

MUNSTER CRICKET UNION



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1. Board of Directors 2022

President	Kuros Mohammadi
Chairperson	Richard Brewster
Secretary	Chris Hickey
Treasurer	Nigel Hickey
Director	Len Browne - Chair of Clubs Committee
Director	Talha Kayani
Director	Kevin O'Sullivan - Chair of Operations Committee
Director	Tom Maxfield - Chair of P&P Committee
Independent Director	David Ramsay
Independent Director	Chris Thomas
Independent Director	Brian McNamara

2. Committees and Officials 2022

Operations Committee

Kevin O'Sullivan - Chairperson/Fixture Secretary

Joe O'Mahony

Ajay Hari

Richard Rutland

Jeff Hitchmough

Archiman Bose

John Buss - Operations Officer

Participation and Pathways Committee (P&P)

Tom Maxfield - Chairperson

Pat Donnelly

Kingsley Jones

Sean Rutland

Safraz Ramay

Ben Martin

Mark Marshall

Dean Wilson

John Buss - Operations Officer

Nominations Committee

Richard Brewster - Chairperson

Kuros Mohammadi

Chris Hickey

Joseph Moynihan - MCU GM

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Clubs' Committee

Len Browne - Chairperson

Gavin Devereux

Thomas Maxfield

Prince Thomas

Ben Martin

Michael Condon

Arindam Samanta

Thomas Raju

Jack Filen

Richard A. Morton

John Buss - Operations Officer

Child Welfare Officer - John Ketch

Disciplinary Committee

Ger O'Sullivan - Chairperson

Michael Hickey

Kingsley Jones

Ben Martin

Richard A. Morton

Thomas Raju

Renny Abrahams

Anulal Varikkathan

John O'Dee

Nat Simcox

Mort Kelleher

Chris Thomas

Thomas Mathew

John Buss - Operations Officer

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MCU Staff

General Manager - Joseph Moynihan

Operations Officer - John Buss

Schools and Club Engagement Officer (SCEO) - Ted Williamson

Schools and Club Engagement Officer (SCEO) - Arsalan Khalid

Interprovincial/Munster Reds

Head Coach - Ted Williamson

Assistant Coach - Peter Johnson

Manager and Administrator - Joseph Moynihan

Munster Reds Selectors

Ted Williamson - Head Coach

Peter Johnson - Assistant Coach

PJ Moor - Captain

Tyrone Kane - Vice Captain

Munster Heat Squad Selectors

Ted Williamson - Head Coach

Peter Johnson - Assistant Coach

Brandon Kruger - Captain

Cormac Hassett - Vice Captain

U17 Interprovincial Squad

Coach - Arsalan Khalid/Jack Buss

Manager - Dave Conley

U15 Interprovincial Squad

Coach - Freddie Froggatt

Manager - Len Browne

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U13 Interprovincial Squad

Coach - Steve Ross

Assistant Coach - Arsalan Khalid

Manager - Pat Donnelly

3. Chairperson's Report 2022

My first year as chair has been a steep learning curve and yet hugely enjoyable . It is not until you get involved in Munster Cricket that you realise how much there is to it . The hard work that goes into running the leagues , the Munster Heat , the Reds and working with Cricket Ireland was a complete surprise to me . When one takes into account that this is done by one full time member of staff and a few part time staff members and volunteers , the results are a credit to everyone involved . I was taken aback by the very few staff we have compared to other provinces and getting finance from CI towards getting more staff hours is a priority going forward.

The new board has many new faces on it and such big shoes to fill. I would like to thank everyone on the board and all the Munster committees for their trojan work in the last year. The old heads were a great help to the “newbies” such as myself as we found our feet.

I would like to thank our staff , Joe Moynihan, John Buss, Ted Williamson and Arsalan Khalid for all their efforts last year. I really appreciated Joe educating me on the intricacies dealing with CI and dealing with the other Unions . He has nurtured a fantastic relationship with key figures within the game over the last few years , which has been of huge benefit to Munster. As Arsalan moves on I would like to thank him for his hard work in developing our young talent.

I would really like to thank and acknowledge the amazing achievements of Ted. Not only has he been so effective in the schools but to win the Development Interpros with the Heat and the Senior 50 over Interpros and be a whisker away from winning the T20 Interpros with the Reds was amazing . He is the only coach to have won the Interpros with two different provinces . These feats have really raised the profile of Munster Cricket. I would like to wish Ted well as he takes over the role of Pathways Manager, and a fulsome thank you to Peter Johnson as he returns to his role as CI Pathway Manager. I also extend a warm welcome to Ted's successor, Jeremy Bray.

On the pitch it was wonderful to have a full Covid free season and the sun shone. It was fantastic to see more teams and players than ever involved as league cricket in Munster continued to grow. The growth of youth cricket and the amount of underage inter club games was a credit to the hard work of so many across the province as was the amount of girls and women who played the game.

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I am really looking forward to the new season and seeing you all throughout the summer and really happy with the new website that will keep us up to date with what is going on throughout the union.

I would like to finish by thanking all the clubs for their support throughout the year and strongly encourage you to get involved by putting yourself forward to represent your club on one of our many committees.

Richard Brewster, MCU Chairperson

4. Secretary's Report 2022

2022 brought a return to a semblance of normality with players and clubs enjoying a full season of cricket only interrupted by the usual rain. We returned to the longer formats of the game alongside t20s and all competitions, both within the Union and at national level, were completed.

The 2022 MCU Board was formed in January with many members continuing in their roles. The Board has met online on nine occasions since then with many other Committee and Executive meetings occurring weekly/monthly as well.

