

# **SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS CRICKET**

## **CRICKET PIPELINE COMMITTEE REPORT: 2015/16**

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### **1. OBJECTIVE OF THE COMMITTEE**

The main objective of the Cricket Pipeline Committee is to:

- a) provide specific guidance and to ensure the successful implementation of the Cricket South Africa (CSA) Presidential Plan and Operational Model for South African cricket with specific reference to Presidential Plan.
- b) To ensure the successful implementation of development programs with the aim to grow cricket participation and support
- c) Set the standards for successful grassroots development, talent identification, high performance and elite programs in the province in accordance with the pipeline development program
- d) Ensure that structures are in place to ensure that skills are taught to take talented players from mass participation to provincial teams
- e) Retain players at all levels
- f) Provide a clear pathway upwards.
- g) Provide guidance and implement standards for the education program and development of Umpires, Scorers and Groundsmen
- h) Provide structures and monitor the coach education and skills development program.

### **2. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES**

The committee is largely responsible for:

- a) The successful implementation of the CSA Presidential plan and Operational model in conjunction with management
- b) The creation of a standard pipeline that will:
  - i. Ensure mass participation (KFC Mini Cricket)
  - ii. Mass participation, skills development and talent identification at School's level.
  - iii. Mass participation, talent identification, skills development, retention of youth players and capacity building at club and tertiary level.

- iv. Ensure the establishment and implementation of a high performance program – including a provincial cricket academy
  - v. Ensure a coaching acceleration program to upskill all coaches
  - vi. Develop Winning Teams at all levels
  - vii. Maximise the utilization of Facilities and Infrastructure
  - viii. Ensure effective regional programs at all levels – including RPC's And Hubs.
- c) Review and assessments regarding the implementation of the Operational Model for South African cricket with specific reference to abovementioned responsibilities.
- d) The committee will deal with recommendations from cricket management with regards to:
- i. Selection of the annual Academy Intake
  - ii. Specific programs and projects related to pipeline matters
  - iii. Appointment of Junior Selection Committee's
  - iv. Nominations for Women's cricket appointments

## **BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS & MEETINGS**

The following members served on the committee:

- a. Mr Llewellyn Louw (Chairperson)
- b. Mr James du Preez
- c. Mr Franco Coerecius
- d. Mr Hennie Cremer
- e. Mr Johan Weyers (Amateur Manager) – *Ex Officio*

The committee had the following meetings:

- a. 9 November 2015:
  - i) Pipeline Overview
  - ii) Coach Education
  - iii) Operational Score Card Overview
- b. 26 February 2016:
  - i) Program Overview
  - ii) CSA U/13 and CSA U/15 CAP Camp
  - iii) Academy Intake 2016
  - iv) Appointment of Age Group Coaches
  - iii) Coaching structure and overview

## **COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

- The execution of the CSA Operational Model was monitored closely with the committee and activities and programs related to this model that is applicable to cricket pipeline activities were demonstrated in reports.
- The committee had engagements with the amateur department to ensure the vision of the board is translated in all the programs currently being run and all planned initiatives.
- In line with fast tracking Black African cricket the committee adhere to the Transformation requirements of CSA.
- We did a total schools program overview that will see schools and club structure working closer with each other, to note is the zonal mini cricket festivals that is planned during some club fixtures in the 2015/16 season
- Clubs will be encouraged to create junior cricket structures to participate in a junior league.
- The woman's league was incentivised and prize money increased.
- We are on an intensified drive to develop our coaches at schools to create the best possible platform for cricketers. This will be followed up with a drive to create blue chip schools within the region so our cricketers can benefit from CSA Bursary schemes.
- The committee has also came up with a strategy to put in place a pipeline for umpires and scores, with a vision of starting youngsters to officiating from high school level.
- This official's pipeline will also seek to address transformation issues within our structures.

## **CONCLUSION**

The committee's work is depended on the willingness of the affiliated clubs and schools to implement the strategies proposed and sharing the vision of a strong SWD Cricket on and off the field of play. With this the committee want to thank all in advance for the season ahead.

I would like to state our success will not be measured by the amount of cricket we play but by the amount of talent we produce and for that we need to create a clear pathway for the most disadvantaged child to shine on the worlds cricketing stage.

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