



AUCKLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION

CAPTAIN'S REPORT ON PITCH & OPPOSITION

Each Captain participating in a match under the jurisdiction of Auckland Cricket Association is required to complete this Report form at the end of each match. When completed, please ensure it is received by the A.C.A. Club Cricket Manager **no later than 5.00pm of the following Tuesday**.

Home Team	Visitors	Grade
Venue/Ground	Wicket No	Date/s

SECTION A: PITCH & GROUND REPORT

Artificial Wicket:

Turf Wicket:

Did weather affect the preparation of the pitch: _____

1: **Overall Rating:** Did the pitch provide the right conditions for the match:

Very Good

Satisfactory

Not up to standard

2. **Assess the Bounce of the Pitch (✓)**

	Day 1	Day 2
Low		
Medium		
High		

3. **Assess the Pace of the Pitch (✓)**

	Day 1	Day 2
Slow		
Medium		
Fast		

4. **Assess the Consistency of the Bounce (✓)**

	Day 1	Day 2
Consistent		
Variable		

5. **Did the Pitch appear Level?**

Yes:

No:

6. **Assess the Quality of the Outfield**

Good:

Not up to standard:

7. **General comments on the pitch and its effect on the quality of play throughout the match:**

SECTION B: SPIRIT OF CRICKET RATING

Please **tick** to assess the opposition's commitment to upholding the Spirit of Cricket.

As a guide, a mark of **5** is average and should be the starting point. A mark above 5 ranges to **9** for excellent and a mark below 5 indicates less than satisfactory conduct. **1** is very poor.

Oppositions Name	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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Signed	Print name	Captain of
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Auckland Cricket is seeking to develop an attractive and positive playing style in the game. Pitch and outfield quality are crucial elements in achieving this goal.

1. Pitch - A good pitch.....

- Encourages batsmen through consistent pace and bounce
- Encourages pace bowlers through bounce and pace (not seam movement)
(a medium paced delivery pitched 3m in front of the popping crease should bounce at least stump height)
- One-day pitches should not change significantly over the duration of a match allowing equality of conditions for both teams. Excessive seam or spin is detrimental to this form of the game.

- 2 day match pitches should not seam excessively early on, providing a huge advantage to the team bowling first, but should wear gradually as the match proceeds, encouraging spin bowlers to turn the ball.

2. Outfield - A good outfield....

- Needs to be smooth and well-grassed allowing fieldsmen to safely perform skills at pace.
- Needs grass to be short enough to avoid slow pace, preventing batsmen getting value for shots.

These reports are required to obtain information to assist the association in monitoring and improving conditions on all grounds. The answers to questions and the comments sought are designed to establish a record relating to each ground that will allow meaningful comment to be made to ground authorities and ACA management.

Where conditions are unsatisfactory, particular attention should be taken to returning the completed form in greater detail and as soon as possible. Captains should consult with opposing captains in the case of grounds that are considered not to have been prepared to a satisfactory condition for the grade of cricket being played. If captains are concerned about conditions on the first day, the association should be notified immediately.

Where weather has affected or had a direct bearing on conditions, this should be noted. Any noticeable changes from week to week should be mentioned, i.e. outfield mown one week but not the next giving an unfair advantage etc.

The association is grateful for your co-operation.

Chris Lander
Cricket Operations Manager