I continued as Secretary of the Union with Nigel Hickey joining as Treasurer. Chris Thomas and Dave Ramsay were appointed as Independent Directors. Kevin O'Sullivan was appointed to the Board as Chair of the Operations' Committee along with Tom Maxfield who chairs the Pathways and Participation Committee. Jack Filen, our incoming MCU Chair, joined the Board in a non-executive role to shadow the outgoing President.

A number of officers are finishing their terms at the 2022 AGM and I would like to thank them for their efforts and commitment in promoting and developing cricket in Munster. Talha Kayani steps down from his IT and Social Media directorship, a role to which he brought energy and ingenuity.

Kuros Mohammadi steps down as President and I would like to thank him for his time, interest and endeavours to promote cricket throughout the Province.

On the field of play congratulations to all clubs, their Management Committees, the MCU Operations Manager and Operations Committee who enabled so many matches to be played. Congratulations to the MCU competition and individual award winners who were celebrated at the successful MCU Awards afternoon in November. The Awards were attended in large numbers by club members and it was heartening to see so many individual clubs amongst the recipients. Centralising the event as near as possible to a provincial midpoint paid dividends and is a policy I would like to see continued.

Finally I would like to thank the individual club Secretaries who have played a vital role in facilitating their clubs to play cricket this year.

As thoughts begin to turn to the spring and summer best of luck to all clubs and players for the 2023 season.

Chris Hickey, MCU Secretary

5. Operations Committee Report 2022

The Operations Committee (OC) consisted of the following members during 2022;

- Kevin O’Sullivan (Chairperson)
- Joseph O’Mahony (Fixtures Coordinator)
- Ajay Hari
- Archisman Bose
- Jeffrey Hitchmough
- Richard Rutland

The Committee’s primary responsibilities as outlined by the MCU Board relate to competition structuring and fixture setting at adult level, club entry requirements, player registration, player grading, as well as drafting and applying administrative and playing regulations. The OC reports directly to the MCU Board and meets a minimum of 12 times per year with an increased frequency of meetings occurring during the period March-August. Operations has an overlap of responsibilities with the Participation & Pathways Committee, Clubs Committee and MCU Executive Committee and liaises on a regular basis with each of these bodies.

Competition structure and fixture setting

The 2022 season was the first ‘full’ cricket season since the onset of the pandemic with competition structures reverting to pre-Covid format. Five limited overs league competitions were contested, along with five T20 competitions and three limited overs cup competitions. Two clubs (Cork County, Cork Harlequins) represented Munster at Irish Senior Cup level while four (County Kerry, Limerick, Midleton, UCC) competed at Irish National Cup level. Club feedback in relation to competition structures was overwhelmingly positive with the majority of clubs indicating that they received a sufficient volume of competitive cricket. There continues to be a strong appetite for limited overs league competitions complemented by a ring fenced period of T20 cricket during the season.

Fixture setting is always a difficult exercise and was made increasingly challenging in 2022 due to a combination of ground unavailability and a larger volume of fixtures. Sincere thanks to Joe O'Mahony for his sterling work in preparing a comprehensive fixture list which accommodated all divisions, despite the logistical challenges. The OC took feedback on board from clubs in relation to scheduling, particularly at Premier Division level and has committed to adjust the 2023 fixtures to ensure the Premier Division is completed by the end of August. An increased volume of T20 matches will be scheduled for midweek to free up grounds at the weekend while recognising that midweek fixtures may not be practical for some clubs.

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Club entry requirements and support

The OC worked with Limerick Blasters C.C. and U.C. Clonmel to assist and assess their ground development efforts, which have subsequently been completed. Congratulations to both clubs on their fantastic progress in 2022. The OC also worked with Clare C.C. in the early stages of the 2022 season and continued to do so over the 'off-season' period to address issues which affected their hosting of matches. An independent grounds inspector has been engaged as part of the assessment process for all new grounds in Munster which will significantly aid club development.

Player registration and grading

The Cricket Ireland mandated NVPlay and GameDay systems were used in Munster for the first time in 2022. While there were some initial problems with the implementation of the system, the vast majority of players were able to register without issues. Many thanks to John Buss for his tireless efforts in this area, they were greatly appreciated. The OC has continued to liaise with Cricket Ireland during recent months to refine the system and we are hopeful that the registration process for 2023 will be relatively smooth. Unfortunately, there are some areas of this software which are managed centrally by CI and can therefore take time to resolve. We would ask clubs to report any problems they encounter as soon as possible so we can make the appropriate arrangements with CI to resolve these.

During 2022 the OC sought to make the player grading process more club driven and minimise, where possible, the volume of mid-season adjustments. The majority of clubs bought into this and graded their players appropriately. However, a small number of clubs adopted a different approach and graded players well below their level. The volume of OC led mid-season adjustments equated to under 2% of registered players and grading appeals fell to their lowest level since the reform of the grading system in 2018. We would like to thank the clubs for their engagement in relation to player grading and look forward to working constructively with them again in 2023.

Administrative and playing regulations

Adjustments to playing and administrative regulations were minimal during the 2022 season and were based on suggestions discussed by the Clubs Committee. The OC has been informed that Cricket Ireland will introduce a standardised set of regulations across top-level competitions in 2023. This will have an impact on the drafting and publication of MCU regulations and we would encourage all clubs to review the updated regulations in detail once available. The OC welcomes communication from clubs and will assist as much as possible.

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Conclusion and future actions

I would like to sincerely thank my fellow OC members for their efforts during 2022. The volume of time that they give up in order to develop cricket in Munster is significant and their efforts are commendable.

