



AUCKLAND CRICKET UMPIRES & SCORERS ASSOCIATION

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Greetings Captains,

Thank you for your support last night at the ACA Pre season briefing – and thanks for agreeing to help make umpiring more effective for the game we all enjoy.

Here are the guidelines you asked for to help make Umpires Reports more constructive in feedback for training and for assessment.

When filling in umpires reports, think of key three areas -

- (1) decision-making accuracy;
- (2) match management & communication;
- (3) knowledge, understanding and personal presence

WRITING THE REPORT:

1. We agreed to **start marking from the high point [9/9]** and move down from here if you experience less than acceptable performances.
2. So what is acceptable umpiring? Some errors in decisions will occur for a number of reasons. If, in your opinion, a decision is wrongly made you should judge it in terms of the degree of difficulty.
3. **Performance Rating Guide**
 - 8-9 Very accurate in decisions plus effective management and good presence
 - 6-7 Steady performance; good relationships with players and colleagues; very few understandable errors
 - 5-6 Some error(s) in decisions but good recovery in general performance
 - 3-4 Below par performance for this match, insufficient communication
 - 1-3 Ineffective level of umpiring; - negative impact on match environment; little contribution
4. **Written Comments** – these are the most important part of the report. They tell umpires and training officers what went well – (positive reinforcement) how to improve by knowing what to focus on in training.

WHY WE UMPIRE

- To provide a fair, competitive environment for BOTH teams within the laws and the Spirit of Cricket.
- To challenge ourselves to be the best we can in the umpires role
- To achieve higher honours – through accurate assessment of our performance.

Let's remember our aim is for a cooperative working relationship between captains/players and umpires who are contributing because they enjoy the challenge of being successful and making club cricket attractive to all.

Call /Email me if you discover really high-quality performances **or** any problematic umpiring performances. I might also be calling you for help this season.

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