

Three magical days of sport



2017 Invitational 20/20 Cricket Games

This year was a busy weekend on the Cricket calendar.

Community Sport Link Program

Friday saw us host a cricket skills day for schools in conjunction with SACA. There were a total of 61 students (boys and girls) from 3 schools: Suneden Special School, Hamilton Secondary College and Cardjin College.

Despite the extreme hot weather, all students showed great energy and enthusiasm. Moving the event indoors for safety reasons was a good idea after all.

The South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) did a great job providing an amazing Development Officer, Jackson, who conducted a variety of cricket skills and games! Thank you Jackson.

For the very first time, we had Dream Cricket and a local Rotary Club helping us run the event. Thank you to Kevin and team for the loan of your equipment.

Bumbles the Clown, who put on a show for the kids during the lunch break with some incredible magic tricks!

Special thanks to all the teachers and carers for supporting the students during the session. Also, a huge thank you to Jehad Rasheed and Brooke Ambler for volunteering on the day and running the extra mile to make the event really successful!



Saturday Morning 10/10 Cricket

What a wonderful morning for cricketers still learning the game.

Playing alongside the other games our new cricketers showed their enthusiasm and love of the game. Great effort everyone.

Main Event

In 2017 we welcomed back our friends from Queensland and joining us were new players from Western Australia, New South Wales and Victoria.

We had to face the weather gods dealing us a good amount of sun, humidity and then the cool change arrived with wind and rain— jumpers needed but through all this the cricketers kept on playing, looking like it all was just another day.

The three teams played at least 2 games each day showing their passion for the game but also great sportsmanship both on and off the field. Players were happy to help each other out with assisting on the field when the heat was getting too much or injuries needed tending to.

Results

1st Place: SO Strikers – SA

2^{ns} Place: Queenslanders

3rd Place: Allstates

Best Bowler: Ryan Ho (QLD)

Best Batter: Matthew Harris (SA)

Neville Bajzath Memorial Trophy: Umpires Award: Adrian Jackson (NSW)

Tournament award went to Matthew Jackson (Vic) who stood up and lead the Allstates team. He lead by example and ensured everyone got the opportunity to do their very best.

Thank you to Bruce Ellsworth, Mark Sulter, Robin Kelly and David Waller who umpired all weekend, Nick Thompson and Stephen Datson for scoring over the weekend.

Thank you to the great volunteers who offered to help over the weekend - your support is greatly appreciated and once again you did an amazing job assisting wherever needed.

Biggest thanks goes to Jason Temby, Tony Bullen and Paul Maddeford, Katy, Ty, Taylor and Sam who worked steadily over the three days to ensure our athletes, visitors, and families were very well looked after and that the games ran smoothly. Thank you so much



Thank you to the Peter Duffield and Unique Shopfitters for their generous sponsorship of our SOSACC—SO Strikers .

The shirts look great.

Inaugural Invitational Netball State Games

Thank you to the players who attended and those who got the call up when teams pulled out at the last minute. The games went ahead with 22 players forming 3 teams with the help of three girls from Mercedes College. The weather wasn't pleasant on Friday and Saturday with days shortened to ensure everyone stayed cool.

Friday: A rather hot day with coaching clinics to start the games off.

Saturday: Again the weather was hot and humid but the girls played three games before we called it for the day.

Sunday: Final day with three unified teams. Each team was made up of players from SA, WA, and NSW and they went through a round robin competition. All games were evenly matched with all players happy to try new positions and each game was very competitive with the final results close.

Final Results :

1st Place Smurfs

2^{ns} Place: Yeti

3rd Place: Matrix

Congratulations everyone and we hope to see you all again soon.

A big thanks must go to Lisa McConchie for helping to coordinate the three days, Deb Gobbett for umpiring, parents for scoring, to Claire and Claire for helping with the coaching and Hannah, Claire and Anabel for playing to ensure we have three teams.



Opening Ceremony

Late Friday afternoon saw the 20/20 Cricket Games and Inaugural Invitational Netball State Games officially opened by Ms Nat Cook, MP, representing Minister Leon Bignall, Minister for Sport and Recreation.

Guests included Mr Corey Wingard, Shadow Minister for Sport, Recreation and Racing, Superintendent Scott Allison, Luke Doughty, Representing SACA, Amanda Beehag, Special Olympics Australia National Sports Manager, Simon Rodda, Southern Zone Sports Development Manager, and Christopher Lemm, Deputy Chair of the Southern Zone Committee.

Lachlan Woollett and Mary Folland: Two of our Athlete Leaders supported by Chris Lemm did a great job as the MC's for the ceremony: Tammy Brixton a local SO athlete did an amazing job singing the National Anthem with everyone joining in.

The Flame of Hope was run in by local SAPOL Officers and athletes from each state lead by two Police Horses. As usual our SAPOL officers made this special even if the hot weather meant that we couldn't light the cauldron.



No event like this can run smoothly without our fantastic volunteers. Whether you were helping with admin jobs before the event, welcoming athletes at the airport, collecting lunches, scoring, umpiring, filling water containers or general running about with last minute jobs your commitment is fantastic. Each of you is vital to ensuring the games are a highlight for the athletes and having you to call on is so helpful.

All the athletes and organisers fully appreciate your help.

Thank you also to our kind supporters of the event:



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