The OC faces several challenges going forward, the most challenging being a lack of sufficient ground space on which to schedule fixtures. This capacity constraint impacts on players, clubs and the OC but is not an easy problem to resolve. We will continue to work with the P&P and Clubs Committees to implement creative solutions and optimise the volume of competitive cricket played in Munster, both at adult and youth level. Outside of ground space concerns, our immediate priorities for 2023 will be to review CI's playing regulations output and implement this at MCU level, along with opening the player registration process in early March. As noted, communication and feedback from clubs is essential and we would encourage all clubs to get in touch with any queries or suggestions they may have.

Kevin O'Sullivan, MCU Operations Committee Chairperson

6. Financial Report 2021

Delivered at the AGM.

7. Staff Reports 2022

• General Manager Report 2022

Since I was appointed General manager in June 2020 progress has been made in some key areas of business. The following report outlines the key areas of responsibility the General Manager covers, highlighting some of the achievements that have been delivered during the 2022 year . The report is divided into sections outlining areas of responsibility, delivery of activity and achievements

The General Manager focused on continuing to provide an opportunity for the union to grow and develop.

This included

- Referencing the Strategic Plan and working towards achieving these goals
- Working with relevant partners
- Communicating and developing stakeholders .
- Governance – the Union was incorporated and progress continues to be made to ensure good governance structure in the MCU , with regular reports provided to the Board on this.

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- Staff – recruitment of staff was put on hold for 2022 due to the budget constraints. With the closing of the office in late 2022 and all staff working from home currently . Both Development staff have stepped down in late 2022 , 2 new roles will be advertised in late February 2023 depending on budgetary constraints.
- Financial Management and Control - has continued to expand as the Union's activities expand and our financial transactions grow. An important function, in collaboration with the Honorary Treasurer, was to ensure the Union has financial systems in place. These include the use of Stripe, Jotform and the Surf financial package to manage money coming in and out of the union and to keep records. The use of Gameday will hopefully be taking over most of the work as a central management programme in 2023.
- Budgets – the General Manager coordinated with the Executive Board to prepare draft budgets for 2022, in line with the Union's strategic and operational priorities. These were all signed off in early 2020 but due to staff shortages some of these have been put on hold . In 2023 a lot of the programmes will be increased with an increase of staff in the region .
- Reports – work continued to ensure effective planning and preparation of relevant reports . Negotiations are taking part with CI to put a reporting structure in place for all unions.
- Sponsors - a commercial committee was formed at the end of 2020 who are incharge of forming strategy for attracting and securing new sponsorship opportunities for the MCU . Unfortunately, they have not been able to find any new sponsors but did develop a sponsorship package for the 2022 season and beyond. This committee was not utilised in 2022 , but I hope to get it going in 2023 with the help of the MCU Board and Committees.
- Stakeholder/Partnership Management The GM role continues to lead on managing and developing key partnerships for the Union to collaborate with. Some of these partnerships required significant time and investment during this period.

Local Sports Partnerships - Increasing participation and volunteer programmes with the aid of the Local Sport Partnerships throughout Munster. Schools programmes and other programmes in association with the LSP's are going to be key to developing the region.

Local Councils - Meeting for proposal of use of land going forward and helping local clubs develop. Opportunity to be able to acquire access to facilities to increase opportunity for cricket to develop going forward

Douglas Community School - access to hall and possible venture going forward as High Performance area for MCU in the short - medium term .

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- Cricket Ireland - A large volume of work was required to ensure the Union was appropriately represented on a range of groups covering various topics. This included contributions to the following Cricket Ireland groups during this period:

-Senior Management Group

-Match Allocation Group (MAG)

-Interpro Working Group

-Operations Working Group

-Development Officer joint task force.

The bulk of work during this period with Cricket Ireland was focused on developing an all island approach. This took a huge amount of time by CI staff, Provincial Union General Managers, and others.

In addition, regular meetings and communication occurred between General Managers from all Provincial Unions to ensure similar approaches were taken, where possible throughout Ireland.

Summary

A very successful year both on and off the pitch. I hope to help the Union develop further in 2023 with the help of the MCU board , Cricket Ireland and the possibility of a home for Munster Cricket in 2023 .

Joseph Moynihan, MCU General Manager

● **Operations Officer Report 2022**

This report covers the Operations Officer's work for 2022. This is a wide ranging role that covers the day to day operational activities of Munster Cricket, the main focus being the delivery of representative cricket, adult competitions and youth activity. Representative and Youth outcomes are reported separately below.

My duties have been wide ranging, across many threads of these activities but can roughly be split into the following categories and percentage of the 1156 hours work for 2022:

Operational Administration

This aspect of my work covers a wide remit and for the period saw a doubling of work proportion and large increase of hours which reflected our emerging from the pandemic

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restrictions and increasing the numbers of clubs, teams, players and activity. The majority of my administration work revolved around supporting the PU Manager and the Operations Committee. A primary focus being the integration of Gameday and NVPlay across all competitions and the reporting of results and in season news.

Reds/Heat and Representative Youth Admin

During the year representative work remained in line with 2021 as a proportion of my hours but the volume increased as the various cohorts returned to a pre pandemic scale of activity. In addition Munster fielded our first U13 side for many years, which had to be organised and supported in a Provincial Derry tournament. Overall this work consisted of maintaining records, statistics, equipment, kit and clothing. Undertaking event management, supervision of player selection and support to coaches, clubs and Cricket Ireland.

Ad Hoc Specific Tasks & Programmes

From time to time specific jobs arose. The most significant schemes were the moving and installation of equipment in the Moynihan's Warehouse (STC) and other locations. Supervised and delivered the Annual Awards and Connects events.

Advance Forward Planning

Throughout the year there has been a continual looking forward approach to developing and delivering the next task or activity. With a lot of systems and schemes in place from 2021 a lot of the AFP activity became operational administration so saw a reduction of proportional hours. This often complex planning work involved multiple meetings, statistical work, designing programmes, recruitment exercises and setting up of programmes.

