



STO REPORT 2009 -10 SEASON

The 2009-10 season saw Auckland scorers welcomed formally into the existing Umpires Association ranks with the change of name to the Auckland Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association (much more comfortably referred to as ACUSA).

In reality, there was very little change for us scorers in a practical sense. There has been a close association in Auckland for some years between umpires and scorers and scorers have always felt included as part of the “third team” on game days.

In terms of numbers of active scorers, our numbers continue to remain constant, with most Premier clubs having long-time experience scorers. There have been a couple of new recruits to Premier clubs in the latter part of the season and we hope to see them back again in October.

However there are the same recruitment issues for scorers as with umpires – little enquiry. Interestingly, there have been a couple of approaches, received in the past month from people with overseas cricket/scoring experience. Contact will be maintained with them over the winter with a view to placing them with clubs at the beginning of the new season. In both cases the enquiry was generated from finding contact information on our website.

From a national perspective, there has been an update completed of the existing scoring handbooks and these are currently being re-printed. The “Getting Started” handbook will be to be able to be given to those enquiring about becoming a scorers and the “Scorers Handbook” to those who become active scorers. They will also be available for distribution to the Junior Sections of our clubs as this is potentially the greatest source of future scorers.

Finally I would like to personally acknowledge the current Executive Committee of our Association. They have all gone out of their way to welcome me as a seconded member of the committee. We are very fortunate to have such a go-ahead, hardworking group looking after both umpires and scorers interests in Auckland.

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