

In this issue of the Bulletin, the NCU provides some information on the fixtures for the 2022 season, news on some staffing changes, as well as some updates on administration tasks which clubs are required to undertake in preparation for the season ahead.

Club Contact Info

A few clubs have still not returned their Club Contacts and Permissions Form. This is now URGENTLY required.

Please note it is essential that this form is signed in ink by all the individuals listed on it and the original hard-copy form returned to the NCU offices ASAP. Scanned versions cannot be accepted.

Delays in clubs returning these forms will lead to subsequent issues with the compilation of fixtures in the coming weeks.

2022 Fixtures

As you are aware 2022 fixtures have not been released, nor the process started to put together junior league fixtures. Unfortunately, this is something that is beyond our control.

We have been advised that the draws for the Irish Senior Cup and the National Cup will take place on 26 February 2022. It is hoped that all international and inter-provincial fixture dates will also be confirmed by this date.

To enable us to complete the fixtures as soon as possible after this date please ensure that Club Contacts and Permissions Forms are returned ASAP. The sooner we can get this information and share it with all other clubs, the sooner we can begin the process of compiling junior fixtures.

Irish Cricket Awards

The Annual Awards will take place virtually on Friday 25 February 2022 at 19:30. Several Clubs and individuals from the NCU are nominated in the various categories. To see how they get on tune into the Awards at [YouTube.com/CricketIrelandLive](https://www.youtube.com/CricketIrelandLive)

Club & Participation

We sadly bid farewell to Club and Participation Development Officer Paul Anderson on 18 February 2022. Paul is relocating to Los Angeles to take up a development role with Liverpool Football Club.

Whilst he only held the role for a short time, Paul has been involved in various coaching roles for a few years and contributed enormously to the NCU. His enthusiasm will be greatly missed. We thank him for all the work he has undertaken during his time with us and wish him all the best in his future career. We look forward to welcoming Chris Taylor as our new Club and Participation Development Officer on 14 March 2022. You can find out more about Chris in The Slip Cordon Newsletter in March 2022.

NCU Safeguarding Compliance Survey

All clubs are required to have completed the survey by Friday 25 February 2022. This is a mandatory requirement for all sports clubs across the island.

The survey provides an ideal opportunity for clubs to review their safeguarding status and identify areas which require attention in advance of the 2022 season.

The survey can be accessed via the link below.

<https://fs4.formsite.com/wqEq6U/zibb3xjidd/index.html>

Cricket Balls

As outlined in issue 01 of the Bulletin, as part of the process towards the potential standardisation of balls from the start of the 2023 season, we have engaged Readers as a preferred supplier for cricket balls.

As part of this process Readers have offered preferential rates for balls for the 2022 season. Many clubs availed of this opportunity and will receive their balls in the coming weeks. For any clubs that missed the opportunity, we are still taking orders for cricket balls for the 2022 season. Please contact the office to place your order.

Gameday/NV Play System

The NCU are hoping to utilise this system to manage competitions during the 2022 season. The system, which is being provided by Cricket Ireland at no charge, also offers clubs the opportunity to manage their club membership – also at no charge!

The proposed system unites two well known brands in a system which offers club membership management, competition management, game scoring, game and player stats, live streaming of games and much more.

Several webinars and information sessions on the system will be held over the coming months. Further details on these will follow. In advance of this if you would like to have a look at the systems and how they might work for your club please visit:

<https://mygameday.app/>

<https://www.nvplay.com/>

Sponsorship

There are currently sponsorship opportunities available to support some of our representative teams, our Women and Girls Programme, some Cup competitions and Youth and Participation Programmes.

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?

We are always looking for people to help us improve what we do. If any of your members have a background in **Accountancy and Finance, Web Design or Marketing, PR and Comms** and could offer us some of their time to help shape the future of cricket please ask them to get in touch.

Comments or Suggestions

If you have any comments or suggestions on the Bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact us.