



Cricket North West
Pre-Season Clubs Meeting
August 2025









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Cricket North West Junior Meeting 1:

Agenda:

- CT Community Cricket Strategy and 'Personas' Information Share
- Cricket Blast Discussion and Updates
- Hurricanes Programs Update and Feedback
 - > Colour Blast
 - Stage 1 Smash
 - Social Smash
 - Hurricanes Holiday Cup Week
- Junior Cricket Update
 - Club Feedback and Discussion
 - ➤ Key Dates and Season Timelines
 - Competition Rules and Procedures Updates
- Volunteer Upskill and Funding Opportunities

COMMUNITY CRICKET

CRICKET TASMANIA

To inspire, engage and entertain our communities on and beyond the field of play

Values

Purpose

Pride in the Tribe | Capture the fun | My Team, Your Team, Our Team | Great Today, Better Tomorrow | Honest in Action

3 Year Vision

Increase sustainable cricket participation | Develop winning elite teams | Become a leader in performance and wellbeing Increase profitable revenue and cricket investment

Strategic **Priorities**

Recruit and engage new families through Cricket Blast

Support volunteers to provide quality cricket experiences for **kids** in safe environments

Coach and Volunteer Education and

Implement bespoke regional upskill

opportunities for junior coaches and

recognise and support volunteers

Redesign Community Cricket awards to

Promote and Deliver "Hurricanes Smash" offerings that reduce barriers to playing

Support the community to grow and cater for increased registered participation

Adaptive Blast Programs

- Drive increase in Club and School program availability.
- offerings.
- Provide additional support and

Hurricanes Blast Promotion

to drive registrations.

Plan, deliver and support flexible Blast

Deliver consistent Hurricanes branded

statewide school promotional program

resources to create opportunities to targeted community groups.

Safeguarding Children:

volunteers.

support:

- Implement Mandatory registrations via Play HQ for junior coaches.
- Increase support and connection with club's Child Safety Officers.
- Increase associations awareness and obligations to support clubs to minimise risk.

Stage 1 Smash

- Imbed Stage 1 Smash programs across
- Develop Statewide Promotional Program to drive participation.

Court Smash

- Deliver Hurricanes Court Smash at targeted venues
- Capture and review participant feedback to assist with further developments.
- Collaborate with marketing team to capture content to help drive future marketing campaigns.

Social Smash

- Deliver Social Smash pilot programs in targeted areas of the state.
- Capture and review participant feedback to assist with further developments
- Collaborate with marketing team to capture content to help drive future marketing campaigns.

Association Support:

- Develop partnership models with associations that aligns with CT's strategic vision
- Support Competition Management Duties to alleviate volunteer Burdon

Club Support:

- Prioritise practical and financial support to clubs that align with CT's strategic vision.

Manage Consistent Participation Benchmarking

- Track individual registrations to give accurate record of active participants and coaches.
- Develop participation retention measure

Strategic Objectives

Success

Measures

as at 30 June

2026

5,000 Kids Playing Woolworths Blast

12,000 Hurricanes Blast Promotional Engagements

100% Roll Out Of Regional Volunteer **Education Programs**

100% of Junior coaches/volunteers Registered Via Play HQ

100% roll out of Hurricanes Smash Series

1,000 Participants Stage 1 Smash

21,000 Registered Players



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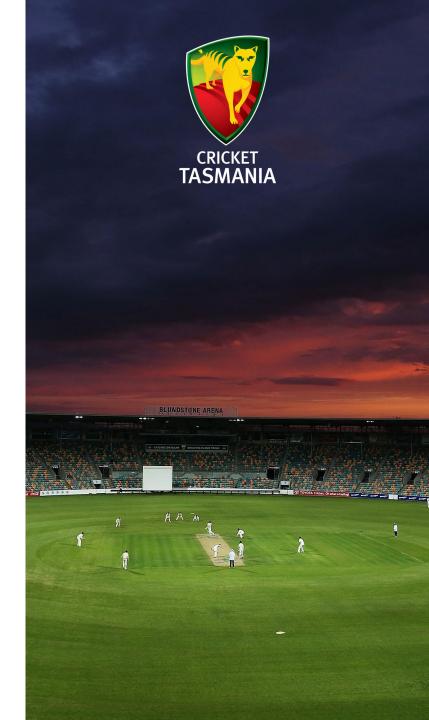
Junior Cricket Personas



Cricket Australia's Research What has been done at a national level?

In recent research by CA, they found that junior cricket participants could be placed into certain "personas". This behavioural segmentation was created from interviews, surveys and workshops with:

- Current participants
- Lapsed participants
- Non-participants
- Parents of participants





What is a Persona?