Youth Administration

In addition to youth matters covered above, I supported the P&P committee, helped run youth events and acted as the liaison point with CL Youth.

Other, Coaching and Personal Admin/Development

A multitude of small and continuing jobs, not encompassed by any of the above categories, including personal development work and occasionally undertaking coaching activity of representative squads.

John Buss, MCU Operations Officer

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● **Cork/Waterford/Tipperary SCEO Report 2022**

From the period of January to April 2023 the following schools were delivered to:

Star of the Sea, Passage West, Co Cork
St Lukes NS, Douglas, cork
Scoil Nioclais, Grange, Cork
St Columbas Boys NS, Blackrock, Cork
St Catherine Girls NS, Model Farm Road, Cork
Gaelscoil Na Duglaise. Douglas, Cork
Glasheen Boys NS, Cork
Beaumont Girls NS, Blackrock, Cork

In total classes from Junior Infants to 6th received 4 progressive sessions within the schools with all the schools except for 1 opting for 2nd to 6th classes for the delivery.

The breakdown was as follows.

	Jnrs	Snrs	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Girls	15	11	20	35	84	75	81	78
Boys	12	14	45	65	105	127	119	105

All the schools received their own cricket sets post delivery and the schools were contacted re:coaching courses for any of the teachers that were interested. Reviews were had with Principals and teachers after the session were delivered and they'd all be open to having cricket in their schools again as well as participating in any schools blitzes and/or competitions that would be run by Munster Cricket.

Ted Williamson, SCEO

● **Clare / Limerick / Kerry SCEO Report 2022**

Report of the Role:

- Building up relationships with the local clubs, colleges and schools.
- Contacting and planning the Sports Partnerships within the region.
- Several multicultural centres and colleges were introduced to cricket.
- Helping clubs develop - Clare CC, TUS and Clonmel CC.
- National Junior Programmes such as Cricket Hiit, Smash it, Its Wicket and Walking Cricket were promoted.
- Pop up Cricket to introduce cricket to the schools and colleges throughout the region .
- Meetings with the General Manager and NDO about future planning.
- Coaching and Managing Interpro U17,U15 and U14.
- Summer Champs with Smash It and It's Wicket Galway and Clonmel.

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- Cricket Connect with Direct Provision Centres .

Key Achievements

During the year 2022 the following was achieved:

- Completed Cricket Level II Course.
- Walking Cricket was introduced in Kerry to older adults.
- Munster Interpro U17, U15 & U14 coaching and manager role.
- Promoted cricket In Islamic Centre in Limerick.
- Summer Camps Smash it and It's Wicket were delivered and introduced to the new clubs.
- Cricket Hiit was delivered to Kerry CC.

Arsalan Khalid SCEO

Munster Representative Cricket Report 2022

Munster Reds IP20 and IP50 2022

The 2022 season proved to be our most successful season to date from an organisational, performance and results perspective. We won the IP50 Trophy and came second to the Leinster Lightning on net run rate in the IPT20 competition. There were a number of reasons for our successful season. From an organisational perspective, the summer training programme was mapped out before the season started so there was consistency around our venue, training dates and times. Phoenix CC have to be commended for their continuous help here. We moved to the HPC in late summer, where the wickets were poor but this was to be expected. We also had consistency in the coaching team which was Pete Johnson, Jeremy Bray and Devon James (Phoenix CC) which resulted in common themes around messaging and methods. Pete Johnson's commitment was outstanding and I felt he really came into his own in 2022 as he was a lot more comfortable in his role and the impact he could have on the group. Devon James is the Phoenix Head Coach and gave his time for free most days were trained there. He also assisted at some matches and was a great help. The last thing was consistency in the playing group as we had a season where we had the least disruption in player movement to date. This meant that players understood their and others' roles with much more clarity and as a result, for the most part, players output was increased. Sean Smith took over as S & C coach and fitted in seamlessly. He is young and a similar age to a lot of the players so he blended in perfectly with similar methods to the previous S & C coach, Jonathon Harris-Wright. Again it was our most successful season when it came to some of our players making the step up to the senior men's team. Fionn Hand gained a contract and Tyrone Kane and Murray Commins played in the recent Zimbabwe tour. I hope it's not too long before our captain PJ Moor gets the recognition has earned through his performance this year. He was a brilliant captain in 2022 and a big factor in our success as he was tactically very astute and his communication and

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clarity with the players was very impressive. We had two local players make the step up to the Reds, when Brandon Kruger and Adam Hickey made their debuts for the Munster Reds. Hopefully there will be more players joining them in 2023. As Jeremy Bray is now taking over as Head Coach, can I just say what a pleasure and honour it was to be involved with the Reds for the last number of years. I'd like to thank John Buss for his assistance with all matters off the pitch and pre game and in particular, I'd like to say a huge thank you to Joe Moynihan who through his skills, energy and passion, has been a massive support since he arrived.

