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Coaches are a major influence on a child's cricket experience. Their impact is crucial in providing an enjoyable learning environment for young cricketers as they make their way in our great game.

Cricket NSW recognises this importance and is seeking to provide greater support and to open communication lines to assist junior coaches across the State.

As a result, this season clubs will be responsible for ensuring at least one Junior Coach is registered and assigned in PlayHQ to each junior team which takes the field.

To complete this process:

- Registration must be completed by junior coaches through self-registration via PlayHQ completing all the relevant fields
- The individual registering as a coach will be required to provide current Working with Children Check (WWCC) details unless they are exempt
- The club administrator is to then allocate the registered coach to the relevant team/s

For further clarity:

- A coach will need to register and be assigned to each junior cricket team, this is an administrative process and there is not a requirement for coaches to achieve accreditation or attend a coaching course
- This mandate applies to junior teams only, that is U18 teams and below
- This is in line with community sport best practise

***Please note games will not be able to be e-scored and scores will not be able to be entered post-match unless a coach registered within PlayHQ is allocated to the team and selected in the lineup.***

### **Why is this important?**

This is an important initiative to support:

- A better understanding of junior coaches and how they can be supported
- Providing junior coaches with access to suitable resources to help them deliver quality experiences for their players
- Clubs in ensuring all necessary Working with Children checks are completed
- Opportunities to thank, recognise and reward junior coaches

To assist you in enacting this please complete the following:

### **What needs to be done – Association Administrators**

- Cricket NSW staff will enable the mandatory coach feature in PlayHQ Admin for you.
- For Associations who are not part of the Cricket NSW Competition Administration Support Program (CASP), the competition administrator will need to edit roles under "Roles available" and select from Players, Coaches, Team Managers, Officials, Volunteers. Support article to assist with this is here: <https://playcricketnsupport.cricket.com.au/hc/en-us/articles/6850376522255-Inviting-Clubs-to-Participate-in-a-Competition>
- For Associations in the Cricket NSW CASP, Cricket NSW staff will complete this process



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#### **What needs to be done – Clubs**

- Clubs will need to allocate coaches to teams in PlayHQ. Support article to assist with this is here: <https://playcricketsupport.cricket.com.au/hc/en-us/articles/6863980238095-Give-management-access-to-coach-team-manager-captain>

#### **What needs to be done – Junior Coaches**

- Coaches will need to register in PlayHQ. Support article to complete this process here: <https://playcricketsupport.cricket.com.au/hc/en-us/articles/10446742803343-Registering-as-a-Coach-or-Team-Manager>

Thank you for your support of this important initiative and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your local CNSW staff member <https://www.cricketnsw.com.au/your-local-cnsw-contact> or contact [clubsupport@cricketnsw.com.au](mailto:clubsupport@cricketnsw.com.au)

Kind regards,

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