



SSJCA/SDCC Coach Mentor Program 2009/10



To SSJCA Club Secretaries & Coaching Coordinators,

Following from last year's Coach Mentor Program, the SSJCA and Sutherland District Cricket Club (SDCC) are again working together to offer this Program to assist Junior SSJCA Club Coaches during the coming season, with some slight refinements designed to improve the availability to all SSJCA Clubs.

This season, the focus will be on Club sponsored sessions only. That is, sessions arranged by the Club for groups of coaches and/or players. This allows broader attendee access, reduces the number of possible sessions (which with current SSJCA team numbers would be unworkable) and facilitates a focus on spreading the opportunities afforded by the Program across all SSJCA Clubs.

This season, SSJCA Clubs are initially invited to apply for one session with SDCC mentor coaches. The intent is for SSJCA Clubs to run Club sponsored sessions not targeted at individual teams – whether that be 'coach the coaches' sessions, sessions focused on particular skills or sessions for particular player age groups. Ultimately, the choice is up to each SSJCA Club. Whether specifically or as an adjunct to holding player focused sessions, it is hoped Clubs will use these sessions as a development aide for their coaches.

Ideally, the SDCC mentor coach will work with SSJCA Club coaches and facilitate each session – it is not their responsibility to plan and run the entire sessions single-handedly. They can take a leading role - educating and guiding Club coaches, leading skills activities etc – but the onus is on each Club to plan the session objectives and coordinate them on the day. The specific roles SDCC mentor coaches will play can be settled when specific sessions are being arranged.

Dependent upon the interest levels shown, there may be an opportunity for additional sessions, but only if we view that all SSJCA Clubs have had the opportunity to take advantage of this program and SDCC resources are available.

If your Club is interested in taking up this offer, please complete the attached form and return it to Roy Amos (SSJCA Vice President) via the details provided.

We hope you take advantage of this wonderful initiative, that has been made possible as a result of generous funding by the SDCC.

Regards

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