



NORTH BALLARAT CRICKET CLUB

ABN: 51 393 073 733

23 August 2023

Welcome

Welcome to Season 2023/24, and we trust that the cricket off-season has been kind to you. Congratulations to those still involved in winter sport finals, and a special mention to the Ballarat Bulldogs Football Netball Club, who played in the FIDA Grand Final on the weekend. Many of our All Abilities team members play for the Bulldogs and it's great to see them enjoying every success.

Annual General Meeting

The Club recently held its AGM and elected its Committee of Management:

President - Scott Wright

Vice-President - Stuart Page

Treasurer - Lauren Wright

Secretary - Brodie Bennett

General Committee - Jason Crosbie, Matthew Cations & Brett Severino

The Club's constitution allows for up to a further 5 General Committee members, so please let us know if you are interested in helping to spread the load. A few are wearing many hats at the moment and we sure could use a hand!

Team/Program Nominations (to be confirmed)

BCA Senior – 2nd XI Div 2 & 3rd XI Div 2

BCA Junior – 1 x U11 Girls, 3 x U11 Boys and U13 Boys

Cricket Blast

MAACA – 1 x Division 2 West

MyCricket is now PlayHQ

Cricket Australia have adopted PlayHQ as their management system, replacing MyCricket. The functionality of the play.cricket.com.au website is essentially the same, but now links to PlayHQ in the back end. The MyCricket app will continue to be used for displaying scores and stats, but now links to PlayHQ in the back end.

Player Insurance

Cricket Australia's move to the PlayHQ platform has brought a change to how players are insured.

All players must now pay insurance upon registration each season as follows:

Senior (18+) - \$22.50

Junior (Under 18) - \$16.00

Collection of these funds is built into the registration process.

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Registration

All players and Junior Parents must register in PlayHQ, and existing players from previous years need to link their PlayHQ registration to their Cricket ID in order for their stats from MyCricket to come across and merge with PlayHQ.

Linking & Managing your Cricket ID instructions - <https://playcricketssupport.cricket.com.au/hc/en-us/sections/6729694023183-Linking-Managing-your-Cricket-ID>

Registration links

Senior Mens - <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/602279>

Junior Boys and Girls (U11 & U13) - <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/4f20ac>

Cricket Blast - <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/96e9f6>

All Abilities - <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/9aac25>

Membership Subscription Fees (inclusive of insurance)

Senior Mens \$200 - includes white playing shirt - first subs instalment of \$50 is built into registration process, balance of \$127.50 to be paid by first weekend in December

Juniors (Boys and Girls) \$50 - includes black playing shirt

Cricket Blast \$99 - Blasters pack from Cricket Australia includes shirt and bat

All Abilities \$22.50 - includes black playing shirt and black pants

Social members \$50 - includes Club polo

Player Registration and Uniform Ordering

We are holding a drop-in player registration and uniform ordering night next Monday 28th August between 6pm and 8pm. We will be in the VIP Room at the North Ballarat Sports Club, 725 Creswick Road, WENDOUREE.

We will assist with getting you and/or your children registered in PlayHQ and ordering both your included and any additional uniform items (if required). We can accept cash, cheque or EFTPOS payment methods.

Alternatively in your own time you can:

Register in PlayHQ using the Registration links above – card only

Order included uniform item(s) from Matthew Cations on 0409 179 527

Order additional uniform items from <https://northballaratcc.square.site> – card only

Pre-Season Training (to be confirmed)

BCA Senior – expected to start in the week commencing 4th September – at North No 2 nets

BCA Junior – expected to start in the week commencing 18th September – at North No 2 nets

MAACA – expected to start in the week commencing 16th October – at North No 2 nets

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Season Commencement Dates (to be confirmed)

BCA Seniors are expected to start on Saturday 7th October.

BCA Juniors are expected to start in the week commencing 9th October.

MAACA are expected to start on Sunday 29th October.

Playing and Training Facilities

The Club has been involved in discussions with City of Ballarat and the State Government around the facilities at Northern Oval No 2 for quite some time now, and was also involved in Commonwealth Games discussions around the development of sports grounds and associated facilities at Miners Rest.

Obviously the Commonwealth Games aspect of the discussions is now irrelevant, but we remain in pursuit of new female and disability friendly facilities at Northern Oval No 2, and are still exploring the opportunities and possibilities of the new Community Sports facility at Miners Rest.

In the off-season we were successful in obtaining grants to refurbish the surfaces of our training nets, so look out for brand new pitches in nets 3-5 with junior crease markings, and new carpet in both the fielding zone and wicket-keepers zone for Net 1 to the rear of the nets, coming in early October.

Also in the off-season we opened the new Sports Pavilion at Wendouree West as joint tenants with Forest Rangers Soccer Club. We look forward to enjoying the new amenities on game days.

New Website and domain name

The demise of MyCricket has meant we have had to get a new website. We have taken the opportunity to obtain a new domain name as well, so head to <https://www.northballaratcc.com.au> for all news, events, teams, results, policies and documents. We will be populating the content over the next few weeks so check back often.

Sponsorship & Fundraising

Unfortunately we have said goodbye to a number of key sponsors in recent times for various reasons. If you or anyone you know (or work with/for) has a business that is looking to support a grass-roots community club, please put them in touch with us and/or obtain a club sponsorship brochure from us. We have many opportunities and avenues of exposure from playing shirts, to Zing stumps, to Frogbox, to just providing a cash or contra donation. Every little bit counts.

Around 76% of the Club's income last financial year came from sources outside of our playing groups through raffles, grants, sponsorship, the U12 National Cricket championships, and other fundraising. Unfortunately at this stage we don't anticipate obtaining the same level of external funding as last year, and we are always on the look out for other ways to raise funds, particularly from external sources, because this is what keeps things like membership fees to a minimum, and inclusions as generous as we can possibly be. If you have any ideas for fundraising and/or would be interested in assisting our fundraising sub-committee, please let us know.

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Volunteers Required

Can Bar

We staff the Can Bar at MARS stadium during major events. The following events are coming up:

AFLW – Sunday 10th September, 12pm-3pm

CHFNL Seniors – Saturday 16th September, 10am-4:30pm

BFNL Seniors – Saturday 23rd September, 10am-4:30pm

Remuneration in cash, credit or contra is available to all who volunteer. If you are available to assist – even if only for an hour or 2 - please let us know.

Senior team helpers

Ideally for every senior team, we need:

1 x team manager

1 x scorer

Junior Coaches and team helpers

Ideally for every junior team, we need:

1 x head coach

1 x assistant coach

1 x team manager

1 x scorer

MAACA Coaches and team helpers

1 x head coach

2 x assistant coaches

1 x team manager

1 x scorer

If you are interested in doing one of these roles, please let us know.

Save the date - Saturday 27th January 2024

Back to North Reunion @ North Ballarat Sports Club

Celebrating our premierships in 1st XI 1938-39, B Grade 1948-49, D Grade 1953-54, 3rd XI 1963-64, 1st XI 1983-84, E Grade 1988-89, 3rd XI 2003-04 & 4th XI 2013-14

Open to anyone that played at the Club in those eras, not just premiership players

Cost: \$30 per head for 2 course meal and drinks at bar prices

Kind Regards,

Scott Wright - President

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