



NMCA

POLICY

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Background:-

The Jika/NMCA clubs have interesting backgrounds and these include origins as social clubs and church teams along with local community teams. The Board has for some years identified the need to develop a strong suburban competition and have implemented participation criteria for our top grade - the Jika Shield.

This encourages emerging clubs to have reasonable depth and commitment to the future with junior programs. At the same time we have developed a structure that includes levels for clubs of any size and ability.

The NMCA is in a transition period where A grade teams need to be sustained by A grade clubs. Clubs will find this challenging but ultimately rewarding. As this occurs The Board will identify areas where clubs can be supported and invest our resources accordingly.

2013 – 2014:-

Implementation Participation Criteria for Jika Shield in season 2013-2014 was 3 x Senior "2 day teams". There was no requirement for junior teams in season 2013-2014. The NMCA Board met on the 21st May 2014 and agreed to vary the policy for season 2014-2015 and allow (as a minimum) that a third team can participate in either D, E or F grade or in the One Day Competition.

2014 – 2015:-

The Board also introduced the Junior and Other Programmes Criteria for participation in the Jika Shield in 2014-2015. Participation Criteria for the Quick and Kelly Shields in season 2014-20145 is 2 x 2 day teams i.e. a First XI and a Reserve Grade team.

Juniors and Other Programmes:- A club will automatically meet the junior development criteria if it has a junior team/s (or is involved in a combined team) in either the U11, U13, U15 or U17 grades. A Milo In2cricket program alone is insufficient to guarantee a club a place in the Jika Shield. Clubs with a registered Milo in2cricket program (but no junior team) can also achieve qualification (at the discretion of the Board) if they can demonstrate club involvement and support for other cricket programs and initiatives related to junior development.

2016 - 2017:-

Further development of this Policy, from the 2016-2017 season for Clubs to participate in the Jika Shield will be required to achieve 4 points from this table.

3 Senior teams and at least 1 Junior team 4 points – qualified.

If no Junior component, Clubs need to achieve 4 points by combining two or three of the following:-

Women's team	2 Points
Veterans team	2 Points
Regional T20 participation	2 Points
Into Milo program	2 Points
Coaching a Competition Representative team	2 Points

2019 – 2020:-

Modification to this Policy, from the 2019-2020 season for Clubs to participate in the Jika Shield.

Preferably 3 Senior Teams and at least one, or a minimum of 2 if only 2 Senior teams of the following:-

Women's Competition team.

Junior Competition team.

Veteran's Competition team.

Regional T20 team.

Woolworths Cricket Program or,

Coaching a Competition Representative team.