

Welcome to the first issue of our new Club Information Bulletin. This is the new way which we will communicate with our member clubs going forward.

We have been conscious for some time of the volume of information being sent to Clubs through their Secretaries, and this bulletin is an attempt by us to streamline that flow of information. It is hoped this will lead to less cluttered inboxes and a clearer understanding of every thing cricket in the NCU, particularly in respect of domestic competitions.

Club Contact Info

Due to governance requirements, it is now essential for the NCU to gain individual written consent from those within clubs who would usually be involved in the normal activities of cricket in this area (e.g.: secretaries and captains).

This process will be undertaken through a Club Contacts and Permissions Form which will be circulated to all clubs in the coming days. It is essential that this form is signed by all of the individuals listed on it....yes old fashioned ink on a page!

We believe that the return and subsequent collation of this information is likely to take two or three weeks to complete and therefore this will have knock on effects on some NCU business like fixtures.

2022 Fixtures

At the date of this Bulletin, there has been no confirmation from Cricket Ireland of Irish Senior Cup, National Cup, international or regional fixtures for the forthcoming season, and this seems unlikely to happen in the next couple of weeks

The gathering of club contact information outlined above is also unlikely to be completed until the end of this month at the earliest.

Therefore, we wish to advise that the setting of fixtures for the 2022

season is most likely to take place during the first week in February.

In the meantime, we will start the process by making arrangements to complete the domestic cup draws in the coming weeks. Further details will follow to the clubs concerned in due course.

Premier T20 Cup

The Domestic Directorate will work over the next few weeks to agree the format for this year's Premier T20 competition.

As only six of the clubs who are to be involved in the competition in 2022 responded to the survey, we may require a further call with Premier clubs to ensure consensus on the format for this season. Further details will follow in due course.

Supplementary Information Forms

All clubs have been sent information regarding the registration of players and the rules regarding this process.

This can be a complicated process and it is essential that Clubs complete the required paperwork properly before submitting.

Should your club have any queries or if you would like to chat through the process further, please do not hesitate to contact Bryan Milford (bryan.milford@ncucricket.org) and your queries will be dealt with.

Cricket Balls

As outlined at the AGM in November, it is the intention to introduce standard balls to all levels of NCU cricket from the start of the 2023 season.

As part of this process work has continued over the Christmas period to obtain comparative pricing for various cricket balls and to carry out due diligence on the quality of the balls. This work is almost at a conclusion.

Whilst we have no intention of introducing standard balls for the

forthcoming 2022 season, we hope to be in a position in the coming days to offer all clubs the opportunity to purchase cricket balls for use this season at very competitive prices with our preferred supplier for the 2023 season. Further details will follow later this week.

Sponsorship

There are currently several sponsorship opportunities available within the NCU. We currently have openings to sponsor some of our representative teams, our Women and Girls Programme, Youth and Participation Programmes and some of our cup competitions.

If you know of any business who would be interested in partnering with us, please get in touch and we can explore the possibilities.

Can you help?

As the NCU continues to evolve to meet the demands of the modern game, we are keen to garner guidance from professionally qualified individuals within our member clubs' network on certain aspects of our business.

To this end we are presently keen to hear from anyone within the club membership who has a background in **Accountancy and Finance, Web Design or Marketing, PR and Comms** who could offer us some of their time to help shape the future of cricket in this area.

If your club has any members who would be willing to get involved, please encourage them to get in touch so that we can discuss this further with them.

Comments or Suggestions

If you have any comments or suggestions on the Bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact us to so that we may consider your comments and suggestions.