The Personas (or characters) from this research shows the different **personalities and traits** that we see in junior cricketers in Tasmania and Australia wide.







Junior cricket Personas

I want to play the sport



I want to play a game



The Competitor Mitchell

Motivated by winning & skills progression 9-17 years of age



The Traditionalist Aarav

Motivated by knowledge, skills progression & teamwork. 5-17 years of age



The Curious Kayla

Motivated by friendship & fun 5-17 years of age



The Dreamer Jacob

Motivated by skill progression, winning & teamwork 5-17 years of age



The Socialite Anika

Motivated by friendship, fun & teamwork 5-17 years of age



The Sampler Beckett

Motivated by fun, skill progression & friendship 5-9 years of age





What does this mean?

Competitors, Dreamers and Traditionalists want to play the SPORT.

The Curious, Samplers and Socialites want to play the GAME.

Those wanting to play the **game** was ~80% of the market.

CT's Personas

The Sampler

The Competitor

The Socialiser

The Traditionalist







How does this align with our Community Cricket Strategy?



	Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 3	Pillar 4
Strategic Priority	Engage New Families (Participation Growth)	Quality Experiences and Retention (volunteer support)	New Product Offerings	Grow Registered Participation
What persona fits this pillar?	Samplers	Competitors Traditionalists (how we can engage all personas)	Socialisers	All pillars and personas lead to this growth



Cricket Blast Discussion and Key Updates





Cricket Blast – Local Plans

AROUND THE GROUNDS Recruitment and Retention Plans

- New Participants
- Previous Participants
- Coordinators and Volunteers

Program Start Dates and Day of the Week Ideas to improve your program





P1: Woolworths Cricket Blast – Regional Targets

Adaptive Blast Programs						
arket 2	Traditional Club	Traditional School	Pop Up (including Holiday)	Low Socio (CT Funded)	CA Funded (including Colour Blast)	Total Blast Participants
BLAS	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations	
2023/24	266		103	48		417
2024/25	270	177	158	33	288	697 Target 926 Actual
2025/26 Targets	320	230	195	79	160	984
Targeted Growth	18.5%	29.9%	23.4%	139%	-44%	6.3%

Cricket Blast No. of Programs					
BLAST	Club	Trad School	Pop-Up / Holiday	CA / CT Funded	Total Programs
2023/24 Actuals	9		6	1	16
2024/25 Actuals	10	5	7	5	27
2025/26 Targets	12	8	17	6	43
Targeted Growth	20%	60%	143%	20%	59.3%

Cricket Blast Promotion				
BLASTP	Hurricanes Blast Promotion			
	Schools	Students		
2023/24 Actuals	?	?		
2024/25 Actuals	31	3931		
2025/26 Targets	37	5105		
Targeted Growth	19.4%	29.9%		







INTERACTIVE | ACTION-PACKED | INCLUSIVE

45-MINUTE SESSIONS FOR P-4 STUDENTS

DELIVERED BY TRAINED CRICKET TASMANIA STAFF

CATERING TO 2-4 CLASSES PER SESSION

EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE

A HURRICANES GIVEAWAY

AND INFORMATION FOR THEIR

LOCAL WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST CLUB

REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL TODAY!



Hurricanes Blast Promotion (HBP)

- 45 minute high intensity promotional session aligned to HBP minimum standards
- Delivered within 4 weeks of an (activated) Woolworths Cricket Blast program that is within 25kms of the school.
- 2-4 classes at once aimed at Prep Year 4 Students
- Staff to be wearing Hurricanes/Blast Clothing.
- Communicated with targeted club in advance with clubs strongly encouraged to get involved to get their club badge in front of kids!
- Lesson plan is delivered consistently from region to region.
- First school visits commencing Week 8 9th September.
- Clubs to have Blast programs online ASAP.





Hurricanes / CT Programs Updates and Feedback





Girls Colour Blast Term 3 School Holiday Program:

COLOUR, CRICKET, WATER, FUN!

