



Northland Cricket

Dispensation Policy for Year 11 and below

Cricket Season

1. For the purposes of this policy:
 - a. The "cricket season" is deemed to run from October to March. The beginning of the "cricket season" is in October;
 - b. "senior cricket" means Reserve and Premier Grades;
 - c. "youth cricket" means Collegiate and Division 1 Grades;
 - d. "junior cricket" means Super Smash, Super Smash Play, and Super Smash Fun Grades;
 - e. Dispersations only last for that season and must be reapplied for each year;

Youth Grade Dispersations

Dispersations to play Senior Grades

2. Any player in Year 11 or below who previously played a full season of Collegiate, or an equivalent non NCA grade, at the beginning of the relevant cricket season must not play Senior Cricket without having first been granted dispensation in accordance with the following policy:

Dispensation A – enables a player in Year 11 or below with this dispensation to be considered for selection by their Club for senior cricket:

- i. Prior to the commencement of Collegiate cricket games before and after Christmas (i.e. October & January). Once Collegiate cricket games have commenced the player must return to and play Collegiate cricket.
- ii. If that week their Collegiate team has a bye but excludes any weeks where scheduled matches, are to be, or have been, played mid-week.

Dispensation B – enables a player in Year 11 or below with this dispensation to be considered for selection by their Club for senior cricket during the entire Senior cricket season.

3. To be considered for Dispensation A or B a player in Year 11 or below must have previously played a full season of Collegiate, or an equivalent non NCA grade. Selection criteria will be based on:
 - a. Previous seasons Collegiate or equivalent non NCA grade performance.
 - b. Previous seasons Northland Representative performance.
 - c. Any application must be made in writing and must be signed by the Collegiate Club the player played for in the previous season, the Senior Club the player

intends to play for, and the player's parents or guardians. Application Form attached below.

4. Helpful information to support a successful application may include:
 - a. Reference from last season's Collegiate Coach
 - b. Summary of last season's stats from CricHQ
 - c. Players personal development plan including date of when it was last reviewed and by which Club member. Suggested template attached

Dispensations to play Collegiate Grade

5. Any player in Year 8 or below at the beginning of the relevant cricket season must not play Collegiate Grade without having first been granted dispensation in accordance with the following policy:
 - a. **Dispensation C** – would enable a player in Year 8 or below at the beginning of the relevant cricket season to be considered for selection in a Collegiate Grade team.
6. To be considered for Dispensation C the player must be in Year 8 or below at the beginning of the relevant cricket season. Selection criteria will be based on:
 - a. Previous seasons Division 1 or equivalent non NCA grade performance.
 - b. If required, attend a 30min one on one assessment session with a qualified NCA cricket staff member.
 - c. Any application must be made in writing and must be signed by the Division 1 Club the player played for in the previous season, the Collegiate Club the player intends to play for, and the player's parents or guardians. Application Form attached below.
7. Helpful information to support a successful application may include:
 - a. Reference from last season's Collegiate Coach
 - b. Summary of last season's stats from CricHQ
 - c. Players personal development plan including date of when it was last reviewed and by which Club member. Suggested template attached

Process

8. For the first half of any cricket season dispensations must be applied for before 17th September.
9. For the second half of the cricket season a second dispensation window is available, and applications must be applied for between 17th December and 17th Jan inclusive.
10. Applications must be made in writing to the NCA Operations Manager using the appropriate application form, include all necessary signatories, and any relevant supporting documents.

11. The Dispensations Panel will consist of the Operations Manager and at least one other qualified NCA cricket staff member.
12. The Dispensation Panel's decision is final and cannot be reviewed.
13. The relevant Dispensation Panel may at any time during the cricket season revoke any approved dispensation if the player's performance is unsatisfactory or there are any health and safety concerns. Dispensation can also be revoked if the Dispensation Panel deems that the Club or School are not following the best interests of the Junior/Youth Player.

Other Youth and Junior Grade Dispensations

Division 1 / Super Smash / Super Smash Play / Super Smash Fun

1. For these Junior and Youth Grades, School Year is used to determine which grade a player should play. NZC defines this as "Age"
 - a. **Division 1 - Years 8 to 13**, This grade is designed for Youth players not wanting to play highly competitive cricket but want to continue to play the game they love, and those Junior players wanting to progress through Grades as their skills allow.
 - b. **Super Smash – Years 7 & 8**, This grade is designed for Junior players with fun and participation in mind to further develop their hard ball skills.
 - c. **Super Smash Play – Years 5 & 6**, This grade is designed for Junior players with fun and participation in mind to safely transition their skills from soft ball to hard ball.
 - d. **Super Smash Fun – Years 1 to 4**, This grade is designed for Junior players with fun and participation in mind to start learning skills using a soft ball.
2. As well as "Age" when applying for a dispensation for any of these Grades, players, parents, coaches and Clubs need to carefully consider the players skills. NZC defines this at "Stage". A word of caution, early advancement before a player is ready can often lead to less fun, lower participation, and player drop out.
3. In accordance with NZC's "Age" & "Stage" NCA wants to ensure each player is playing in the right grade for them and has two available Dispensations:
 - a. If a player wishes to play down a grade because their skill level is unsuited to that grade.
 - b. Or if a talented player wishes to play a grade above their age group

Process

4. To apply for a dispensation, Club coordinators must contact NCA Operations Manager by email for approval prior to playing in a different Age Grade.
5. The Dispensation decision is final and cannot be reviewed.
6. For any approved Dispensation the decision maybe any time during the cricket season revoked if the player's performance is unsatisfactory or there are any health and safety concerns. Dispensation can also be revoked if the Dispensation Panel deems that the Club or School are not following the best interests of the Junior/Youth Player.

NCA Youth Grade Dispensation Application Form

Player Name:

DOB:

School Year:

Club:

Grade played previous season:

Dispensation being applied for (please underline/bold): A B C

Parent Name:

Player and or Parents Comments (as appropriate):

Previous Seasons Coaches Comments (as appropriate):

Summary of last season's stats from CricHQ

As appropriate please attach Players personal development plan including date of when it was last reviewed and by which Club member

Please email completed application with all supporting documentation to NCA Operations Manager Neal Parlane nealp@northcricket.co.nz

Please ensure the club and/or parent of the player are cc'd into the email (this will mean the form is regarded as signed).

Please ensure that the dispensation is sent prior window one closing 17th September or window two 17th January.

PLAYERS PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SHEET

PLAYERS NAME:

CLUB:

TEAM:

REVEIWERS NAME:

DATE:

NEXT REVIEW DATE:

This is a review document for you to reflect on your game and to identify work-ons for the next review period.

Areas for self-assessment should be broken down into various areas.

- Actual performances, particularly ones that were significant. In other words, performances that had a major influence in your team winning that game.
- Technical areas that need work. Think about common forms of dismissal, shots that you struggle with or areas of the field you can't access, etc
- Tactical issues. Problems with setting fields, bowling at left handers, bowling at the death, playing against spin, getting in, accelerating the run rate, etc.
- Physical. Athleticism, speed, agility. Fielding probably comes under this umbrella. Throwing, catching.
- Mental. Self-belief, resilience, leadership, concentration.
- Social side of life. Good balance with school, friends, parents, other sports.

ONE SENTENCE ON HOW YOU FELT ABOUT YOUR GAME:

BATTING SPECIFICS TO WORK ON

BOWLING SPECIFICS TO WORK ON

FIELDING/PHYSICAL

MENTAL SKILLS