Cricket Ireland Inter-Provincial Cup (IP50) 2022

Matches	Teams	Table	Stats	Videos
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Competition Winner: Munster Reds

	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	NET RUN RATE
1 Munster Reds	6	3	1	0	0	2	0	16	-0.49
2 North West Warriors	6	2	2	0	0	2	2	14	1
3 Leinster Lightning	6	2	1	0	0	3	0	14	0.47
4 Northern Knights	6	1	4	0	0	1	0	6	-0.61

IP50 Player Stats:-

Most Runs

[Show All](#)

1	 PJ Moor	210
2	 KJ O'Brien	133
3	 GJ Delany	112
4	 TE Kane	87
5	 M Ford	76

Highest Scores

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1	 PJ Moor	152
2	 M Ford	71*
3	 KJ O'Brien	66
4	 GJ Delany	63
5	 PJ Moor	48

Best Average

[Show All](#)

1	 M Ford	76.00
2	 L McCarthy	59.00
3	 PJ Moor	42.00
4	 GJ Delany	37.33

Best Strike Rate

[Show All](#)

1	 L McCarthy	107.27
2	 PJ Moor	106.06
3	 M Ford	97.44
4	 KJ O'Brien	86.93

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Most Wickets

[Show All](#)

1		M Frost	12
2		C Campher	9
3		TE Kane	8
4		DCA Delany	7



Best Bowling

[Show All](#)

1		M Frost	5-42
2		L McCarthy	3-23
3=		C Campher	3-57
3=		M Frost	3-57

Best Economy Rate

[Show All](#)

1		M Ford	3.75
2		TE Kane	4.27
3		M Frost	4.61
4		DCA Delany	4.98

Best Average

[Show All](#)

1		M Ford	15.00
2		M Frost	15.75
3		TE Kane	20.00
4		C Campher	26.44

IP20 Players Stats:-

Most Runs

[Show All](#)

1		TE Kane	203
2		PJ Moor	189
3		GJ Delany	163
4		MK Commins	147
5		KJ O'Brien	134
6		C Campher	101

Highest Scores

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1		MK Commins	102
2		PJ Moor	74
3		TE Kane	66*
4		KJ O'Brien	64*
5		TE Kane	62
6		TE Kane	53*

Best Average

[Show All](#)

1		F Hand	50.00
2		TE Kane	40.60
3		KJ O'Brien	33.50
4		C Hassett	33.00
5		M Ford	31.00

Best Strike Rate

[Show All](#)

1		KJ O'Brien	216.13
2		L McCarthy	190.00
3		C Campher	183.64
4		TE Kane	169.17
5		GJ Delany	161.39


Most Wickets

[Show All](#)





1		C Campher	12
2		GJ Delany	10
3		DCA Delany	9
4=		TE Kane	6
4=		F Hand	6

Best Bowling

[Show All](#)

1		GJ Delany	3-10
2		DCA Delany	3-13
3		DCA Delany	3-17
4		C Campher	3-33
5		C Campher	3-49

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Best Economy Rate		Show All	Best Average		Show All
1	 GJ Delany	6.09	1	 GJ Delany	14.00
2	 M Frost	8.05	2	 C Campher	18.58
3	 DCA Delany	8.18	3	 DCA Delany	20.44
4	 TE Kane	9.13	4	 TE Kane	22.83

Munster HEAT - 2022 Future Series Champions

This season saw a domestic Munster side win a first Interprovincial championship when the Heat, competing over 8 games against the other provinces plus the Ireland academy and U17 sides, won a dramatic competition by 1 point over the Lightning Bolts.

Our most successful year to date and it can't get any better than winning the competition in 2022. A lot of the reasons were mirrored in the Reds environment and also the fact that we had some young players emerge playing defined roles last season as opposed to playing bit part roles the season before. There were also more training sessions scheduled than the previous year which definitely assisted in up-skilling players, especially around role clarity. The aim is to increase them even further in 2023. The playing group performed well as a unit and that was the key. Everyone contributed at important stages. We were the only provincial side not to play senior players in our playing XI's and that is a testament to how our own players performed throughout the competition. Our last three matches went to the last over, two of them to the last ball and by winning against the Irish U17s and the Emerging Warriors the title was Munster's for the first time. Personally, I think that this achievement is bigger than the Reds success due to the fact that they are all players who play in Munster. It was a very proud day in North Kildare and I was delighted for all the players who were a pleasure to coach in 2022.

Ted Williamson, Munster Reds Head Coach and MCU Pathway Manager

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Cricket Ireland Future Series 2022

Matches	Teams	Table	Stats	Videos
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Competition Winner: Munster Heat

	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	TOTAL POINTS	NET RUN RATE
1 Munster Heat	8	6	1	0	0	1	13	1.24
2 Leinster Lightning Bolts	8	5	1	0	0	2	12	2.49
3 Emerging Knights	8	4	2	0	1	1	10	-0.13
4 Emerging Warriors	8	2	4	0	1	1	6	-0.82
5 Ireland U17's	8	2	5	0	0	1	5	-2.24
6 Ireland Academy	8	1	7	0	0	0	2	-0.54

HEAT Batting Stats




Most Runs

[Show All](#)

1	 C Hassett	181
2	 A Sighir	91
3	 A Prakash	88
4	 R Joyce	83




Highest Scores

[Show All](#)

1	 A Sighir	59*
2	 C Egerton	52*
3	 Z Hassan Khan	49
4	 A Prakash	48





Best Average

[Show All](#)

1	 Z Hassan Khan	32.50
2	 A Sighir	30.33
3	 C Hassett	30.17
4	 R Joyce	20.75




Best Strike Rate

[Show All](#)

1	 Z Hassan Khan	106.56
2	 R Joyce	106.41
3	 E O'Sullivan	104.76
4	 A Prakash	103.53




Most Wickets

[Show All](#)

1	 B Kruger	21
2=	 B McDonough	9
2=	 E O'Sullivan	9




Best Bowling

[Show All](#)

1	 B Kruger	5-13
2	 B Kruger	5-21
3	 B Kruger	4-23




Best Economy Rate

[Show All](#)

1	 B Kruger	3.40
2	 B McDonough	4.34
3	 E Ibrihimi	4.67

Best Average

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1	 B Kruger	7.05
2	 E O'Sullivan	12.67
3	 E Ibrihimi	14.00

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Munster Youth Cricket Report 2022

Summary and Headlines

Below is a brief summary of Munster Youth activity for 2022. It comprises details of the various threads of youth activity in the province, the level of success and raises issues looking forward to 2023. The headlines from the report are the dramatic post pandemic increase in both domestic and Representative Youth activity.

