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The **September 2020 General Meeting** of the Association will be held via a Video Meetings App - Microsoft Teams, commencing at 7.00pm on Wednesday 16th September 2020 because of the ongoing Covid-19 situation and the limitation of the number of members who can physically attend meetings. We will keep you informed on the status of the October meeting, which is due to be held on **Wednesday, October 21st, 2020.**

Annual Seminar

Undoubtedly, the seminar was a great success and a special thanks to all those that organised the day's proceedings.

One of the highlights of the day was having Bruce Oxenford run the "Ground, Weather and Light" session. Bruce is always ready to help the Association in any way he can. Bruce's experience and expertise adds tremendous value to the Umpires in our Association.

His experience and insight on how to be successful at Umpiring is invaluable.

The other added bonus to our Association at the seminar was having "Rising Star" Donovan Koch also run one of the other sessions. It speaks volumes for the QCUSA that we have these two fine Umpires available to assist us in training.

A special thanks needs to go to the other speakers especially Nathan James who organised the day's sessions and speakers. Also, to Dave Taylor and Steve Farrell who did a professional job at their sessions.

The day would not have been complete without the efforts of Andrew Moir and Damien McAndrew, from the Social Committee, who made sure we received merchandise and were fed and watered throughout the day.

Finally, what completes an event like this is the members presence and interaction by members at each of the training sessions.

The success of these days doesn't just happen. On behalf of the members thank you to all those people who contributed to the event. The biggest thanks go to you, the members, who attended.

Many thanks it makes organising this day a lot easier.

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Regulations and Playing Conditions for 2020/21

An electronic PDF of this season's Queensland Premier Cricket regulations and playing conditions will be available via the umpires' website in the next week or so. It is in your best interest to attend be vigilant in visiting the QCUSA website for news and information.

Selectors and Observers

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

Availability

You can now enter your availability into MyCricket.

Entering and updating your availability in MyCricket is identical to previous seasons.

It is important that **Ron Johnsen** be the **first point of contact for anything concerning selections.**

Throughout the season please keep your availability as far in advance as possible. **As an absolute minimum, your availability should be entered at least one calendar month in advance.**

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

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.

Selections

The next selection meeting will be held between 14th. and 16th. September. Please update your availability in MyCricket.

Competition Schedule

The competition schedule for 1st Grade, 2nd. Grade, Lord Taverners and the U19 competition is available using the link below. Allocations have been made for 1st., 2nd. Grade a Lord Taverners and Katherine Raymont matches. All games from Grades 3rd to 6th will commence on 26th. September.

<http://www.qcusa.qld.cricket.com.au/common/pages/public/rv/draw.aspx?entityid=15677&id=RVMATCH>

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Important Dates

<u>September General Meeting:</u>	Wednesday September 16th (via MS Teams)
<u>October General Meeting:</u>	Wednesday October 21st
<u>November General Meeting:</u>	Wednesday November 18th
<u>December General Meeting:</u>	Wednesday December 9th
<u>Third Grade to Sixth Grade season start:</u>	Saturday 26th September
<u>Katherine Raymont Shield season start:</u>	Sunday 13th September
<u>Jodie Fields Shield season start:</u>	Sunday 11th October

Regulations Refresher Examination

The link to the Regulations Refresher Exam will be distributed via email **during the coming month**. The online exam is to be answered by the date specified in the email.

Carnivals

The following matches will be available in the coming season. If you are interested in umpiring in any of these upcoming competitions and matches please contact Murray White who will be managing these allocations and will also have available schedules for the matches.

