

MATCH DAY ROLES GUIDE

Purpose

The sport sector has witnessed the impacts of a constantly changing world. Many societal changes such as busy lifestyles, desire for more flexibility, constant distractions with technology and the impacts of COVID-19 have created new challenges for sport and sport volunteering.

Traditional volunteer roles tend to have several barriers to entry (e.g. time and knowledge required) making people less willing to get involved.

Cricket NSW recognises the importance of being adaptable in the modern volunteering world and as such, aims to assist clubs and volunteers to enhance the volunteer experience by breaking down roles to suit people's skillsets and availabilities.

This document will outline some of the cricket match-day volunteering opportunities available within teams at clubs, with the aim to leverage people's strengths and the ability for prospective volunteers to jump in and out of their roles.

Clubs are not expected to fill each of the roles below. This aims to provide guidance so clubs can identify potential gaps in their operations and visualise how much is involved in delivering cricket.

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Match Day Roles

Coach

Position: Coach

Works With: All Other Match Day Personnel

Role Summary:

The Coach plays a vital role in developing the skills, confidence, and sportsmanship of young cricket players. This position focuses on leading training sessions, fostering individual skill development, and managing players during game day in alignment with the club's values and objectives. The Coach helps create a positive, inclusive, and engaging environment for all players.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Training Support:

- Plan and lead training sessions tailored to the needs and skill levels of players.
- Focus on skill-building exercises, teamwork drills, and player engagement.
- Provide constructive feedback and monitor player progress.

2. Game Day Support:

- Prepare players for the game, including warm-ups and strategy discussions.
- Manage players during games, ensuring fair play, participation, and adherence to game rules.
- Coordinate with the Assistant Coach to address player behaviour and ensure smooth game operations.

3. Player Development:

- Encourage a growth mindset and sportsmanship among junior players.
- Identify areas for improvement and create individual development plans for players.

Helpful Skills & Knowledge:

- Strong leadership and communication skills.
- Knowledge of or willingness to learn cricket rules, tactics, and training methodologies.
- Patience and enthusiasm for working with children and youth.

What to Expect:

- Weekly commitment through the season. Ability to share role with others.
- Conduit between the team and the Club

Team Manager

Position: Team Manager

Works With: Coach, Scorer, Umpire

Role Summary:

The Team Manager is responsible for looking after the team ensuring that all administrative and operational planning and activities are completed, and the team is informed at all times

Key Responsibilities:

1. Communication:

- Establish a communication method with the coach, team members and/or parents E.g. Email, SMS, Facebook, WhatsApp, to ensure the team members receive communications in a timely manner.
- Communication channel between the club committee and the team.

2. Team Organisation

- Create and communicate a roster for match day role – e.g. scoring, umpiring, etc.
- Submit team lists via PlayHQ before each match.

3. Scores & Statistics

- Ensure results, statistics and player votes (as required) are entered in PlayHQ for every match.
- Ensure all requested statistics and award nominations are provided to the club at the end of the season as directed.

Helpful Skills & Knowledge:

- Strong communication skills.
- Knowledge of or willingness to learn cricket's eScoring platform

What to Expect:

- Weekly commitment through the season.
- Conduit between the team and the Club

Assistant Coach

Position: Assistant Coach

Works With: Coach

Role Summary:

The Assistant Coach supports the Coach by assisting in training sessions, warm up on game day, skill development, and help monitor player behaviour.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Training Support:

- Assist the Coach during training sessions.
- Lead warmups and other preparatory activities.

2. Game Day Support:

- Work with the Coach to manage players during games.
- Help keep players focused and prepared to bat or field.
- Assist with in-game strategy and player positioning as needed.

3. Player Development:

- Aid in the skill development of players.
- Provide individual feedback and support to players to enhance their performance.
- Foster a positive and motivating environment for players.

Helpful Skills and Knowledge:

- Knowledge of the sport and coaching techniques.
- Ability to work collaboratively with the Coach and other parents.
- Patience and understanding in working with youth and/or adult players.
- Experience in coaching or playing the sport is preferred.
- Understanding of Cricket Australia's Looking After Our Kids Code of Behaviour.

What to Expect:

- Weekly commitment through the season. Ability to share role with others.
- Flexibility to assist with additional tasks as requested by the Coach.

Batting Coordinator

Position: Batting Coordinator

Works With: Coaches

Role Summary:

The Batting Coordinator is responsible for ensuring the batters in your team are prepared to take the field and enter in the correct order.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Team Management:

- Coordinate the players, ensuring that next batters are padded up, ready to take the field when they are required.
- Ensure players put away all their equipment after they bat so it doesn't get misplaced or damaged.
- Monitor player behaviour when off field.

2. Player Development

- Assist with player warmup as required.

Helpful Skills and Knowledge:

- Experience in working with children in a sporting environment.
- Understanding of Cricket Australia's Looking After Our Kids Code of Behaviour.

What to Expect:

- Role is per game commitment
- Can be shared amongst other parents/members of the team

Scorer

Position: Scorer

Works with: Coaches, Umpire

Role Summary:

Using the PlayHQ e-scoring system, scorers are responsible for noting the scores and recording what happens at each ball.

Resources and support can be found [here](#) (including demo)

Key Responsibilities:

1. Scoring Management:

- Ensure tablet is ready with both teams selected prior to the match starting
- Score the game
- Liaise with the other scorer
- Finalise score with the coaches and umpires and submit

Helpful Skills and Knowledge:

- Knowledge in the structure, flow and scoring system in cricket
- Ability to use a tablet/smart phone

What to Expect:

- Per game commitment
- Can be completed by an internal or external member of the team

Umpire

Position: Umpire

Works With: Scorer, Coaches

Role Summary:

The Umpire is responsible for the adjudication and running of the game of cricket taking place. Please note that the umpire does not need to be accredited to run a community cricket match.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Umpiring

- Adjudicating the game
- Use hand signals to advise scorers of the result of a play
- Verify scores (if required)

2. Player Management

- Assist with player behaviour on field

Helpful Skills and Knowledge:

- Good knowledge of the rules of cricket – both the MCC laws and any applicable local playing conditions
- Strong attention to detail
- Ability to make decisions under pressure

What to Expect:

- Per game commitment
- Can be done by an internal or external member of the tea