

Notice to all NCC Members

We are pleased to advise members that the NCC Board has agreed to a proposal to field two teams in the Hamilton and District League for the 2017 season: *an Elite Division team and a Premier Division team.*

The Board believes that the club is now strong enough in 2017 to field two competitive league teams in view of the progress that has been made over recent years with the playing facilities at NCC and the considerable success that the NCC Elite team had this past season as HDCL Champions.

This decision is not taken lightly, and is largely as a result of consistent requests by members to be able to play more competitive cricket over the season.

The Board has reviewed the potential numbers of players for the two teams and believes that sufficient numbers do exist both from players living in the immediate Niagara/St Catharines area and those based in and around Hamilton. Having two teams does involve significant costs, including elements such as HDCL dues, umpiring fees, balls, lunches and refreshments. Board is confident that those costs can be offset through NCC membership fees.

While all 2016 seasonal memberships expired at the end season i.e. making all members in good standing release eligible, the 2017 Membership Form is now made available as of Dec 1st to welcome all new members and renewals interested in joining NCC 2017. The Web LINK provided below is a simple process to renew and to become a member. We encourage all interested members to complete the form as soon as possible in order to be considered for a place in the two league teams – *provided on first come first serve basis.*

<http://niagaracricquet.com/niagara-cricket-club-yearly-membership-agreement/>

You will see from the membership form that the Board has set the 2017 club membership fee “without increasing” at \$250/season. In addition, and as a means to ensure the playing numbers for two teams in 2017, NCC will require members to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$50 by December 31, 2016. The balance of \$200 is payable by March 31st. NCC Team Uniforms, if you require can be purchased for \$50/uniform.

A Pay Pal account has been set up in the name of Niagara Cricket Club to help with administering the payment of both the deposit and the final balance.

Indoor Practice

The first indoor practice of the winter will be held on **Saturday, December 17 (6.00 pm) at SOFF in Mississauga**. We encourage all members attending the practice to bring the required \$50 membership deposit for 2017. Ahmed Habib, NCC Elite Captain, will be responsible for collecting any cash payments and providing the Board with details.

The NCC Board extends its best wishes for both the upcoming Holiday season and the 2017 cricket season.

Sincerely,

Steve Ferley,

Secretary, Niagara Cricket Club

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