Munster Youth Player Training and Development

The pandemic curtailed any winter representative youth training. The reality thus being that the squads were not formed until May and had a short training programme. However the key factors were that the Interpro competitions were back to the pre pandemic format and we had committed to playing in a full provincial tournament in Derry at U13 level. The result of these changes for 2022 were that we doubled the number of games and players involved.

In total 47 youth players took part in various events. Overall we fielded teams which were 70% 'of age', an increase over 2021 and which demonstrated that we are following our goal of fully ICC age qualified teams in the next 5 years.

Players were drawn from Cork County, Cork Harlequins, Midleton, Limerick, Lismore and Galway cricket clubs. This is the largest spread of clubs in recent records.

This season saw a clear coaching progression for the U17/15 with a 5 person panel being established for the first time, comprising staff from within the MCU pathway. In addition qualified parent coach volunteers ran the U13 squad in Derry.

The Representative Coaching and Management Panel:

Len Browne

Freddie Froggatt

Dave Conley

Jack Buss

Arsalan Khalid

Pat Donnelly

Steve Ross

The U19/21 cohort were heavily involved in the Cricket Ireland Emerging Series reported elsewhere.

September 2022 saw the planning and implementation of an innovative Winter Training Programme for the Heat, Heat Development, U17, U15 and U13 squads. Comprising 50 hours of training split between Douglas Community School (DCS) and Moynihan's Warehouse - Sarsfield Training Centre (STC).

Schools Competitions

Both the Senior T20 Championship and Junior Championships were cancelled in 2022. We intend to restart in 2023.

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MCU Development Participation in Cricket Leinster

Sadly our ten year development programme in the domestic CL youth leagues was ended due to our club entries into the All Ireland U13 and 15 Cups.

Representative Match Results

U15 Interpros

With a return to full interpros in 2022, the format was three T20 games; 2 in Dublin and a home match at Farmers Cross in Cork. The three 50 over games took place at a residential tournament in Belfast. The U15 side were outclassed against tough opponents. There were occasional bright moments but this is a long term project. Cronan Healy-Browne of Cork County was awarded MCU U15 Player of the Season.

U15 Squad:-

C Browne*, I Ashan, A Faizi, A Maini, C Mackenzie, S Mackenzie, S Momand, P Searra, Cork County.

M Ahmadzai, L Calitz, Z Khalid, A Ullah, Limerick CC.

E Harrington-Myers, CI Academy.

K Kumar, Cork Harlequins.

R Maqsood, E Stockenstrom, Co. Galway.

U15 Statistics:

Most Runs			Show All	Highest Scores			Show All
1		K Kumar	142	1		K Kumar	45*
2		E Stockenstorm	60	2=		E Stockenstorm	35
3		C McKenzie	39	2=		K Kumar	35
4		A Faizi	38	4		C McKenzie	28
5		A Maini	36	5		K Kumar	24

Best Average			Show All	Best Strike Rate			Show All
1		K Kumar	35.50	1		C McKenzie	100.00
2		C McKenzie	19.50	2		M Ahmadzai	71.43
3=		E Stockenstorm	12.00	3		A Faizi	57.58
3=		A Maini	12.00	4		K Kumar	54.62
5		R Maqsood	8.25	5		E Stockenstorm	51.28

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Most Wickets

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1	C Browne	7
2	M Ahmadzai	5
3	K Kumar	4

Best Bowling

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1	C Browne	3-28
2	K Kumar	3-49
3	I Ahsan	2-6

Best Economy Rate

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1	I Ahsan	4.92
2	K Kumar	5.92
3	Z Khalid	6.40

Best Average

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1	C Browne	24.14
2	M Ahmadzai	31.80
3	I Ahsan	32.00

U17 Interpros -

Unfortunately the U17 side also lost all their matches, but generally these were closer games and had periods where a greater depth of experience could have turned a match. The format was identical to the U15's with T20 in Dublin and Cork and 50 overs in Belfast. Eshan O'Sullivan was awarded the MCU U17 Player of the Year to make it two in a row.

U17 Squad:-

E O'Sullivan*, B Donnelly, N Donnelly, S Gautam, Cork County.

M Ahmadzai, M Sidiqi, Limerick CC.

U Bairwa, U Kumar, Co. Galway.

T Chavasse, Lismore CC.

J Conley, Z Hafeez, E Ibrihimi, M Kahapola, K Kumar, Cork Harlequins.

R Du Plessis, Midleton CC.

K Laylor, CI Academy.

U17 Statistics:

Most Runs

[Show All](#)

1	E O'Sullivan	70
2=	S Gautam	59
2=	K Lalor	59
4	R du Plessis	54

Highest Scores

[Show All](#)

1	M Sidiqi	45
2	R du Plessis	42
3	S Gautam	26
4	T Chavasse	23

Best Average

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1	K Lalor	19.67
2	M Sidiqi	16.33
3	E O'Sullivan	14.00
4	T Chavasse	10.33







Best Strike Rate

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1	M Sidiqi	80.33
2	E Ibrihimi	60.00
3	K Lalor	55.14
4	Z Hafeez	51.39

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Most Wickets		Show All	Best Bowling		Show All
1	 E O'Sullivan	7	1	 K Lalor	2-14
2=	 K Kumar	2	2	 Z Hafeez	2-31
2=	 M Ahmadzai	2	3	 E O'Sullivan	2-38

Best Economy Rate		Show All	Best Average		Show All
1	 K Lalor	4.68	1	 B Donnelly	20.00
2	 B Donnelly	5.00	2	 E O'Sullivan	26.14
3	 E O'Sullivan	5.08	3	 Z Hafeez	36.50

U13 Provincial Side:

Our U13's competed in a 4 province tournament in Derry NWCU. Overall they acquitted themselves well against seasoned strong squads despite losing all three games. A great experience to be built on in 2023. Zaki Khalid was awarded U13 player of the year.

