



## ***Background***

In season 2005/2006, the then Region Cricket Manager for Brisbane North, Ian Bartlett, presented a paper to the BNJCA recommending a new competition for the Under 14 age group. The Bartlett paper was the catalyst for the BNJCA to create the what we now know as the Anstey/La Frantz (ALF) Shield, which has been played for since the 2006/07 Season.

Each year, BNJCA can select just 24 or 36 players (depending on other Associations participation in carnivals) to represent our zone at either the QJC State Championships or at the U14 Development Carnival. Because of the strength of our zone, it is not unrealistic to say that a minimum of 40-50 of our players would not be “out of place” at this level. And this has been a key factor for BNJCA in developing and running the ALF competition.

In its original year, it was decided to split the zone into six catchments, thus allowing approx. 75-90 players to participate and experience this higher level of cricket. Feedback over our first few seasons has been positive, and we will therefore continue to run a six team competition for the foreseeable future.

## ***Appointment of a BNCJA Coordinator***

Following the AGM each year, the BNJCA Management Committee appoints an ALF coordinator. An assistant coordinator may also be appointed to assist with this process. The role of the coordinator will be to:

- Make arrangement for grounds
- Seek out and obtain sponsorship for the competition, ensuring costs per participant are kept to a minimum
- Provide a recommendation to the management committee regarding the make up of this year's teams
- Liaise with affiliate clubs in the selection of coaches
- Facilitate a meeting of all appointed coaches to finalise team lists and other competition details

## ***Determination of Teams***

In the past, evenly balanced catchment areas were determined. These catchments changed from season to season, ensuring the best chance of even and challenging cricket for all participants.

This year the most noticeable difference to previous years is the move away from the concept of catchments and clubs being associated with a catchment. There are a number of advantages for the players and also the selection process by making these changes.

We believe that the best way to assess players to represent Brisbane North at State Championships and Development Carnivals is to look at how they perform "in the heat of battle" and therefore we are seeking to create strong and even competitions to provide the best experience for the players, draw the best out of the players, and to end up with the best possible rep teams.



## BNJCA Under 14 Anstey La Frantz Shield – Competition Overview

Feedback will be sought from the Under 13 Selectors from the previous season's trials. The Chairman of Selectors will be asked to nominate all those players who attended the trial who, in the opinion of the selection panel, were of a worthy standard to perform at a representative level. As a guide, this would normally amount to 50-55 of the players present at the trial.

From this list, we will then split these players into six teams.

### ***Selection of Coaches***

In addition to being an opportunity for players, all coaches should be using the Anstey La Frantz competition as a stepping stone for their coaching.

A Level 2 or 3 coach is most desirable, however qualified Level 1 Coaches are acceptable nominees. The coordinator, in conjunction with the BNJCA Management committee will then determine the suitability of the candidate to perform the role.

### ***Coaches Meeting***

This will be held as soon as possible following the finalisation of teams and the selection of all coaches. The purpose of this meeting will be to:

- Finalise BNJCA selected player lists
- Inform coaches on the QJC Championship rules which will govern the competition
- Provide further information about the draw
- Discuss and finalise any issues.