



North West Youth Cricket 2021 – Team Selection Guidance

The NWYC committee have discussed the team / player selection process for 2021 and given the compressed timeframe for new youth player registrations and that the first matches of the season there are likely to be some changes that will need to be made. In the first instance please get in contact your midweek coach, team manager or Shane Young and Sam Gillespie. Please note that this guidance will be regularly reviewed.

Christchurch Metro Cricket and Youth advisory group recommendations

North West Youth Cricket are supportive of the initiative and goals of CMCA and the parameters they have in place, which are in brief:

- Year 9 boys will play in Year 9
- Year 10 Colts grade is to be treated a development pathway to provide quality cricket, it is preference for talented Year 10s to play in this grade over 2nd XI Cricket. Year 10 colts grade may have some “young” year 11 boys who may need to be confirmed with CMCA. (Birthdays Jan – April).
- Junior T20 is for Years 10 and 11, Senior T20 is for Years 12 and 13.
- Players who are selected to play 1st XI cricket must be able to play that standard of cricket for their age / ability (This is around player safety / welfare).

North West Youth Cricket selection process for 2021

First XI

The First XI squad will be selected from the pre-season training squad and the selectors will be Darron Stackhouse (1st XI Coach), Adam Horton (2nd XI) and Mark Cini (Director of Cricket) and other input as required.

The First XI playing XI will be selected and named weekly on Thursday and players not selected for that Saturday will be playing either 2nd XI, 3rd XI or Colts depending on age.

- Players not selected will be informed why and will have a plan in place for their match for example for the 2nd XI. The 2nd XI team will be asked to accommodate the individual player plan. (For example – a batsman asked to

bat at 4 or 5 to score runs or spend time in the middle will be accommodated in the 2nd XI. This messaging will also be done between the coaches.)

- As per the Metro Pathway a Year 10 play would be preference to play in the Colts XI.
- Player performance in either Colts XI or 2nd XI who are encouraged to earn a spot in the 1st XI.
- NWYC wish to provide a First XI experience for our combined schools team. This includes uniform and player standards.

2nd and 3rd XI

Following the First XI team naming the 2nd XI and 3rd XI sides will be named on a weekly basis. It is anticipated that the 2nd and 3rd XI sides will be selected on player performance.

- We have entered the 2nd XI in the CMCA First XI Plate competition. This is a step up from last season.
- We have entered the 3rd XI in the 2nd Grade competition. This is same grade that our 2nd XI played in 2020.
- We know that player numbers will be tight to accommodate the 3 sides and we can expect that some Year 10s if available will play in these grades.
- The feedback we have received is that we will **not** be entering a “Senior T20” team, if the 3rd XI team have a consensus to change to a Senior T20 grade we will change the grade entry accordingly.

Year 10

This season we will have two Year 10 teams, a Colts XI side and Year 10 side. The Colts and Year 10 side will be named & selected to play on a weekly basis with input from the coaches and managers for the first part of the season. It is anticipated that we will be naming a Colts XI wider training squad.

- Talented Year 10s who make themselves available for First XI but do not make the playing XI are expected to play Colts XI.
- We will be selecting the strongest Colts side possible week to week.
- Due the Year 10 player numbers it is unlikely that we can accommodate any Year 11s at the moment in the Colts XI – however this may change.
- Due to the Year 10 player numbers – some years 10s will have the opportunity to play in the 3rd XI or 2nd XI.
- The feedback we have received is that we will **not** be entering a “Junior T20” team, if the team have a consensus to want to change to T20 grade we will change the grade entry accordingly.

Year 9

This year we will have 3 x Year 9 teams, which is an increase of a team from last year.

- We will be anticipating having a Year 9a wide training group. A playing XI will be named weekly and the balance of the players will play 9b.
- We will have two 9B sides who will entered in the competitions and players from both these sides will still have the opportunity to play in the Year 9a grade.
- As all of these players are coming from different junior clubs NWYC are hoping from some patience while the boys transition to youth cricket however please get in contact if there are any concerns.