QSS 13-15yrs Girls Cricket State Championship 2020 - Sunday 8 - Tuesday 10 November 2020 (Redlands)

QSS 13-15yrs Boys Cricket State Championship 2020 - Sunday 29 Nov - Thursday 3 Dec 2020 (Ipswich)

QJC U12 Boys Carnival 2020 - Monday 14 - Friday 18 December 2020 (MSW Region)

QC U15s Female State Championships 2020/21 - Monday 14 - Friday 18 December 2020 (Redlands)

BNJCA Ian Healy Cup 2021 - Monday 4 - Friday 8 January 2021 (Albany Creek / Ferny Grove)

QSS 16-19yrs Boys Cricket State Championship 2021 - Sunday 7 - Tuesday 9 March 2021 (Redlands)

You will also be able to view further details about the upcoming carnivals on the QCUSA website via: -

<http://premier.qld.cricket.com.au/common/pages/public/rv/draw.aspx?entityid=12832&id=RVFIXTURE>

BLK Umpiring Shirts

All members should now have obtained both their new BLK Umpiring and Casual Polo Shirts. If you have not, you must arrange for collection of these from Andrew Moir or Damien McAndrew. We will NOT be chasing people; you **MUST** come to us. Both Andrew (@ Souths) and Damien (@ Wests) can supply your shirts this Saturday 19th.

These shirts are being provided free of charge, so there is no excuse for them not to be worn for **ALL** games. Members can purchase a second shirt if they so wish.

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Around the Regions

We welcome news from Umpiring Associations in Regional Areas of Queensland. Our initial article comes from Cricket Far North Umpires Association. We look forward to receiving similar articles from other regions in future editions.



CRICKET FAR NORTH UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION INC.

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The Far North Cricket Region extends from Cardwell in the south all the way up to the tip of Cape York and west beyond Chillagoe. The majority of the cricket played in the far north is centred around Cairns, however Cooktown and Weipa have some participation in the sport, which they do independently.

Cricket in this part of the state is organised and controlled by the Cricket Far North Association (CFN). There are nine registered clubs and associations who provide the grounds and the teams for the CFN Competitions. The Cricket Far North Umpire's Association (CFNUA) provides umpires for these competitions, but solely (due to lack of numbers) for the senior competitions. We have just 12 umpires currently, with three new ones starting this year.

The CFNUA has an exceptionally good working relationship with CFN. We are affiliates of CFN, and we set our own fee structures, assist the CFN Fixtures Sub-Committee in the writing of the playing conditions and the Code of Behaviour processes, who in turn provide us with full support by allowing our members to participate in sub-committees and reporting at each general meeting. This year for the first time, the President of CFN is also President of the CFNUA!

There are five grades in the CFN competition, which runs from the end of September through to mid-March. We have 1st grade (6 teams), 2nd

Grade (12 teams) and 3rd grade (nine teams) in the men's competition, a five team Ladies competition, and the Jimmy Maher Cup, which is a Tier 3 format for junior cricketers (12 teams).

Our numbers mean we can only manage to



umpire 1st and 2nd Grade with the occasional 3rd Grade match, depending how many umpires we can field at any given weekend. The competition is played over both days of the weekend. We will always provide two umpires for 1st Grade and Semi-finals and Finals, the rest of the time we generally umpire on our own.

There are essentially five grounds outside of the Cairns area upon which we umpire, and these are

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some distance away. The longest distance for travel we have is from Cairns to Tully, which takes around two hours (and sometimes more depending on road works etc.). Other venues are Atherton (1 ¼ hours), Innisfail (1 hour), Port Douglas (45 minutes) and Mareeba (45 minutes). Umpires are appointed to the longer drives in such a way that they do not travel too far more than 2 – 3 times in a season (where possible). There are five clubs in the Cairns area, three in the city and one each just 20 minutes or so north and south of the city centre.

Clubs are invoiced each month and payment is made via Direct Deposit into our account. Umpire fees are set at \$1.60 per over if operating solely and \$1.10 per each if we can manage to get two umpires on the park. Umpires are paid their match fees monthly directly into their nominated accounts. We charge clubs a travel fee of \$50.00 per umpire for any trip over an hour and \$40.00 if they are between 45 and 60 minutes. In order to avoid extra costs to these outlying clubs, the travel fees are consolidated across all the clubs.

Most of our umpires live in the Cairns area, although we have 3 living in Atherton. We hold monthly meetings during the season, where we discuss any umpiring issues encountered, and provide some challenges (what would you do if...) and social interaction. This season we will introduce Microsoft Teams so members who cannot make the venue can conference in. The Atherton members have never attended in the past, so we are hoping we can get everyone attending this season. Umpiring in the Far North can be a challenge, apart from the travel. The tropical heat and humidity in the summer can play havoc on our umpires and players. Many have had to leave the field due to heat stress, and we are constantly monitoring the players fitness under these extreme conditions.