- FREE program delivered during the Term 3 school holidays at Meercroft Park, Devonport.
- 29th and 30th September 10am-12pm.
- Aimed at girls who are new, or have played cricket previously.
- Scan the QR code for more details and to register.
- Please share the Facebook post when it goes online, especially to girls who are seeking an alternative cricketing format.
- Following this program there will be a FREE 4-week transition program for girls who want to continue cricket participation



FUN FAST MODIFIED CRICKET MATCHES PLAYED ON OUTFIELDS

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED – SIMPLY TURN UP AND PLAY
ALL GAMES PLAYED AT A CENTRAL LOCATION
SHORT 4 MATCH ROSTER IDEAL FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS NEW TO THE GAME
MATCHES TO BE PLAYED IN UNDER 60 MINS

Hurricanes Stage 1 Smash Program Offerings:

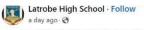
- Cricket Tasmania plans to increase our offerings of the Hurricanes Stage 1 Smash Program after the success of Term 1 2025.
- Programs planned for Devonport (Mondays), Ulverstone (Tuesdays) and Burnie (Wednesdays) commencing in mid-November 2025.
- Promotion will be done through 'School Cups' for Grades 5/6 and NW School Sports Expos for Grades 3/4
- Programs aim to provide a bridge in the gap between Cricket Blast and Stage 1 Junior Cricket in a gameplay focused environment.
- Local clubs encouraged to be involved in the delivery of programs – please let Josh know if you would like to be involved

Questions?

Hurricanes Girls High School Social Smash:

- Cricket Tasmania will this season run the Hurricanes Girls High School Social Smash Gala Day in Devonport on Wednesday November 5th at Meercroft Park.
- All NW public and private schools have been invited to send teams along to the Gala Day to play modified outfield matches.
- Following this Gala Day, Cricket Tasmania will run a FREE 4-week program at Meercroft Park with modified games.
- Individual registration for participants and CT Staff will organise players into grounds each week.
- Clubs strongly encouraged to be involved in assisting with the 4-week program to help connect participants with clubs for 'next steps' of playing club cricket.

Questions?



SOCIAL CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Today 32 amazing students tried their hand at social cricket at Meercroft Park. It was a great opportunity for students to learn a new sport, or refine their cricket skills and knowledge. The real highlight was the outstanding sportsmanship shown by our students who were always encouraging each other, and more than willing to help other schools out and fill in for games if they didn't have enough numbers. Well done to all students involved, it was a pleasure taking you on this excursion!





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Hurricanes Holiday Cup:

- Cricket Tasmania plans to run the Hurricanes Holiday Cup this season – providing more opportunities for kids to play more formal cricket games with their club in the school holiday period
- Plan is for competitions for Under 12s and Under 14s with the same rules used as local competitions
- Teams will play 2 x T20 games per day
- Two competitions will be run, one in the Launceston region and the other in the Devonport region.
- Clubs are able to nominate teams for either or both competitions should they wish.
- Devonport Event Wednesday January 7th and Thursday January 8th (mix of turf and synthetic grounds)
- Launceston Event –Tuesday January 13th and Wednesday January 14th (mix of turf and synthetic grounds)
- Cricket Tasmania is working on securing a sponsor the events so there will be no team entry costs, and cost of balls and ground bookings will be covered by Cricket Tasmania.
- The above is still in planning mode and details may change
- Questions? Feedback?





Cricket North West
Junior Competitions and
Clubs Discussion







Recruitment Plans

- Participants and Players
- Coaches, Coordinators and Volunteers
- Good news or ideas?
- Challenges or problems?









Cricket North West – Junior Comps Structure

Under 12s – Split Season Model

- Stage 1 Junior Cricket rules 20-Over matches
- Games played on Sundays starting at 10.00am
- No finals or ladders

Female Development League

- Stage 2 Junior Cricket rules 20-Over matches
- Same as last season but will be guided by clubs if a day of the week change is required

<u>Under 14s</u>

- Stage 2 Junior Cricket rules 30-Over matches
- Games played on Sundays starting at 10.00am or 1.00pm following U12s
- No finals or ladders

Under 16s

- Stage 3 Junior Cricket Rules 40-Over matches
- Games played on Sunday mornings commencing at 10.00am
- Finals introduced top 4 for Semi-Finals, winners into Grand Final

<u>Competition</u>	Day of the Week	Start Date
Under 12s (Stage 1)	Sunday 10.00am	9 th November 2025
Under 14s (Stage 2)	Sunday 10am/1pm	9 th November 2025
Under 16s	Sunday 10.00am	26 th October 2025
Female Development League (formerly U17s Girls)	Monday night	10 th November 2025
Under 18s T20	Friday night	16 th January 2026

Clubs are strongly encouraged to ensure their teams and players are all playing at the appropriate level of cricket to give everyone involved the best possible experience and to help develop their game



Cricket North West – Junior Comps Rule Changes

Following some feedback and some minor incidents in the 2024/25 season, please see below number of small changes made to the CNW Junior Competition Rules

CNW Junior Rule Changes / Discussion Points:

- Under 12s Ball As discussed at the post-season meeting the CNW Board have moved that balls be used each season for the pre-Christmas part of the season. Then further decision made on post-Christmas with this likely to be up to each clubs preference or split into two divisions.
- Timing of Matches how can we ensure matches are being played as efficiently as possible?