U13 Squad:-

C Welch, Z Khalid, A Ullah, S Malik, Limerick CC.

H Ahsan, S O'Connell, C Ross, E Ross, J DeFreitas, C Milward Aherne, Cork County.

I Khan, J Khan, N Kumar, Cork Harlequins.

MCU v LCU Annual Series 2022

This popular annual event took place in August with three games each for the U15's who lost their matches to a tough Leinster team at the Mardyke.

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Club Youth Section 2022 Summary

All Club youth sections report vibrant activity, particularly at the U11 age range. We are also seeing an increase in female participation which will be built upon over the next few seasons. Of note is that Kerry will be entering our competitions in 2023 See below for the 2022 estimated youth numbers.

Club	U19	U17	U15	U13	U11	Totals
Cork County CC	3	12(2)	17(3)	25(3)	43(14)	100(22)
Cork Harlequins CC	8	9	10	13(3)	45(7)	85(10)
Galway CC	1	2	12	10(3)	20(7)	45(10)
Kerry CC (TBC)	0	2	1	6 (na)	9(na)	18(na)
Limerick CC	8	9	11	17(2)	25(6)	70(8)
Lismore CC (TBC)	4	3	3	1	0	11
Midleton CC (Mainly Mid College)	2	0	10(6)	10(4)	4	26(10)
Waterford & District CC (TBC)	3	0	6	6(1)	6	21(1)
Total Youth Players (Girls)	29	37(2)	70(9)	88(16)	152(34)	376(61)

MCU Youth Leagues 2022.

This season we ran our first comprehensive domestic leagues comprising 56 games. In reality we played 35 of these with a disproportionate number lost to weather as the worst of the season coincided with the busiest weeks. However by all standards this was a huge success which will be built on in 2023. Of note is that our superleague winners go into the All Ireland Cups. In 2022 this meant Cork County progressing to semi finals at both U13 and U15 ages against CL sides. Sadly due to organisational issues in 2022 they were matched against predominantly over aged players and lost both matches.

John Buss
Operations Officer

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Tables:

U13 T20							
Team	Play	Won	Lost	Tie	Aband/NR	Not Played	Points
CC SHARKS	8	7	1				140
LCC	8	4	3		1		90
CC TIGERS	6	4	2				80
CH	6		5		1		10
GCC	4		4				
U13 Super League							
Team	Play	Won	Lost	Tie	Aband/NR	Not Played	Points
CC	5	5					100
LCC	4	2	2				40
GCC	3		3				
CH	2						
U15 T20							
Team	Play	Won	Lost	Tie	Aband/NR	Not Played	Points
LCC	3	2	1				40
GCC	1	1					20
CC	1		1				
CH	1		1				
U15 Super League							
Team	Play	Won	Lost	Tie	Aband/NR	Not Played	Points
CC	4	4					80
LCC	6	2	3		1		50
CH	2	1			1		30
GCC	4		4				

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8. Competitions 2022

T20 League Winners

Premier	Cork Harlequins 1
Division 1	County Kerry 2
Division 2	Cork County 3
Division 3	County Clare 1
Division 4	Limerick Blasters 3

Cup Winners

Senior Cup	Cork Harlequins 1
Junior Cup	County Kerry 2
Minor Cup	Waterford and District

Limited Overs Leagues Winners

Premier	Cork Harlequins 1
Division 1	Cork County 2
Division 2	Limerick 3
Division 3	Cork County 3
Division 4	Limerick Blasters 3

League Tables

T20 Leagues

Premier Division T20 League

Club	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	NR	Points	BP	Total	%
Cork Harlequins	5	2	1	0	2	50	3	53	71
Cork County	5	1	0	1	2	40	13	53	71
Limerick	5	2	0	1	2	40	8	48	64
Galway	5	1	1	2	2	30	6	36	48
County Kerry	5	1	0	2	2	20	8	28	37
UCC	5	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0

Winners: Cork Harlequins CC

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Division 1 T20 League

Club	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	NR	Points	BP	Total	%
Group A									
UCC	3	1	0	0	1	40	7	47	96*
Cork Harlequins	3	2	0	1	0	40	4	44	59*
Midleton	3	1	0	1	1	20	8	28	56
Cork County	3	0	0	3	0	0	6	6	8
Group B									
Limerick Blasters	3	2	0	1	0	40	9	49	65*
County Kerry	3	2	0	1	0	40	8	48	64*
Limerick	3	2	0	1	0	40	8	48	64
Nenagh	3	0	0	3	0	0	4	4	53

Winners: County Kerry CC

Division 2 T20 League

Club	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	NR	Points	BP	Total	%
Group A									
Cork Harlequins	2	2	0	0	0	40	5	45	90*
Cork County	2	1	0	1	0	20	4	24	48*
Midleton	2	0	0	2	0	0	6	6	12
Group B									
UC Clonmel	3	3	0	0	0	60	12	72	96*
Limerick	3	1	0	2	0	20	8	28	37*
Limerick Blasters	3	1	0	2	0	20	6	26	35
County Kerry	3	1	0	2	0	20	4	24	32

