August 2020. While not all clubs were represented, 6 players completed their Community Officiating Course and are now part of our data base.

A second strategy was to target junior players to officiate in the Woman's Social Competition. Originally 17 juniors completed the introductory program. Currently we are investigating how to establish a mentoring program for this group, with Senior Umpires.

From this program we now have our first fully accredited Level 1 Female Umpire, Bree Searle. Bree is 15 years of age and is being introduced to umpiring in the lower grades of senior cricket. She is mentored through games by officiating at the strikers end and is progressing to officiate at the bowlers end. Bree has controlled Junior Representative matches in the Under 12 and 13 North Queensland Alliance Challenge.

Something to Think About.

Pressure exists in all walks of life, and how individuals deal with it differs enormously. The way people cope with pressure will depend largely on their personality type and

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usually there is little that a person can do to change this fundamental characteristic. Some people respond well to pressure and operate at their best and most efficient, when pressure is at its' greatest, others will react badly under pressure, even breaking down completely in extreme cases. As in many sports, psychology plays a big part in the game of cricket and the players will attempt to apply pressure on their opponents in order to gain an advantage. Bowlers will try to exert pressure on batsmen by bowling "line and length" and employing astute field changes.

Batsmen will try and impose pressure on the fielding side by displaying a solid defence to accurate bowling whilst scoring freely, from anything short of a length or off line, with aggressive shots. Some players will even resort to less subtle methods to apply pressure on opponents, such as sledging. One thing that is certain however, is that the

players of both sides will put the Umpires under pressure.

Umpires can expect to be put under external pressure, but it should never come from within your ranks. Volunteering to stand out in the North Queensland hot sun for 6 hours on a Saturday afternoon when you could be fishing is pressure enough. We employ some simple strategies to address the issue of pressure and they seem to work.

Have a well-stocked beer fridge, and take a few minutes to sit down after the game for a chat and support your mate.

If you are ever in Mackay and want a game, give us a call.

Thank you

Col Morris

Coordinator, Mackay USC



Views of Harrup Park Ground and Country Club

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Merchandise

Merchandise is looked after by the Social Committee. Please telephone or Email the following to place your orders. Merchandise must be ordered in advance.

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Andrew Moir **Email:** amoir@bigpond.com **Telephone:** 0427 022

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Merchandise orders that are to be collected on the weekend must be placed before the preceding Wednesday with Damien or Andrew. Please **DO NOT** leave placement of orders until Friday and request pickup on the weekend.

Merchandise Price List - 2020/21

Item	Price
BLK Umpire Blue Field Shirt	\$55.00
BLK Maroon Off-Field Shirt	\$50.00
Cap with Association Logo	\$15.00
BLK Water Bottle with Association Logo	\$12.00
White Avenel On Field Hat (XL, L, M & S) (Limited Quantity Available)	\$40.00
Black Avenel On Field Hat (XL, L, M & S) (Limited Quantity Available)	\$40.00
Hat Band with Association Logo	\$5.00
Belt Clip	\$5.00
BLK Carbon Gameday Gear Bag	\$60.00
BLK Carbon Premier Touring Bag (Wheels) (Special Order)	\$145.00
Association Tie (50th Anniversary Style)	\$15.00
Business Shirt (50th Anniversary Style)	\$40.00
Umpire Counter	\$10.00
Notebook and Cover	\$5.00
The Laws of Cricket 2017 Code (2nd Edition - 2019)	\$5.00

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