



NZC / MA NETWORK & PARTICIPATION FORUM

NZC HPC - 6 & 7 JUNE 2019

AGENDA TOPIC:

Player and coach pathway – exploring what more we should be doing to develop an overarching 'cricket in New Zealand' cohesive picture of our pathways with a particular focus on our women & girls player pathway.

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TOPIC SYNOPSIS:

NZC and the MAs need to create/develop/finalize a visible, modern and integrated player and coach development pathway.

The current participant engagement discussions we are having reminds us that there are currently critical gaps in our player pathways which need attention.

Perhaps the most visible gap which needs highest priority focus is the women & girls player pathway.

It seems likely that ICC will shortly confirm that a new world event, an ICC U19 WWC, will be introduced into the overarching ICC Events Schedule and take place every two years, starting in January 2021. This should be used by NZC and the MAs as the catalyst to urgently focus on what girls player pathway we want and need, and how quickly we need to start building this.

In particular, it should focus all of us on one immediate decision – whether we must create an U19 girls national tournament.

TOPIC DISCUSSION OBJECTIVE & DESIRED OUTCOME(S):

1. Develop a common understanding of the key components of both player and coach pathways – check what now exists and what doesn't (or, if it does, is not of good enough quality).
2. In doing so, don't forget the place of cricket pathways which fall outside of our traditional, quite linear, pathway.
3. From there, focus in specifically on the womens & girls player pathway – identifying (1) what we think this should look like, and (2) how the development of this should be staged over the next few years.

4. As part of 3 above, zero in on the ICC U19 WWC and consider the merits of creating an U19 girls national tournament and whether, for reasons of practical urgency and resourcing challenges, this should replace the existing U21 national tournament.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION & INSIGHT:

The background reading includes:

- An extract from Alec Astle's Masters Thesis which the NZC Player and Coach Development Pathways created during his time with NZC
- Copies of two versions of NZC's current coaching framework created by NZC's Richard Pithey and Richard Smith.
- The current draft NZC 'Women & Girls Strategic Framework'
- A snapshot of NZ's women & girls player pathway prepared for ICC.

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