

Cricket North West Mid-Season Junior Meeting Notes – 24/8/2026:

Attendees – Garry Collins (CNW), James Smith (CNW), Shaun Redman (BHCC), Nick Granger (BHCC), Lachlan Roberts (BHCC), Nick Imms (BHCC), Ben Tenaglia (DCC), Stephen Kettle (LCC), Kylie Bramich (SCC), Marc Simonds (SCC), Mark Hearps (UDCC), Tom Witherden (WDCC), Dave Stewart (WDCC), Jeff Bingham (Spreyton CC), Dayne Voss (CHCC), Louise Grundy (PCC), David Grundy (PCC), Jack Anderson (PCC), Greg Hechter (CT HP), Nat Shilov (CT HP), Harry Allenby (CT HP), Ryan Kelly (CT Comm Cricket), Mitchell Jones (CT Comm Cricket) and Josh Marshall (CT Comm Cricket)

Cricket Tasmania Strategy

- CT presented the updated Community Cricket Strategy. The strategy has an overall focus of 'Creating More Ways to Play and Stay' in the game, with the four key strategic focus areas being:
 - o Strategic School Engagement
 - o Targeted Female Growth
 - o Coach and Volunteer Support
 - o Flexible Formats
- If clubs would like to discuss this in more please contact Josh Marshall to discuss.

Cricket Tasmania Personas and CA Participation Churn Information:

- Ryan reminded clubs about the CT Personas and that 80% of cricket participants are the socialites + samplers, and 20% are the competitors + traditionalists. This is worth keeping in mind when planning trainings and considering competition rules + formats
- Information shared about the Cricket Australia Participation Churn Model and the reasons that data is telling us why kids leave the game. Clubs, the Association, and Cricket Tasmania all have a role to play to reduce the risk of the reasons why junior players leave the game.
- Any questions regarding this information please contact Ryan Kelly.

Cricket Blast

- Cricket Tasmania shared key information around plans in the Cricket Blast space this season. This includes a number of programs:
 - o After-School Programs
 - o School Promotion sessions linked to Club-Based Blast Programs
 - o School-Holiday Programs
 - o Low-Socio School Lunchtime Programs
- Clubs are encouraged to get involved in assisting CT with the delivery of After School programs in their region, as well as promotion for Club Based Blast programs to link CT to clubs. Please reach out to Josh Marshall to discuss if clubs want to assist.
- Devonport CC noted a change in how they'll structure their Blast program which will be similar to CT After School program in splitting kids into the 'Learn the Skills' and 'Play the Game' based on experience, age and skill level. Also asked around the use of Captain Hurricane suit with CT open to club using it on request
- A new Cricket Development Officer will soon be appointed and they will reach out to clubs to provide support for the season ahead.

Hurricanes / CT Programs

- Cricket Tasmania presented information around 4 programs they will run across the season and encouraged clubs to get involved with these programs to link participation back to clubs
- The programs include:
 - o Girls Colour Blast School Holiday programs
 - o High School Girls Social Smash Gala Days and Roster
 - o Stage 1 Smash North West programs
 - o Hurricanes Junior League Holiday Gala Events – more information on this below.

Junior Cricket Competitions and Season Dates:

- Season dates were shared with the clubs with clubs comfortable with the approach for this season. No major changes and noting the Under 16s Grand Final is likely to be played Monday of the March Long-Weekend again to extend the season with more games.
- Clubs are encouraged to pass these dates onto coaches and parents as rosters will be released closer to the season but these dates will likely not change so plans can be made.

Under 12s Competition Structure – 2026/27 Season:

- The Under 12s competition will continue as a two-division structure for the 2026/27 season.
- Clubs will nominate which division they wish to participate in, **but all clubs must have a minimum of 1 Division 2 side for the pre-Christmas part of the roster.**
- This structure is designed to support appropriate development pathways and ensure games remain balanced and enjoyable for all players
- **Please note:** Clubs are encouraged to ensure participants play at the level best suited for them. This may mean the reshuffle of some teams within a club in order to achieve this.
- Clubs were supportive of this change for future seasons and beyond.

