

SMASH PLAY

JUNIOR — TAMARIKI

**OUR VISION IS FOR CRICKET TO BE
A GAME FOR ALL NEW ZEALANDERS;
A GAME FOR LIFE.**

**A GAME THAT CAN BE PLAYED
ANYWHERE, BY ANYONE.**

**A GAME THAT WE PLAY
THE KIWI WAY.**

We are focused on providing quality experiences for all young cricketers. With a focus on **game play**, and **values**, our aim is for cricket to provide **enjoyment**, alongside the social and personal development playing sport with friends brings.

Smash Play junior – tamariki is a cricket programme for juniors (5 – 12 year olds), introduced by NZC for the 2022/23 season.

We know children learn through game play. They develop skills, develop a love for an active and healthy lifestyle and enjoy being with friends and whānau.

With Smash Play junior-tamariki, every session has more hits, more touches, more catches, more action.

More fun.

With Smash Play junior-tamariki, we're working together as a cricket network to achieve national alignment across New Zealand's unique communities, schools and clubs.

What is Smash Play junior-tamariki?

- Smash Play junior-tamariki is a programme consisting of 30 games
 - *it's a non-linear programme – coaches and whānau can select from the 30 games to build a session (and we have templates to help with this). There are games to cater for all abilities, various group sizes or can be played at home.*
- Each game is values-based – an approach that is based on enhancing personal and social engagement
- Each game develops fundamental movement, with cricket specific outcomes
 - *Essentially, getting children more active, developing skills with a cricket focus*

What is a game-based approach?

We know there is not just one way to bowl or to bat. Cricket has evolved to include various styles, exciting techniques and many different ways to play.

A game-based approach gets everyone involved and enables them to explore, learn and develop. Technique is developed individually, through the design of the games and the challenges faced. Not simply being rigidly taught by a coach.

