

## District Coach – South Canterbury

South Canterbury Cricket have a proud history of coaching our junior cricketers and putting them on a pathway that one day will lead them perhaps all the way to not only representing their local district, but to higher honours, possibly representing a major association like Canterbury or Otago or even higher to represent New Zealand.

Our philosophy is based around providing opportunities to develop, and as coaches you are highly instrumental in this development. We like to be proactive in how we deliver this coaching to our players, and over the last two years there have been a number of innovations put in place by NZ Cricket with the aim of making cricket more 'fun' for our kids so that they will wish to continue to play.

Your part in this is to embrace this philosophy as best you can while coaching the children in skills, and knowledge of how the game is played to further enhance their development.

Please feel free to ask any questions of the Development Officer (Gilky) or CEO (Mark), or make requests about how we can help you as a coach as we are very willing to help not only make your coaching role more enjoyable, but your skill level improve so that you get the opportunity to grow as a coach too.

## Responsibilities and Duties

The District team coach has overall responsibility for coaching and managing the players at practice and on match days.

Where possible it is SC Policy to appoint a manager with teams too, but you may have a preferred person which should be discussed with South Canterbury Cricket, as they have certain requirements

At Junior District Cricket Level, District coaches are now required to have completed Police Vetting and Vulnerable Children Modules online via the NZC system. Coaches also require a minimum of an Advanced Foundation Coaching Certification for Year 7 teams down and a Development Level Coaching Certification for Year 8 and above teams e.g. the SIPST team, U15 and U17 teams. If your level of certification is below the required level you will need to work with South Canterbury Cricket to upgrade your certification to the required level prior to going to any tournaments with a team. Enthusiasm to learn, coach and manage the players through the season is obviously a big part of the job too.

The coach often umpires in the younger grades but this is not always necessary where other parents are available.

The coach is expected to also select the final representative tournament teams in conjunction with the Cricket Development Manager (Gilky) as well as for all representative matches leading up to the tournament(s).

You will also be furnished with the Canterbury Cricket Coaching Philosophy Policy in relation to the aims, reasons and coaching approach that is behind how we organise the various district teams at different levels. The Development Officer (Gilky) will also cover this off with you, but if you are unsure please ask for further clarification.

## Time Commitment

Ideally you attend and run one mid-week coaching session during the representative season (between 60 mins and 1.5 hours, depending on the age) each week at a time that suits you and most kids and as arranged with the Cricket Development Manager (Gilky).

Most practices are run sometime between when school gets out (say 3.30pm) and 8.30pm, but again this is dependent on ages of children and your availability.

Your attendance at the match is necessary. District matches generally start at 10.30am at the earliest, and you would be expected to be at the ground 45 minutes prior to start time to prepare the team for the match. You may not be able to make all games but should be able to commit to making most. Other parents should be able to cover for you from time to time throughout the season when you cannot attend. If this occurs, please make sure that the Development Officer (Gilky) or CEO (Mark) are aware in advance of this situation.

The SCCA provides pre-season briefing sessions at the beginning of the season, so your attendance at those relevant sessions is desirable.

## Tournament Procedures

All the organization of accommodation, travel, and food arrangements is done by SC Cricket, who then liaise with you and your team manager about travel times, menus, what to take, etc, so not your concern.

## Our Commitment

The coach will be provided with a gear bag, which includes all the necessary gear to run practice and play on match day.

We provide coaching support, including:

- Hosting a coaches orientation evening at the SC Cricket Centre
- If you require we are able to help put you on suitable New Zealand cricket accredited coaching courses at a more advanced level than may be required by NZC.
- Providing Coach visits to your practices or holding specialist coach mentoring sessions for you and/or the players to attend
- Providing ideas and references on how to run effective cricket practice sessions
- Providing various locations for practice – when available an open wicket can be arranged as well as use of the indoor training facilities

The Association appreciates the commitment you make as a coach and is committed to supporting you in the role. If you have any concerns or require any assistance you need only to ask the South Canterbury Cricket Development Manager (Gilky), or the CEO (Mark). They are contactable by phone on match day if you have any questions during a district match.

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