



## Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Junior Cricket Newsletter 7: 08/07/2015

### ***Hello club junior team co-ordinators***

As the end of the junior cricket playing season nears and the first day of the Ashes is completed, here is the seventh newsletter bringing to your attention any issues that have arisen recently regarding junior cricket in our region.

### **Playing Deadline**

Coaches of all age groups have been very busy recently trying to reschedule matches which have been delayed. Please note that a deadline has to be set so that the Committee has the time to finalise 'claims' and complete league tables in preparation for Finals Day. The playing deadline is **10pm on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. All claimed matches must be accompanied by a claims form submitted to me at [duffy@danthony397@orangehome.co.uk](mailto:duffy@danthony397@orangehome.co.uk) before **10pm on Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. A match 'claimed' on the PlayCricket web site but not accompanied by an authorised claimed form will be regarded as a 'non-match' meaning neither team receive any points. The 'Claim form,' which is simple to understand and complete, is available on the web site at <http://www.cardiffandvalecricket.co.uk/docs/>

### **Finals Day**

Like last year, organising a Finals Day on one site has not been possible. The U11 finals venue is more or less arranged but sites for the U13 and U15 finals have still to be found. If your club is able and willing to hold one of the finals, please let me know as soon as possible. I see no reason why a club cannot charge the League a small fee for pitch preparation (please note the word "small").

### **Trophies**

Next week I will be arranging to visit all the junior co-ordinators of clubs who won trophies in 2014. They were:

Under 11A – Penarth Gold

Under 11B – Radyr Green

Under 13A – Cardiff A

Under 13B – Radyr Green

Under 15A – Cardiff A

Under 15B – Miskin

Any club not returning their trophy will be charged £50 for its replacement.

## **Cardiff & The Vale County Coaching: a note from Ian Morgan**

Dear Club Coordinators,

With just a week to go of the scheduled junior season we would like to begin the process of selecting next year's Cardiff & Vale players. The county season is only half way through and all age groups have some exciting tours to look forward to. Progress continues to be made in raising standards and our successes, particularly against the other Welsh Regions, grow year on year. If results to date are replicated in the second half of the season then we will be looking at our most successful ever which is largely down to the strength of our clubs and the environment they cultivate through the work of their dedicated volunteers. Please check out the County Squads section of the Regional website ([www.cardiffandvalecricket.co.uk](http://www.cardiffandvalecricket.co.uk)) for match reports (under 10s are there already and I'm hoping others will also add to this) and the link to "Cardiff & Vale County Squads" which actually takes you to the Play-Cricket site where you can view the scorecards. We are also regularly posting updates to Twitter (available on the same page) while matches are taking place. Hopefully through all these different media we are able to keep you regularly updated on the progress of your players.

With league matches tailing off from next week we would be grateful if once again you could complete the spreadsheet (attached to the email in which you received this newsletter) so that we can invite your very best players along for trials. This is a key building block in player development and presents your players with the opportunity to progress to the next stage in the ladder which ultimately we hope will lead to a Glamorgan contract. In recent years, Ruaidhri Smith, Jeremy Lawlor, Connor Brown, Kiran Carlson, Prem Sisodya and Muji Ilyas have all progressed from Cardiff & the Vale into the Glamorgan Academy and beyond. We regard the selection of players as a vital building block in the success of County Squads and we are always seeking ways that we can make this process more enjoyable and more accurate. One suggestion has been to start the process much closer to the end of the previous season and, certainly for our younger age groups, we are hoping to achieve that this year. We also hope that we can make the process closer to the reality of outdoor match cricket rather than indoor nets in the depths of winter. Starting the process earlier may enable us to use the better weather for some outdoor trials. If you are interested in getting involved in the trial process then please get in touch.

Please could you get together with your club coaches and complete the attached spreadsheet by Sunday 16th August? I can start processing them and get the details out to parents and, of course, you by the end of August.

Please could you note that the spreadsheet has a range check on the date of birth column to prevent players being placed in the incorrect age group. If you cannot enter their date of birth this will be the reason (or I've made an error which is also possible!) so please check and adjust accordingly. If you know that you have players playing in older county squads this year please add them in to their correct age worksheet with all their details and then just add their names only to the higher age worksheet. The same applies to any girls that you would like trialled. There are no longer any girls only teams at this level but girls are able to play Regional cricket alongside boys up to one year younger than them and we will trial girls who you deem to be at this level. Girls will also have the opportunity to attend girls only NDCs and trial for Wales at a later date and Cricket Wales will be seeking your nominees for this.

Please add in details for all players you believe to be worthy of trial regardless of whether they are already a player or not. We will invite all of this year's current squad members regardless but it helps if you supply us with their latest contact details so that we have a complete record.

I repeat this every year but I am grateful if you can check your data and enter it accurately. Every year I spend hours and hours correcting data from clubs that don't do this and I have decided that in future I will just return the spreadsheet to you if it is not correctly completed. Please note that we communicate by email. Everyone has email these days so if you do not have an email address for a player recommended please obtain it before you return the spreadsheet.

Finally please save the spreadsheet file locally on your computer and add your club's name into the file name where indicated before emailing it back to me. I do have copies of your spreadsheets from last year if you would like me to email them to you for reference.

Many thanks for your help and support.

*Ian Morgan*

PS We continue to build up an excellent network of young coaching assistants to support our Head Coaches. However we are always on the lookout for new, talented coaches. If you know of any youngster currently coaching at your club with an excellent track record who might be interested in coaching with Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan please can you recommend them?

## Hero of the day



## **Finally**

I am on holiday for last three weeks of July. Before I leave I will let you know which other member of the Committee will be making all the 'executive decisions' in my absence.

Best wishes

Tony Duffy

**Chair, CCTVOG Junior Cricket Committee**