

Club Information Bulletin



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In this issue of the Bulletin, we give details on the Energy Relief Scheme which sports clubs are now eligible for, the NCU 2022 AGM and offer some professional help to clubs who are planning to develop their facilities.

Have you plans to develop your club facilities?

Cricket Ireland has recently appointed Richard Fahey as Head of Facilities and Operations. This appointment is key to Cricket Ireland's commitment to improve cricket facilities across the island. In his role Richard will seek to work with stakeholders across the island to ensure that facilities are developed to meet the increased demand that exists.

Richard will deliver a number of workshops to NCU clubs in the coming months as part of our Club Connects programme. These workshops will cover a range of facilities development topics including access to capital funding. Keep an eye on our media channels for further details in the coming days.

In the meantime, if your club has any plans to develop your facilities, please do not hesitate to contact Richard to discuss further. richard.fahey@cricketireland.ie

Club Connects

A full programme of events for clubs and their members during the winter months has now been released. Places on each of the programmes is limited so please be sure to get your club members to secure their place at the earliest opportunity.

Have you seen?

During the rather interrupted Covid period the Junior Cup has gone missing. The Cup has a significant place in the NCU's history, and we are keen to trace its whereabouts. If you have seen it, please contact the office to advise.

Energy Relief Scheme

We wanted to make you aware that the voluntary sector is now eligible for discount on gas and electric bills via the Energy Bill Relief Scheme.

The electric and gas suppliers will apply the discounts automatically to bills from 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023

Find out if your organisation or club is eligible for a discount [here](#).

AGM

The NCU 2022 AGM will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 7 December 2022 in the Pavilion at Stormont. Advance papers have been sent to all clubs and a formal notice will be issued at least 14 days before the AGM.

As always, we are keen to broaden the knowledge base on our Board and within the committees that support it. If you have members within your club who could positively contribute, please nominate them for election at the meeting.

Gameday

The next phase of the implementation of Gameday will take place over the next few months. Notice has been sent to clubs asking for the person within your club who administers membership and registrations to complete their registration for the system. If all clubs could ensure that this is completed at the earliest opportunity that would be most helpful.

Standardisation of Balls

We plan to continue with our plan to find acceptable standard balls for use at the various levels within our game. We are currently working with a number of different suppliers to gather information on this before sharing with the clubs. We will aim to do this before the end of November 2023.

New Staff Member

James Cameron-Dow commenced his role as our new Women and Girl's Talent and Development Coach in September 2022. JCD will work as part of our team to spearhead the continued growth of the women and girls' game in the NCU.

You can contact him via email at james.camerondow@ncucricket.org

Competition Entries for 2023 Season

Clubs have been asked to provide details of their team entries for the 2023 season for men's, women's, and youth competitions.

This information is required by Friday 11 November 2022.

Sponsorship

There are currently several sponsorship opportunities available with the NCU.

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

Return of Trophies

Could all Clubs please make arrangements to return Trophies to the NCU Office at the earliest opportunity. We have to carry out a valuation exercise for our insurers before the end of 2022.

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.

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