Do clubs have any other suggestions of changes of rules to pass onto the CNW Board for their consideration to review?







Cricket North West Overage Player Process

- Cricket North West will again have a process for the application of overage junior players.
- Clubs are asked to fill out a form with relevant information about the player, as well as the reasoning for the application.
- CT Community Cricket Staff and the CNW Cricket Committee will then review these applications and provide clubs with feedback
- Following feedback from last season those with Overage permits will be closely monitored throughout the season.
- QR Code for the form is to the right and will also be sent out in the CNW Clubs Update
- Worth noting since the change of cut-off date the number of applications has reduced considerably









Coach Approach Upskill Sessions

Combined Blast Coordinator/Coach Approach Upskill (Sept-October)

- Each club to have a blast coordinator and junior coaching representative attend

Coach Approach Sessions (November/January-Feb)

 Opportunity for clubs to send coaches/volunteers to pick up new skills and techniques for their sessions

Club Training Visits

This will be ongoing support that is available after attendance at Coach Approach sessions

Regular communication with registered volunteers and attendees

 Monthly communication sent to coach approach attendees with extra tips/resources





This is



Mandatory Coach Registration

- Cricket Tasmania wishes to inform clubs and associations that it will be enforcing mandatory PlayHQ registration for all coaches in Senior and Junior Cricket this season.
- Coaches will register via PlayHQ in a similar process to players registering (noting they do not need to pay the NRF) and will need to provide their WWVP details during the registration process.
- Clubs need to ensure coaches have a valid WWVP card and that their WWVP profile is connected to the cricket club – an important step should anything go wrong
- Spot checks based on the WWVP data provided on PlayHQ will be conducted throughout the season.
- Key information has been provided to Child Safety Officers at each club but if clubs wish to find out more please click here.







Other Upskill and Development Opportunities

PlayHQ Admin Training

No formal training this season – <u>click here</u> for online resources for clubs and volunteers

Cricket Blast Coordinator/Volunteer Training

Monday September 29th – Ulverstone CC – 6pm to 7pm. Click here to register for the session

Coach Approach Upskill Session

• Monday September 29th – Ulverstone CC – 6pm to 7pm. Click here to register for the session

Pre Season Junior PlayHQ E-Scoring Training

Monday October 27th – Ulverstone CC – 6pm to 7pm. Click here to register for the session







Funding Opps and Key Reminders

CT Club Development Funding

- OPEN NOW focus on Recruitment, Promotion and Providing Quality Experiences and Volunteer Support
- Click <u>here</u> to apply now noting one application per club.

ACA Grassroots Cricket Fund

- OPEN NOW To be eligible clubs need to be CT Affiliated and run Cricket Blast, Juniors or Women's programs.
- Click <u>here</u> for more information.

CNW Clubs Update

This will have all key information throughout the season

CNW Website – check out the CNW website below.

https://cricketnorthwest.com.au





Cricket Tasmania
High Performance Update







High Performance Pathways Update

- On 19 August 2025 (Tuesday) at 18:00 there was a launch event for Cricket Tasmania High Performance / North West Raiders Programme at The Point, West Park, Burnie, with over 50 attendees.
- After welcome and introduction by CNW President (Scott Pearce), Greg Hechter (CT Head of Talent and Development) outlined plans for Ct High Performance / North West Raiders Programme for the upcoming period.
- Andrew Gale (Male Pathways Head Coach) and Natalie Schilov (Female Pathways Head Coach) provided further information on the programme and presented players with GN Raiders kit.
- Clubs, parents and participants were provided the opportunity to ask questions about the pathway programs.













High Performance Pathways Update

Cricket Tasmania has decided to rebrand their pathway programs to align with the Greater Northern Raiders as part of the Greater Northern Cricket Strategy from 25/26 to 28/29.

Programs:

- Emerging Raiders (Formerly Tigers) (6 Male, 1 Female)
- Raiders Development Program (Formerly CT)
 (19 Male, 4 Female)
- Raiders Rookies (No Change) (40 male, 9 Female)

Game Play

- Intrastate Cup 29th September –
 10th October
- Up to 25 games
- Hurricanes Cup January
- 6 Rounds with a final
- National Championships –
 December January
- U19 M Perth, U19 F NSW, U17 M
 Brisbane, U16 F Launceston



Any questions please contact Greg Hechter or Alistair Taylor



Thank you for your attendance and involvement in Junior Cricket!

Any questions please contact our CT Staff Members