Many of us carry our own water on to the field with us, and we have weather policies in place to ensure the players remain hydrated. The new helmet laws have been a challenge as well, as they are extremely hot to wear, and have

contributed to a slight rise in heat stressed players. Most of the venues do not have umpire rooms, and we have to change in our cars.

Player behaviour is generally very good, we have only had 6 incident reports – mainly level 2 infringements, in the past two seasons. Our umpires have been informed to let the game flow and to be as invisible as possible, but any breach of the Code of Behaviour must be dealt with. Minor infringements (minimal level 1) are reported on our match sheets after every game, and these reports are sent to the CFN Fixtures committee who keep a record of the infringements. If a player shows poor behaviour at this level consistently, he/she will be reported by the Fixtures committee to the Code of Behaviour Commissioner. All infringements, reports and findings are kept for two seasons on any player, and any repeat infringements in that time are dealt with severely. This process is proving successful in improving player behaviour.

There have been instances of umpires from other areas, including inter-state who have asked if they could umpire some matches whilst on holidays up here, and this is something we have enjoyed, and has been reciprocated.

Thank you for the opportunity to write about cricket in the far north. I look forward to participating with your association in the future, it is something we have been missing across the state – a community of like minds. You are all welcome to contact us if you are up this way. Mind you, lying on a white-bleached sandy cay surrounded by the crystal-clear waters of the great barrier reef, sipping on a coldly whist munching on the sweat meat of a freshly caught crayfish HAS to be a better way of spending holiday time up here!

Regards to all your members.

Julian Warnock

President CFNUA and CFN

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Laws of Cricket

All umpires should only be using as their reference point, The Laws of Cricket 2017 Code Second Edition. The changes that were made to the Laws of Cricket 2017 Code First Edition, can be downloaded here:

[www.qcusa.qld.cricket.com.au/files/15677/files/Changes to the Laws of Cricket 2017 Code Apr 2019.pdf](http://www.qcusa.qld.cricket.com.au/files/15677/files/Changes%20to%20the%20Laws%20of%20Cricket%202017%20Code%20Apr%202019.pdf)

Membership Forms

For those of you who have returned your membership forms a big **THANK YOU**. However, there is still a handful of members who have **NOT** yet returned these so please return these to the Secretary – Murray White immediately.

QCUSA Website - A Mine of Information

Don't forget to check out our website if you haven't browsed it yet. Murray White has done a great job in keeping up to date; this a great, easy to read resource for the benefit of our members. Check out past newsletters, all this season's forms you will need and other various useful information. If you have a question or worry, you will most likely find the answer here.

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Merchandise

Merchandise is looked after by the Social Committee and will be available before and after meetings in the kitchen area. Damien McAndrew is the contact person for any merchandise enquiries. Damien's contact number is Mob: 0418 154 194.

SO FAR THIS SEASON, MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH: AN ON-FIELD SHIRT, SOCIAL SHIRT, WATER BOTTLE AND A BELT CLIP. IF YOU HAVE NOT COLLECTED YOUR'S YET, THEY CAN BE COLLECTED AT THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING.

QCUSA Merchandise Price List 2020/21

Item	Amount
BLK Umpire Blue Shirt	\$55.00
BLK Casual Polo Shirt	\$50.00
Off Field Caps	\$15.00
Beastwear Spray Jacket (limited) – 4 XL, 3 L, 1 Small	SPECIAL \$50.00
Association Ties (50 th Anniversary Style)	\$15.00
Business Shirt (50 th Anniversary Style)	SPECIAL \$20.00
Umpire Counter	\$10.00
Notebook and Cover	\$5.00
Laws of Cricket 2017 Code – 2 nd Edition	TBA
Black On Field Hat	\$40.00
BLK Water Bottle	\$12.00
White On Field Hat	\$40.00

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