Winners: Cork County CC

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Division 3 T20 League

Club	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	NR	Points	BP	Total	%
U C Clonmel	6	4		2	0	80	21	101	67
Waterford	6	4		2	0	80	12	92	61
Cork County	6	3		2	1	60	13	73	58
County Clare	6	3		3	0	60	23	83	55
Lismore	6	3		3	0	60	12	72	48
Cork Harlequins	6	1		4	1	20	10	30	24
Limerick	6	1		3	2	20	3	23	23

Winners: County Clare CC

Division 4 T20 League

Club	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	NR	Points	BP	Total	%
Limerick Blasters	5	5	0	0	0	100	19	119	95
County Clare	3	2	0	1	0	40	12	52	69
County Kerry	5	2	0	3	0	40	11	51	41
Cork Harlequins	5	0	0	5	0	0	3	3	2

Winners: Limerick Blasters CC

Limited Overs Competitions

Premier Division

Club	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	NR	Points	BP	Total	%
Cork Harlequins	10	6	0	1	3	120	21	141	81
Cork County	10	7	0	2	1	140	26	166	74
County Kerry	10	5	0	3	2	100	28	128	64
Limerick	10	3	0	4	3	60	13	73	42
Midleton	10	3	0	6	1	60	8	68	30
Galway	10	0	0	8	2	0	-21	-21	0

Champions: Cork Harlequins CC

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Division 1

Club	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	NR	Points	BP	Total	%
Cork County	14	10	0	2	2	200	44	244	82
UCC	14	8	0	4	2	160	31	191	64
Limerick Blasters	14	7	0	6	0	140	31	171	53
Midleton	14	7	0	5	2	140	20	160	53
Nenagh	14	7	0	7	0	140	40	180	51
Limerick	14	6	0	6	2	120	26	146	49
Cork Harlequins	14	5	0	7	2	100	7	107	36
County Kerry	14	1	0	11	2	20	30	50	17

Champions: Cork County CC

Division 2

Club	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	NR	Points	BP	Total	%
Limerick	14	8		4	2	160	34	194	65
Limerick Blasters	14	8		4	2	160	26	186	62
Nenagh	14	7		4	3	140	27	167	61
County Kerry	14	8		5	1	160	24	184	57
Cork County	14	6		6	2	120	45	165	55
Cork Harlequins	14	5		6	3	100	25	125	45
UC Clonmel	14	5		8	1	100	28	128	39
Midleton	14	1		11	2	20	11	31	10

Champions: Limerick CC

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Division 3

Club	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	NR	Points	BP	Total	%
Cork County	12	7		4	1	140	36	176	64
County Clare	12	9		2	1	160	4	164	60
Waterford	12	6		4	2	120	22	142	57
U C Clonmel	12	6		6		120	33	153	51
Lismore	12	5		6	1	100	29	129	47
Cork Harlequins	12	4		7	1	80	30	110	40
Limerick	12	2		10		40	1	41	14

Champions: Cork County CC

Division 4

Club	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	NR	Points	BP	Total	%
Limerick Blasters	9	7		1	1	140	24	164	82
County Clare	9	4		2	2	80	6	86	57
County Kerry	9	4		4	1	80	16	96	48
Cork Harlequins	9	0		7	2	0	-2	-2	0

Champions: Limerick Blastars CC

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9. Individual/Team Award Winners

T20 League

Premier Division

Batting	Arslan Sayyam	Limerick 1
Bowling	Muhammad Abubakar Saddique	Cork County 1

Division 1

Batting	Khuram Iqbal	County Kerry 2
Bowling	Estamullah Ibrahimi	Cork Harlequins 2

Division 2

Batting	Baber Ali	UC Clonmel
Bowling	Arun Achuthan Nair	UC Clonmel

Division 3

Batting	Sameer Singh	County Clare 1
Bowling	Rajkumar Durairaj	County Clare 1

Division 4

Batting	Joyal Akkakattu	Limerick Blasters 2
Bowling	Sreejith Pottanaiyil Sivan	Limerick Blasters 2

Limited Overs Leagues

Premier Division

Batting	Brandon Kruger	Cork Harlequins 1
Bowling	Yaqoob Ali	County Kerry 1

Division 1

Batting	Yogesh Borghare	Limerick 2
Bowling	Kunal Chaturvedi	UCC

Division 2

Batting	Jatin Jaitley	Cork Harlequins 3
Bowling	Muhammad Shoaib Khan	United Cricket Clonmel

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Division 3

Batting	Rajwinder Singh	County Clare 1
Bowling	Rajkumar Durairaj	County Clare 1

Division 4

Batting	Ajay Abraham Ranjan	Limerick Blasters 3
Bowling	Farrukh Hussain	County Kerry 4

U13 Leagues Batter of the Season	Cillian Ross	Cork County CC
U13 Leagues Bowler of the Season	Ayan Ullah	Limerick CC
U15 Leagues Batter of the Season	Luke Calitz	Limerick CC
U15 Leagues Bowler of the Season	Cronan Healy-Browne	Cork County CC
MCU Emerging Female Player of the Year	Jaagrithi Thakur	County Galway CC
MCU U13 Female Player of the Year	Sana George	Limerick CC
MCU U15 Female Player of the Year	Sara Kamel	Cork County CC
MCU U13 Male Player of the Year	Zaki Khalid	Limerick CC
MCU U15 Male Player of the Year	Cronan Healy-Browne	Cork County CC
MCU U17 Male Player of the Year	Eshan O'Sullivan	Cork County CC
MCU HEAT Player of the Year	Brandon Kruger	Cork Harlequins CC
MCU REDS Player of the Year	Tyrone Kane	
MCU Cricket Team of the Year	Cork Harlequins 1	Cork Harlequins CC
MCU President's Award	Bryan O'Donnell	MCU Executive
MCU Spirit Of Cricket Award	Co. Kerry Ladies XI	County Kerry CC