

JUNIOR CRICKET



NORTHERN
DISTRICTS
CRICKET

We Are Changing the Way We Play



MORE ACTION!

BETTER SKILLS!

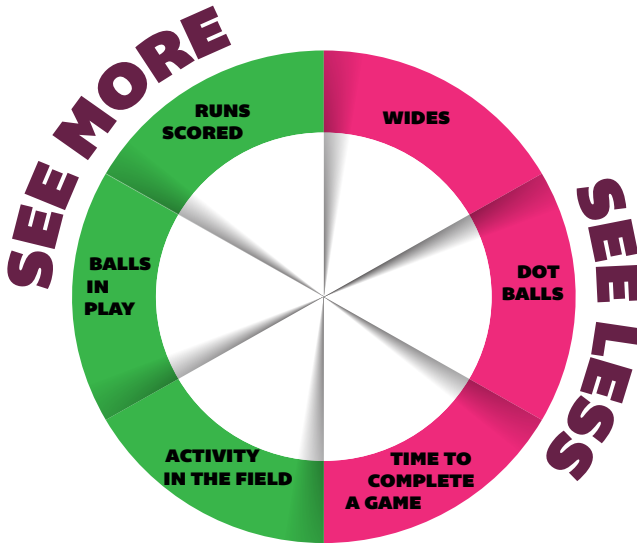
LESS TIME!

WHY CHANGE?

Cricket is a game that can be enjoyed by all and we want our younger players to have the best experience possible when they are starting out.

After extensive research and piloting Cricket Australia have recently rolled out a new format of cricket in their junior leagues. We believe that their changes are good ones and New Zealand Cricket have also endorsed this new direction.

This new style of cricket allows for more balls in play and more involvement in the game - making it much more fun and exciting for our younger players and more like what they see being played by their heroes on TV.



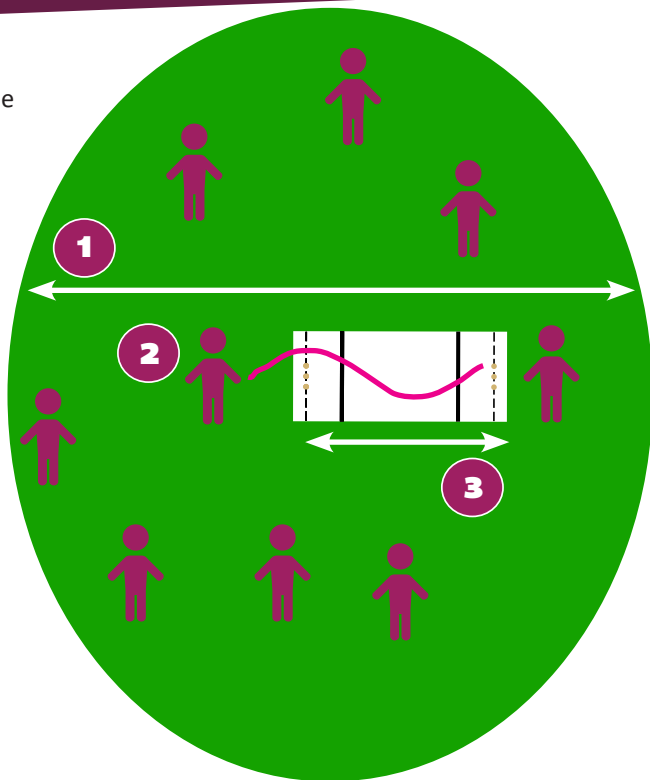
Data From the Game Improvements*:

- 43% more runs off the bat
- 35% decrease in runs from wides in the total score
- 13% more balls hit
- 66% more boundaries hit
- 53% more balls in play (bowed on a good length)
- 24% decrease in dot balls bowled
- 16% more balls hit forward of square

*Results from Cricket Australia's pilot programme

WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

Players from Year 5-8 will see the following changes this season.



SHORTER BOUNDARIES

Easier to score 4's and 6's. Shorter straight boundary.

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OVERS BOWLED IN ONE END BLOCKS

Less time spent changing the field means games take less time to play

2

SHORTER PITCH LENGTH

Balls are bowled with greater accuracy and at a better trajectory

3

LESS PLAYERS

Reducing the players on the field means more involvement for fielders and a better chance of scoring for batsman plus more running between the wickets.

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PLAYER FORMATS

Changes applied in 2017/18

	SUPERSTAR CRICKET ACADEMY	SUPERSTAR CRICKET	JUNIOR PRIMARY	JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE	JUNIOR 3
Skill Development	Learning the skills	Playing modified games	Playing the game	Playing and developing	Start of Secondary School Cricket
School Year	Year 1-4	Year 1-4	Year 5-6	Year 7-8	Year 9
Age	5-10	5-12	9-11	10-12	13-14
Pitch Length		10-14m	16m	18m	20.1m
Number of players per team	6-8	6-8	8 max	9 max	11
Boundary	30m max	40m max	40m max	45m max	50m max
Ball Size	Modified soft ball	Modified ball	142g Modified and hard ball options	142g Modified and hard ball options	142g with transition to 156g (Y9 boys)
Overs per team	12 overs (max) all from 1 end	8-16 overs all from 1 end	20 overs (max) all from 1 end	30 overs (max) 5 over blocks from 1 end	40 overs (max) Y8, 45 overs (max) Y9, 5 over blocks from 1 end
Time (mins)	75 mins	100 mins	120 mins	180 mins	240-270 mins

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