

LMJCC MATCH BALL/PRACTICE BALL PROCEDURE

INTRODUCTION:

Lake Macquarie Junior Cricket Club is a non-profit junior sporting club dedicated to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for players and player families. We endeavour to provide good quality equipment in our Team Kits for the enjoyment of our players and volunteer coaches and managers. This includes good quality practice balls that are sourced from our completed Match Days.

In the past match balls have been issued to players for player of the match awards which unfortunately has resulted in a significant depletion in our practice ball stocks. Fortunately our sponsors provide Player of the Match Vouchers and Achievement Awards so there is no longer a need to issue match balls to players and as a Committee we have now agreed to stop this practice so we can replenish our practice ball stocks and ensure we can issue sufficient good quality practice balls in team kits at the start of the season.

MATCH BALL PROCEDURE (U10 to U18):

Match balls will be issued to coaches/managers 3 times during the season. Match ball issues will be as follows:

1. 1st Issue: At the start of the season with the cricket kit (5 balls)
2. 2nd Issue: At the 1st Committee Meeting after the start of the season (4 balls) – around mid November. Coaches to attend and provide updates for their teams.
3. 3rd Issue: At the 2nd Committee Meeting after the start of the season (4 balls) – around mid December. Coaches to attend and provide updates for their teams.
4. 4th Issue: At the 3rd Committee Meeting after the start of the season (Balls as required allowing for washouts etc + finals) – around mid to end February. Coaches to attend and provide updates for their teams.

Match balls are a significant cost to the club and it is important that we manage the cash flow associated with their purchase along with ensuring that match balls are returned to the cricket kit to be used as practice balls to avoid any unnecessary outlay to purchase balls for practice.

Coaches/Managers are responsible for ensuring Match and Practice balls are managed appropriately in accordance with this procedure. Whilst we understand inevitably balls will get lost throughout the season, a high proportion of match balls and the initial issue of practice balls at the start of the season should be returned with the Kit at the end of the season. Eg. 14 games during season plus: initial issue of 4-6 practice balls less: potential 4 lost balls = 14 practice balls in kit at end of season.

IMPORTANT: if balls get wet and put in the practice ball bag, they will get mouldy. Coaches/managers are responsible to dry out the balls and keep the ball bag clean and dry.

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