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JUNIOR FORMATS				
<p>NZC's Junior Cricket accommodates different ages and stages with the objective of making the game more accessible for Kiwi kids.</p> <p>Keynotes: shorter pitch lengths, lower player numbers, shortened boundaries and appropriate sized bats and balls. More at bats, more scoring, more fun in play, no wickets, more fun!</p>				
<p>SUPERSTAR CRICKET ACADEMY</p> <p>Learning the skills</p> <p>Warm-up games</p> <p>Batting skills and games</p> <p>Bowling skills and games</p> <p>Fielding skills and games</p> <p>Modified team games</p> <p>9-10 YEAR OLDS</p>	<p>SUPERSTAR CRICKET</p> <p>Pitch: 16-18M</p> <p>Players: 8</p> <p>Over: 9-10</p> <p>Boundaries: 30-40M</p> <p>Overalls: NONE*</p> <p>*Not used and 1 over is a rule</p> <p>Equipment: Modified ball, Modified bat</p> <p>9-10 YEAR OLDS</p>	<p>PRIMAST</p> <p>Pitch: 18M</p> <p>Players: 8</p> <p>Over: 20-30M</p> <p>Boundaries: 30M</p> <p>Overalls: NONE*</p> <p>*Not used and 1 over is a rule</p> <p>Equipment: 16.25 two piece ball, Modified bat</p> <p>YEAR 5-6</p>	<p>INTERMEDIATE</p> <p>Pitch: 18M</p> <p>Players: 8</p> <p>Over: 30-35M</p> <p>Boundaries: 40M</p> <p>Overalls: ALL*</p> <p>*Not used and 1 over is a rule</p> <p>Equipment: 16.25 two piece ball, Modified bat</p> <p>YEAR 7-8</p>	<p>DISTRICT</p> <p>Pitch: 18M</p> <p>Players: 8</p> <p>Over: 40-45M</p> <p>Boundaries: 45M</p> <p>Overalls: ALL*</p> <p>*Not used and 1 over is a rule</p> <p>Equipment: 16.25 two piece ball, Modified bat</p> <p>YEAR 9-10</p>

- NZC is mandating change for 2018/2019.
- National, District and School Competitions use new formats.
- Most of NZ has changed formats and the feedback is overwhelmingly positive.
- ACA has changed Girls junior formats and Boys Year 5 and Year 8 formats with overall positive feedback.
- **ACA advised clubs June 2017 that Year 6 was changing to shorter games, shorter pitches, pairs batting with no grading of teams for 2018/2019.**

Junior Cricket: School Years 4 - 8



Our Objectives:

- ✓ Grow the game at grassroots level
- ✓ **Develop better ability cricketers**
- ✓ Develop more people who love the game for life

Why Change?

Playing numbers drop drastically from:

- Year 4 to Year 5
- Year 5 to Year 6
- **Year 6 to Year 7 – over 30% drop off after the first year of “real” cricket**
- Year 8 to Year 9 – over 35% drop off as they enter College

Of every 11 Year 6 players, only 4 are playing Year 9

Quality of junior games are low, leading to less development of better ability players:

- Across all grades 68% of all balls bowled were dot balls.
- Across all grades 19% of all runs came from wides and no balls.



How Can We Stay Relevant?

We need to adapt junior cricket to provide:

- ✓ More opportunity
- ✓ Greater skill development
- ✓ More fun
- ✓ Greater involvement



How Do We Achieve This?

We need to change the experience for kids playing cricket:

- ✓ Less players
- ✓ Shorter games
- ✓ Shorter pitches
- ✓ Reduced boundary sizes
- ✓ Ensure every player has more opportunities

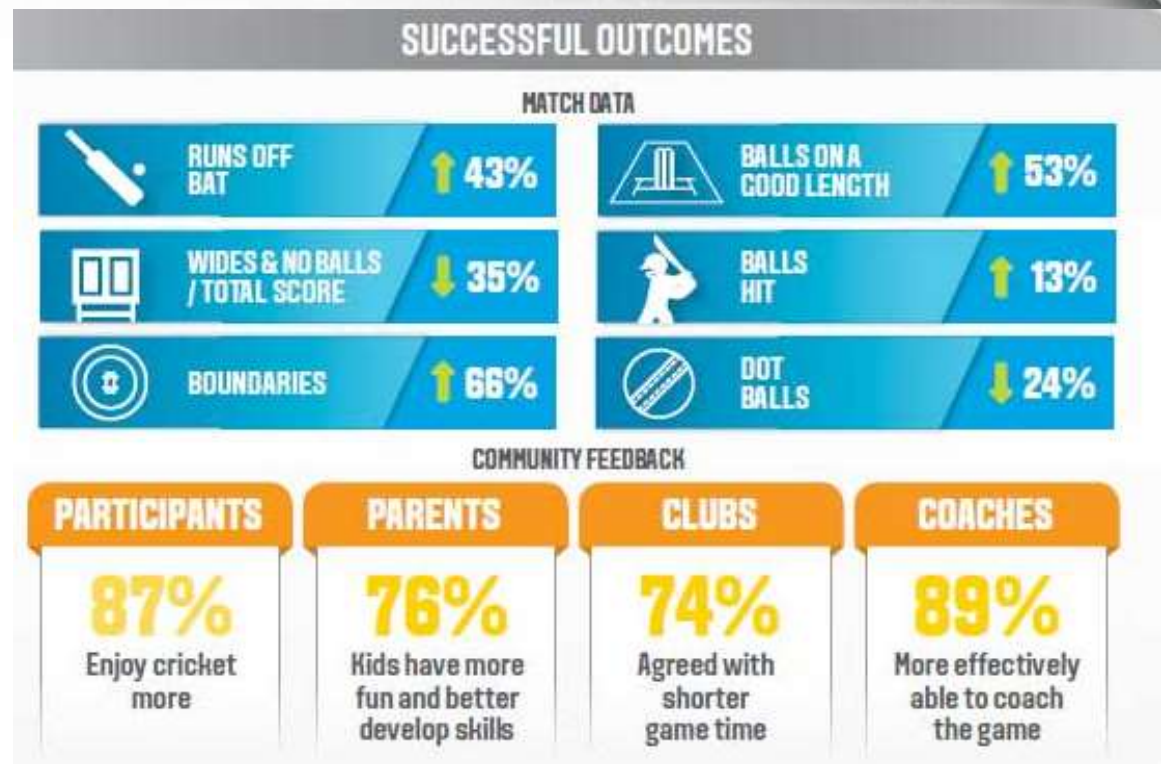


What Positives Are We Looking For?



- ✓ More balls in play (less wides and no balls)
- ✓ Better running between wickets
- ✓ Improved fielding
- ✓ Throwing will be about accuracy and technique, not distance.
- ✓ All fielders experience all positions
- ✓ More accurate bowling with better techniques developed
- ✓ Higher scoring = more excitement
- ✓ Accelerate development of advanced cricket skills
- ✓ Improve retention rates
- ✓ Experienced and qualified coaches
- ✓ Reduced time commitment – change the perception of parents who resist cricket.
- ✓ Replicate the excitement of T20 Cricket – coloured shirts, music, innovative play!
- ✓ Everyone has an opportunity to bat, bowl and develop
- ✓ Develop better ability cricketers!

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Overview - Girls



Conditions	Girls			
	Year 4#	Years 5/6	Years 7/8 Before Xmas T20	Years 7/8 After Xmas Limited Overs
Players	8	8	9	9
Time (Approx)	2 Hours	2.5 Hours	3 Hours	4 Hours
Pitch	14m	16m	18m	18m
Boundaries	30m	30m	35m	35m
Soft Ball	Junior	Junior	-	-
White Composite	-	-	142gm	142gm
Pink Hardball	-	-	142gm	142gm
Protective Gear Required*	-	-	Yes	Yes
Overs in Match+	16	20	20	30
Minimum Balls Faced Per Player	12	15	6	6
Maximum Balls Faced Per Player	12	15	18	30
LBW	No	No	No	No
Stumpings	No	No	Yes	Yes
Minimum Balls Bowled Per Player	12	12	12	18
Coaching Qualifications Required	Foundation	Foundation	Advanced Foundation	Advanced Foundation

Overview - Boys

Age appropriate pitch lengths and boundaries –
developing better techniques for all players.

Restricted grades –
allowing for different ability cricketers.

Retirement using balls faced not runs –
all players participate in game.

Less players per team –
more involvement.

Conditions	Boys/Mixed								
	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7 T20	Year 7 Limited Overs	Year 8 Before Xmas T20	Year 8 Before Xmas Limited Overs	Year 8 After Xmas T20	Year 8 After Xmas Limited Overs
Players	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9
Time (Approx)	2 Hours	2.5 Hours	2.5 Hours	3 Hours	4 Hours	3 Hours	4 Hours	3 Hours	4 Hours
Pitch	14m	16m	16m	18m	18m	18m	18m	Full Pitch	Full Pitch
Boundaries	30m	30m	35m	40m	40m	45m	45m	45m	45m
Soft Ball	Junior	Junior	Junior	-	-	-	-	-	-
White Composite	-	142gm	142g	142gm	-	-	-	-	-
Pink Hardball	-	-	142g	142gm	142gm	142gm	142gm	-	-
Adult Hardball	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	156gm	156gm
Protective Gear Required*	-	Yes for White Ball Grade only	Yes for White and Pink Ball Grades only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Overs in Match+	16	20	20	20	30	20	30	20	30
Minimum Balls Faced Per Player	12	15	6	6	6	1	1	1	1
Maximum Balls Faced Per Player	12	15	18	18	30	18	30	18	30
LBW	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stumpings	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minimum Balls Bowled Per Player	12	12	12	12	18	12	18	12	18
Coaching Qualifications Required	Foundation	Foundation	Advanced Foundation	Advanced Foundation	Advanced Foundation	Advanced Foundation	Advanced Foundation	Advanced Foundation	Advanced Foundation



Club of Origin – Auckland Wide

An Elite Competition where clubs are recommended to select their best representative players.

Years 5/6 Boys

- 2 Sundays pre Christmas in Regional Pools
- 2 Day Summer Holiday Auckland Tournament
- T20

Years 7/8 Boys

- 2 Sundays pre Christmas in Regional Pools
- 2 Day Summer Holiday Auckland Tournament
- T20

Years 7/8 Girls

- 2 Day Summer Holiday Auckland Tournament
- T20



Additional Notes On Formats



- Clubs are encouraged to incorporate NZC Superstar Cricket drills for Year 3 or younger.
- Year 4 and Year 5 Competitions will be offered by ACA on Saturday mornings. This optimises field allocations. Clubs/Districts can offer weekday non ACA competitions for any age in addition to these competitions.
- ACA would like to see all club junior teams to wear coloured shirts instead of white shirts.
- Clubs can use their current stock of 142g Kookaburra Crown hard balls in Pink Grades for 2018/2019 until stock cleared. The Kookaburra Crown Pink ball is a ball designed to handle moisture better than other traditional hardballs.
- The White Commander ball has been tested in Auckland Conditions and performs better than Red Leather balls and can be used for multiple games easily.
- All Coaches and Umpires required to complete NZC coaching qualifications – basic level is an online course that takes less than 2 hours.
- All Grades will play in an Auckland wide competition with regional pool play – reducing weekly travel. Year 6 and above will have Auckland Wide finals series.
- These formats have been developed based on CA, NZC and ACA research and trials.
We are confident these formats will develop better ability cricket players.



January 27 Trial Game: All Year 6 and Year 7 Teams are invited to play the same team they play on February 3 using the new formats.

The new formats (T20) will be used for this extra game. We want players, coaches and parents to be able to experience the new formats to be able to see how they work before providing feedback. We will also analyse scorecards.

Between February 3 and 11, players, coaches and parents that participate in the trial will be asked to provide feedback through an online survey.

The week of February 12 we will invite current year 6 and 7 coaches and conveners that have participated in the trial to meet with us and provide any additional feedback.

By February 28th the new formats will be finalised and will become the New ACA Junior Endorsed Formats for 2018/2019.

Pink Ball Fun Day March 25: All current Year 5, 6 and 7 Teams will be scheduled to play a game using the following years T20 format (i.e. Year 5 will play Year 6, etc) using a Pink Ball – coincides with the Eden Park Pink Ball Test Match.

We Believe The New Formats Will Develop More Future Cricket Stars



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We Are Building A New Website To Showcase Junior Cricket

