



ANZ JUNIOR GAME UPDATE

WHAT IS ANZ JUNIOR GAME?

ANZ Junior Game accommodates different ages and stages with the objective of providing accelerated skill development, making it action packed and fast. This means shorter pitch lengths, fewer players, shortened boundaries and appropriately sized bats and balls.

It provides more balls in play, more contact made by batters, more touches of the ball by fielders, more boundaries hit and more runs scored = *more fun had by all.*

By scaling the game to dimensions that more closely match the size and skill of its participants, ANZ Junior Game formats better replicates the 'real thing'

NATIONAL COMMITMENT

Since its introduction 2018, ANZ Junior Game formats have been implemented by Major Associations, District Associations, Clubs and Schools across New Zealand.

NZC remains committed to ensuring all young New Zealanders have a quality experience in junior cricket through ANZ Junior Game.

Alongside the local success of ANZ Junior Game, modified junior formats are also implemented internationally by Cricket Australia and the England Cricket Board. Both local and international research and evidence confirms that players face more balls, can play more shots in more areas, get more wickets and field the ball for more than in full 11 a-side full length games.

IT'S WORKING!

'We see kids smile more. They're touching the ball more, they're getting more involved. When the kids are smiling, the parents are smiling. That's great for our game' - BLACKCAPS Head Coach, Gary Stead

LOVE PLAYING



In the 2019/20 season, NZC's cricket network survey shows; 92% of parents / guardians said their child loved playing this season.

In the 2020/21 season, Sport NZ and NZC's 'Voice of Participant' survey shows;

POSITIVE EXPERIENCES



74% of cricketers aged 5-12 years are having a positive experience at their club (increase from 67% in 2019/20 season).

FUN + IMPROVEMENT



For cricketers aged 5 - 10 years, the main reasons to belong to a cricket club are:

- 1: to have fun (39%)
- 2: to learn / improve my skills (38%)
- 3: to play competitively (17%)

ANZ Junior Game aligns with Sport NZ's 'Balance is Better' approach to youth sport. Hear more from Kane Williamson and Sophie Devine here:



Hear more from BLACKCAPS & WHITE FERNS coaches here:

