



# CRICKET FAR NORTH INC. VETERANS CRICKET .

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Cricket Far North Veterans Cricket is a sub-committee of Cricket Far North Inc. tasked with promoting Veterans Cricket in the Far North Zone. They engage with local clubs and associations, expand competitions into other North Queensland zones, and are part of the Queensland Veterans Cricket Association. The Cricket Far North executive supports them in achieving these objectives.

## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025

Dear **Veterans' Cricketer**

You're receiving this email because of your past involvement or interest in Veterans Cricket in the Far North. We want to inform you about the committee's plans for Winter 2025. If you have any questions or comments, please email them to [veterans@cricketfarnorth.com.au](mailto:veterans@cricketfarnorth.com.au) .

**Firstly, and most importantly we ask you to Register your Expression of Interest in playing in the 2025 season [by clicking on this link.](#)**

**If you have a friend or colleague who would be interested in playing Veterans cricket, please forward this email on to them.**

This Expression of Interest will enable teams to be selected for the season at the Draft Selection evening (see below).

Our Veteran's page is <https://cricketfarnorth.com.au/veterans>.

Briefly, this is the Veteran's Committee proposals for the 2025 winter season. These will be expanded upon in future newsletters:

### **Teams**

- **There will no longer be club teams.**
- **Teams will be chosen through a free draft function to be held on April 26, 2025. Further details on this will be forthcoming.**
- **Age groups**
  - Over 50s (Over 40 ladies)
  - Over 60s (Over 50 Ladies)
  - We are hoping to have a minimum of 2 teams in each age group.
  - Each team will play each other with the mathematical formula based on the ages of the players used when the 50s play the 60s. This formula has been used in previous seasons for all matches. It will not be used when the 50s or 60s teams play each other.
- **Team kits for each team**
  - We are planning to provide each team with a kit which can be used by players who do not have their own gear. This will include bats, pads, helmets etc.

## Draw, Format and Grounds

- **Draw**

- Matches will revert to every second **Sunday**.
- The dates (currently) for these matches are:
  - May 11 and 25 (Round 1 and 2)
  - May 29 to June 1 – Barrier Reef Masters Games (are you in a team? If not, you can organise your own team or join in with others who have already registered a team. Mulgrave and Rotary Old Crocks usually have teams in this event.)
  - June 8 and 22 (Round 3 and 4)
  - July 6 and 20 (Round 5 and 6) NOTE: Cairns Show is July 16-18.
  - August 3 (round 7)
- We hope to have any rep matches played during the off weekend, but that will depend on feedback from the other zones (see rep cricket below).

- **Format**

- Playing on Sunday enables us to start earlier to play 35 overs.
- There may be a provision for a T20 fixture during August.
- It is proposed that food and drinks will be provided by the committee for purchase at all venues if the venues do not provide this service.

- **Uniforms and balls**

- We will be playing in white.
- We will be using 4-piece pink balls for all competitions.

- **Grounds**

Ground availability has been sparse in winter due to other sports using the grounds played during the summer. At this stage the maximum number of teams is 6.

- Walker Road Precinct – Both fields
- Griffiths Park – Field 2
- IF we have teams comprising players from the Tablelands or Cassowary Coast, we will investigate the availability of grounds from there. IF this eventuates it will enable us to increase the number of teams in our competition.

[If you are interested in being a player, please register your interest on this link.](#)

## Representative Cricket

- We will be promoting Over 50s and Over 60s rep matches.
- We are **not** promoting Over 40s rep matches.
- We will be promoting a long weekend rep season in Townsville where all teams play each other at least once as the only rep weekend. There will be no need for teams to come to Cairns to play any rep cricket.
- If the rep matches are played during our normal drawn match weekends, there will still be matches played on that weekend for those players who are not in the rep teams.

## Promotion and marketing Veteran's Cricket.

We are asking all of you to assist us in promoting our competition within your club and even more so in your community. You can do this by:

- Registering your interest and having others do so by clicking on [our Expression of Interest Page available here \(CFN Veterans Winter Competition - Cricket Far North\)](#)
- Providing this newsletter to your friends and work mates and encourage them to send it within their own friendship groups.
- Joining and encouraging others to join our **Far North Veteran's Cricket Facebook page**.
- Encouraging anyone who is a cricket tragic to give it a go.

- Ensure them that we have players from between the late 40s to the early 70s playing in this competition.
- The team kits reduce the need for them to purchase expensive equipment.
- Have them come down to Griffiths Park on Saturday mornings to roll their arm, have a bat and see how they go. Talk to some experienced vet players about how the competition runs.
- Veterans' cricket is competitive yet enjoyable. There is a retirement clause for batters and each player who wants to, can bowl.

Update your contact information by filling in [the Expression of Interest form](#).

Kind regards



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