

BNJCA Under 14 Anstey La Frantz Shield – Competition Overview



Background

In season 2005/2006, the then Region Cricket Manager for Brisbane North, Ian Bartlett, presented a paper to the BNJCA recommending a new competition for the Under 14 age group. The Bartlett paper was the catalyst for the BNJCA to create the what we now know as the Anstey/La Frantz Shield, which has been played for since the 2006/07 Season.

Each year, BNJCA can select just 24 players to represent our zone at either the QJC State Championships or at the State U14 Development Carnival. Because of the strength of our zone, it is not unrealistic to say that a minimum of 40-50 of our players would not be “out of place” at this level. And this has been a key factor for BNJCA in developing and running the A L-F competition.

In its original year, it was decided to split the zone into six catchments, thus allowing approx. 75-90 players to participate and experience this higher level of cricket. Feedback over our first few seasons has been positive, and we will therefore continue to run a six team competition for the foreseeable future.

Appointment of a BNCJA Coordinator

Following the AGM each year, the BNJCA Management Committee will appoint an Anstey La Frantz coordinator. An assistant coordinator may also be appointed to assist with this process. The role of the coordinator will be to:

- Make arrangement for grounds
- Seek out and obtain sponsorship for the competition, ensuring costs per participant are kept to a minimum
- Provide a recommendation to the management committee regarding the make up of this year's catchments (see Determination of Catchments)
- Liaise with affiliate clubs in the selection of coaches
- Facilitate a meeting of all appointed coaches to finalise team lists and other competition details

Determination of Catchments

Each year, evenly balanced catchment areas are determined. These catchments can and will change from season to season, ensuring the best chance of even and challenging cricket for all participants.

The coordinator will make recommendations to the BNJCA Management Committee regarding the make up of catchments for each season. These recommendations will be based on a number of factors, including:

Feedback will be sort from the Under 13 Selectors from the previous season's trials. The Chairman of Selectors will be asked to nominate all those players who attended the trial who, in the opinion of the selection panel, were of a worthy standard to perform at a representative level. As a guide, this would normally amount to 35-50 of the players present at the trial.

From this list, we will then split these players into six groups of approx. 6-8 players per group. These groups will form the basis of each catchment. Players will be assigned along club lines. Where these players play their club cricket will then determine which clubs are aligned together to form each catchment.

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It will be a requirement of the selectors and coach of this catchment to select players on this list for the initial two games of the competition.

Selection of the balance of players in each side

Critical to the success of the competition is the willingness of all affiliate clubs to work together to form these 'catchments'. Each catchment is assigned a generic team name: Bushrangers, Redbacks, Dolphins, Tigers, Lions and Devils.

As stated above, clubs will be assigned 6-8 automatic selections per catchment. Beyond that, clubs will need to work together to select the balance of their side.

All clubs within a catchment will nominate one person to be a part of the selection panel for that catchment. It is highly recommended that these selectors are independent of the selections process. (ie. Do not have a child involved)

Selectors must arrange a trial for all players of eligible age within the catchment, where all members of the selection panel are in attendance.

It is up to catchments to determine their squad numbers, however it is recommended that an initial squad of no less than 13 and no more than 15 be created at the start of the season. All players within your squad must be selected for a minimum of two games.

The competition is an Under 14 competition. Provision is available for teams to select a maximum of four Under 13 aged players, however it is again highly recommended that eligible Under 14s, deemed good enough to make the standard required, be given priority over Under 13s.

Selection of Coaches

In addition to being an opportunity for players, all coaches should be using the Anstey La Frantz competition as a stepping stone for their coaching.

Catchments are required to seek out the services of a qualified cricket coach to act as your coach. A Level 2 or 3 coach is most desirable, however qualified Level 1 Coaches are acceptable nominees. If no qualified coach can be identified, the catchment will need to submit an application for a non-qualified coach to act as coach. The coordinator, in conjunction with the catchment and the BNJCA Management committee will then determine the suitability of the candidate to perform the role.

Coaches Meeting

This will be held as soon as possible following the finalisation of catchments and the selection of all coaches. The purpose of this meeting will be to:

- Finalise BNJCA selected player lists
- Inform coaches on the QJC Championship rules which will govern the competition
- Provide further information about the draw
- Discuss and finalise any issues between clubs within catchments.