



# TAITA DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

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## Eastbourne Cricket Club

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## TAITA DISTRICT CRICKET AND EASTBOURNE CRICKET ALLIANCE

### Background

Both Taita District and Eastbourne cricket are strong community clubs, Taita has a strong adult club scene with 10 teams ranging from Premier to social T20 men and women, and two junior and one learn to play junior team. Eastbourne on the other hand has one adult team playing in division five and a masters grade team. From a junior perspective Eastbourne has 150 juniors with a strong emphasis re girls' cricket. Eastbourne is challenged in attracting their juniors back to the club once they leave school as they can only provide one adult team. Taita has not been able to provide hard ball cricket for junior players for a number of years and as a result once kids get to hard ball standard they generally swap clubs.

The proposed alliance was born out of the fact that six of the current Taita Premier players were juniors at Eastbourne and there is a very good culture fit between the two clubs

### Purpose

Taita District cricket club and Eastbourne Cricket club are seeking to form an alliance creating a pathway for junior and adult players to play at a level of cricket that matches their skill set and aspiration. This alliance provides:

- a. A pathway for Eastbourne juniors to join either Eastbourne or Taita Districts once they leave secondary school, thus retaining the links to Eastbourne who nurtured the player as a junior
- b. A pathway for Eastbourne players to assess themselves at Premier Reserve level or higher at Taita Districts
- c. A pathway for Taita Districts third team players playing in division six to play for Eastbourne when that club is short on numbers
- d. The ability to create a combined junior hard ball team comprising of Taita Districts and Eastbourne Students

**What the alliance will not do**

- a. It will not be a merger of the two clubs
- b. Unfairly transfer players from a higher grade at Taita Districts to the Eastbourne division five team

**Value of the Alliance**

- a. The primary value of the alliance is to grow and develop cricket and provide a pathway for players of all ages, sex and ability to play cricket at a level that suits their skill and aspiration
- b. A secondary value is that by creating the alliance players registered with either Eastbourne and Taita Districts will not have to re register with the other club if they are filling in or being promoted. Noting that any movement will not see a player from a higher division at Taita transfer to play division five at Eastbourne

**This alliance will**

- a. Taita Districts and Eastbourne to explore the value of a combined hard ball cricket team
- b. Enable Taita Districts to provide coaching support at a junior and senior level at Eastbourne
- c. Eastbourne players to join Taita preseason training program
- d. Enable Taita a Districts nd Eastbourne to enter a combined year 9/10 and 11/12 colts team
- e. Create a pathway for Eastbourne juniors post secondary school
- f. Create opportunities to enhance the governance processes at both clubs

This alliance is fully supported by both the Taita Districts and Eastbourne cricket committees

Taita Cricket



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