CNW Overage Player Process

- Following some feedback from clubs at the end of last season, as well as discussions and agreement by the Cricket North West Board, a change in the Overage Player process has been confirmed for season 2026/27 with information shared with clubs.
- Specific rules for each competition were discussed with the major one being the Under 16s
 - o Under 16s – conditional approval will be given to players, with players only eligible to play on weekends where they do not play CNW 1st or 2nd Grade, and/or MVCA or BCL A-Grade.
- Following some clubs feedback this will be discussed further at club level as the proposed rules may need to be reviewed based on club Under 16s playing numbers and ensuring opportunities to offer overage Junior players Senior Cricket opportunities is important.

CNW Under 16s Competition (raised by clubs in meeting)

- Concerns raised by clubs around player numbers based on a large number of players aging out of the competition and players leaving the game due to HP opportunities in other sports.
- Sheffield, Latrobe and Burnie Hurricanes all indicated likely significant challenges this season and further consideration needs to be given to overage permit rules or adjusting the age groups
- CT commented that decisions need to be made long-term not just for this season and for the best thing for the long-term sustainability and success of this competition.
- Cricket Tasmania and CNW Board to discuss further and arrange a separate meeting
- Cricket Tasmania will bring data around number of players in the correct age range for this competition and some other key data points that may help these conversations.

Hurricanes Junior League Holiday Gala Events

- Cricket Tasmania successfully ran the Hurricanes Junior League Holiday Gala Events which were held in the Devonport and Launceston regions in the Summer Holidays.
- Confirmed dates for the Hurricanes Junior League Holiday Gala Events for this season! The dates are closely aligned with the previous seasons dates for the January Gala Events, noting the Launceston has been pushed back due to the BBL on January 9th
 - o **Devonport Gala Event** - Wednesday January 13th and Thursday 14th 2026
 - o **Launceston Gala Event** – Tuesday January 18th and Wednesday January 19th 2027
- Unfortunately there is no sponsor for the event this season. As a result Cricket Tasmania will charge a per team fee to try reduce the costs of running the program.
- Clubs are encouraged to pass these dates onto coaches and parents as rosters will be released closer to the season but these dates will likely not change so plans can be made

CNW Under 14s – Divisions Model (Proposed by WDCC)

- Gregg Sharman from WDCC proposed the Under 14s be split into a divisions model, with this allowing for cricketers at a high risk age to play against players of a similar ability to help drive quality and retention
- Clubs in principal all agreed this model would work and be beneficial noting we need enough team nominations for both divisions to make this work
- Wynyard, Ulverstone, Devonport and Burnie all indicated likely to have two teams and could be open to a Division 1 model.
- Conversation around potential introduction of finals for the Division 1, but CT noted challenges around player opportunities and participation, parent behaviour and player retention can have when finals are introduced. Consistency around the state is that Under 16s and above are where finals start.

Under 10s Outfield Competition

- Clubs would support a post-Christmas 4-week roster to retain Blast participants after the Christmas break.
- Eastern and Western divisions were noted as important to limit travel and commitment from families.

High Performance Update

- Greg Hechter provided an update on HP Pathway programs and staffing changes which will have some effect on the region. Greg will send a formal update to the CNW Board this week and the CNW Board will then share this onto the clubs.
- Nat Shilov and Harry Allenby shared information about talent ID and the things to look for when clubs are nominating players for CT programs.
- No major questions or feedback from clubs on this information or about the pathway in general.
- If clubs or coaches have any questions regarding HP Pathway programs please contact Greg via 0421 563 399 or ghechter@crickettas.com.au

CT Club Support and Resources

- CT shared information around Coach Support sessions, Funding Opportunities and Volunteer Support for the season. All can be found in the slide deck and key information will be shared via the CNW Clubs Update so if you need to be added to the mailing list for this please contact Mitch Jones
- PlayHQ E-Scoring training / upskill was raised by clubs with Mitch to send out some resources to clubs in assist in this space.
- For all Coach and Volunteer Support please contact Ryan Kelly.

CNW Information and Other General Topics:

- Under 14 CNW East vs West dates are confirmed for this season
 - o Sunday December 20th
 - o Monday March 8th (Public Holiday)
- CN vs CNW Junior Girls Rep games to be played alongside Senior Women's Rep Games
- Devonport CC raised scoring for Under 12s and Under 14s and the proposal to only have 1 x scorer per game, with this to be done by the home team. Agreement by clubs and this will be communicated to all clubs at the start of the season