

Cricket Ireland

Munster Cricket Union

Club Accreditation Scheme Presentation – March 2016



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Background

- 🌿 **Why... is there a Club Accreditation Scheme?**
- 🌿 **What... is it all about?**
does it look like?
are the expectations?
is there to do?
- 🌿 **When... do things start?**



Why is there a Scheme?

- ④ Cricket Ireland strategy
- ④ Munster Cricket Union strategy
- ④ Raise standards – internal and external, on and off the pitch
- ④ Standardise best quality practice
- ④ Common direction
- ④ Set format
- ④ Aim is to safeguard clubs' futures – 'good for the game'



Why complete the Scheme?

- ④ **Expectation**
- ④ **Knowledge that you are running a nationally recognised, quality standard club – recognition and pride**
- ④ **Improved reputation**
- ④ **Potential for increased membership – finance**
- ④ **Other benefits...**
- ④ **Improved practice in the club – sustainability and quality experience for members**



What is it all about?

- ④ **Partnership with Provincial Union**
- ④ **Key Themes: Effective Management, Quality Coaching and Competition, Safety in Sport, Ground and Facilities and Youth Coaching and Officials**
- ④ **Investment in People, not just bricks, mortar and equipment - sustainability**
- ④ **Offer parents safe and enjoyable environment for their children**
- ④ **Offer players and members the best chance of a quality experience**



What does it look like?

- ④ **Series of expectations split across three progressionary levels**
- ④ **Cricket Ireland and Munster Cricket Union split in terms of these expectations**
- ④ **Arranged in simple tables**
- ④ **Your copy of the Scheme is working document**






What are the expectations?

- ③ **Will... be being done in clubs anyway – current practice**
- ③ **Will... be variants upon current practice - tightening or amending a focus**
- ③ **Will... be different or new**



What are the expectations?

-  **'Hold adequate public liability insurance for all activities undertaken'**
-  **'Employ and/or deploy suitably qualified Level I or above coaches, in accordance with Cricket Ireland guidelines within the junior club'**
-  **'Have regular contact with the relevant Local Authority/Sports Partnership Sports Development personnel'**



What is there to do?

- ④ **Collect Scheme document**
- ④ **Back at the club, form a Working Group**
- ④ **Select a Nominated Contact**
- ④ **Complete an audit of current practice against the criteria: ‘What do we already do?’ (collect the evidence); ‘What don’t we do?’ (these create your actions)**
- ④ **Meetings with MCU representative**
- ④ **Club Visit (assessment)**



Timeframes

- 🌿 **Recommend starting as soon as possible**
- 🌿 **Copy of the Scheme Document provided**
- 🌿 **Audit process back at the club, followed by Actions**
- 🌿 **Meetings with and support from MCU representative**
- 🌿 **Club Visit (assessment)**
- 🌿 **Aiming for October 2016 for first batch of clubs accredited at minimum Level I**



Finally.....

-  Some thoughts from clubs who have already worked on the Scheme.....

'We took on board the Club Accreditation Scheme realising that whatever lay ahead was for the good of our club and were prepared to take on board, tackle and improve any identified areas as well as hopefully having endorsed the areas that we felt we were already implementing successfully.'



Finally.....

'We found Cricket Ireland extremely helpful and understanding in the process and wish all other clubs a successful Club Accreditation period of self-reflection and self-improvement.'



Finally.....

‘...would certainly recommend this Accreditation Scheme to every club as it demonstrates commitment to reach minimum operating standards...’

‘...it will be well worth the effort...’

‘...remember, the cricket family is fairly small, so you will always find help and support should you need it.’

‘We received great support from CI and Tim in particular...’



Finally.....

‘Undertaking the Club Accreditation Scheme has been a very worthwhile exercise for our club...’

‘It has helped us get better organised, and will assist in making sure that our club is run properly for years to come.’

‘...and this has formalised some things that were previously being carried out on an ad hoc basis. A worthwhile exercise that I would thoroughly recommend to all progressive clubs.’



And Finally Finally.....

A JOURNEY ^{of a} thousand miles
must begin with a
SINGLE STEP.

Lao Tzu



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