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FEMALE PREMIER CRICKET

2018/19 Season Review

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INTRODUCTION

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During the 2018-19 WA Premier Cricket Season, the WACA Cricket Operations Unit collected and analysed data from the season in order to provide feedback and recommendations on the status of Female Premier Cricket in Western Australia.

Information was gathered impartially and through data accessible to the Cricket Operations Unit via the MyCricket database. Data collected throughout this period and provided in the follow pages has been collated in such a way to not breach the Privacy Act. Subjective information has been acquired through consultations with stakeholders including club delegates and players.

The following information details findings and recommendations for the WA Female Cricket Council (WAFCC), Female Premier Cricket Clubs and all other relevant stakeholders to consider.

OTHER STATES ANALYSIS

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OTHER STATES ANALYSIS

Competition Formats



	WOMENS PREMIER CRICKET					YOUTH PREMIER CRICKET
WA	Female A Grade 50 Over <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 RDs + GF 5 teams Sun @ 11/11.30am Oct/Nov/Dec/Feb/Mar 	Female A Grade T20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 RDs + GF 5 teams Sun @ 2/3pm Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan 	Female B Grade 40 Over <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 RDs + GF 5/6 teams Sun @ 11.30am Oct/Nov/Dec/Feb/Mar 	Female B Grade T20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 RDs + GF 6 teams Sun @ 9/10am, 12/2pm Oct/Nov/Dec/Feb/Mar 		Female Youth League (T20) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 RDs + SF/GF 6 teams Sun @ 8.30am Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb
SA (Statewide Super Women's)	1st Grade (50 Over) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 RDs + SF/GF 6 teams Sun @ 10.30/11/11.30am Oct/Nov/Feb/Mar 	1st Grade T20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 RDs + GF 6 teams Sun @ 10.30am/12pm Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb 	2nd Grade (40 Over) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 RDs + SF/GF 9 teams (8 teams – withdrawal from a club due to forfeits) Sun @ 12pm/1pm Jan/Feb/Mar 	2nd Grade T20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 RDs + GF 9 teams Sun @ 12pm/1pm Oct/Nov/Dec 		
NSW (Sydney Women's Cricket)	1st Grade (50 Over) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 RDs + SF/GF 9 teams Sun @ 10am Oct/Nov/Feb/Mar 	2nd Grade (50 Over) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 RDs + SF/GF 8 teams Sun @ 10am Oct/Nov/Feb/Mar 	3rd Grade (40 Over) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 RDs + SF/GF 7 teams Sat @ 10.30am Oct/Nov/Dec 	1st & 2nd Grade T20 (combined) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 RDs + SF/GF 10 teams Sun @ 10am/2pm Nov/Dec/Jan 	3rd Grade T20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 RDs + SF/GF 7 teams Sat @ 12.30/3.30pm Jan/Feb/Mar 	U18 Brewer Shield <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 RDs - 10x40 Over, 3xT20 + SF/GF (40 Over) 2 Conferences, 6 teams ea. Sun @ 10am Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb/Mar U15s (Pilot) 6 RDs (no finals) 10 teams Feb/Mar
VIC (Women's Premier)	1st 50 Over <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 RDs + SF/GF 8 teams Sun @ 11am Oct/Nov/Jan/Feb/Mar 	2nd 45 Over <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 RDs + SF/GF 8 teams Sun @ 12pm Oct/Nov/Feb/Mar 	1st T20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 RDs + GF 8 teams Wed @5.15pm/Sun @ 10am/2pm Dec/Jan 	2nd T20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 RDs + GF 2 Conferences, 4 teams ea. 3x Sun @ 10am&2pm Dec/Jan 		<div> U17s 3 x 40 Over 4 x T20 1 x Final </div> <div> U14s 1 x 40 Over 6 x T20 1 x Final </div>

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	WOMENS PREMIER CRICKET			YOUTH PREMIER CRICKET
QLD	Katherine Raymont Shield <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 RDs - 15 (50 Over) + SF/GF - 10 (T20) + EF/GF • 6 teams • Sun @ 10am (T20 play 2 on 1 day 10am&2.15pm) • Sep/Oct/Nov/Jan/Feb/Mar • Played 4 night matches 	Jodie Fields Shield <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 RDs - 14 (40 Over) + SF/GF - 4 (T20) • 10 teams • Sun @ 11am (T20 play 2 on 1 day 10am&2pm) • Oct/Nov/Jan/Feb/Mar 	Konica Minolta Cup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QLD Fire practice games • 3 RDs • 50 Over • 2 teams • 2xSat, 1xSun @ 9.30am • September • Unlikely to continue in 19/20 	Paul Pink Shield (T20) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 RDs + GF - RDs 1-3 (2 games @10am&2pm) - RD 4, night game x 1 - GF • 8 teams • Fri/Sat/Sun • Dec/Jan
	Women's Kookaburra Cup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 Overs • 3 RDs + GF • 8 teams (2 pools, 4 ea.) • Sun @ 10.30am • 1xOct, 1x Nov, 1xJan • Final in Feb 	Women's (T20) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 RDs + SF/GF • 8 teams • Sat/Sun (ranging from 11am-5pm) • Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb/Mar 		Girls U17 (T20) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 RDs + SF/GF - Teams only play 11 games due to scheduled byes • 9 teams • Mon @ 5pm (2 games Sun @10.30am) • Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb/Mar
ACT (ACT Women's)	Lynne O'Meara Cup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 Overs • 5 RDs + SF/GF • 6 teams • Sat @ 12.45pm • Feb/Mar 	Glenda Hall Shield <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T20 • 10 RDs + SF/GF • 6 teams • Sat @ 3pm • Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan 		
NT	Alice Springs Women's Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 Overs • 12 RDs + SF/GF • 4 teams • Thurs @ 6/8pm (play at same location) • Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb/Mar 	NT Strike League <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T20 • 4 RDs • 2 teams • Sun @ 10am • August 		

OTHER STATES ANALYSIS

Key Findings



- **WA**
 - One of 4 states to have introduced a form of 'Youth League' into Premier Cricket, highlighting we are on par and/or ahead of other states
 - Relatively low number of teams in Senior competitions with 5-6 teams in each, in comparison to other states having around 8-10
 - Most states have approximately 10 rounds of each format (T20 & O.D.)
 - Nearly all states play their women's matches on Sundays
 - All competitions were played over at least 3 months or more
- Overall we're sitting as one of the more developed states and have a similar structure to others in both Youth League and Grade Cricket
- Obvious goals are to strengthen participation, with the end result being able to grow the number of teams and enhance the competitiveness of the competition
- Even though we are slightly behind other states in terms of the number of teams, we have positive numbers of players coming through our junior clubs that will join Premier Cricket in the near future (ongoing mapping to track players).

PLAYER MAPPING & PARTICIPATION

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PLAYER MAPPING & PARTICIPATION

Total Number of Participants

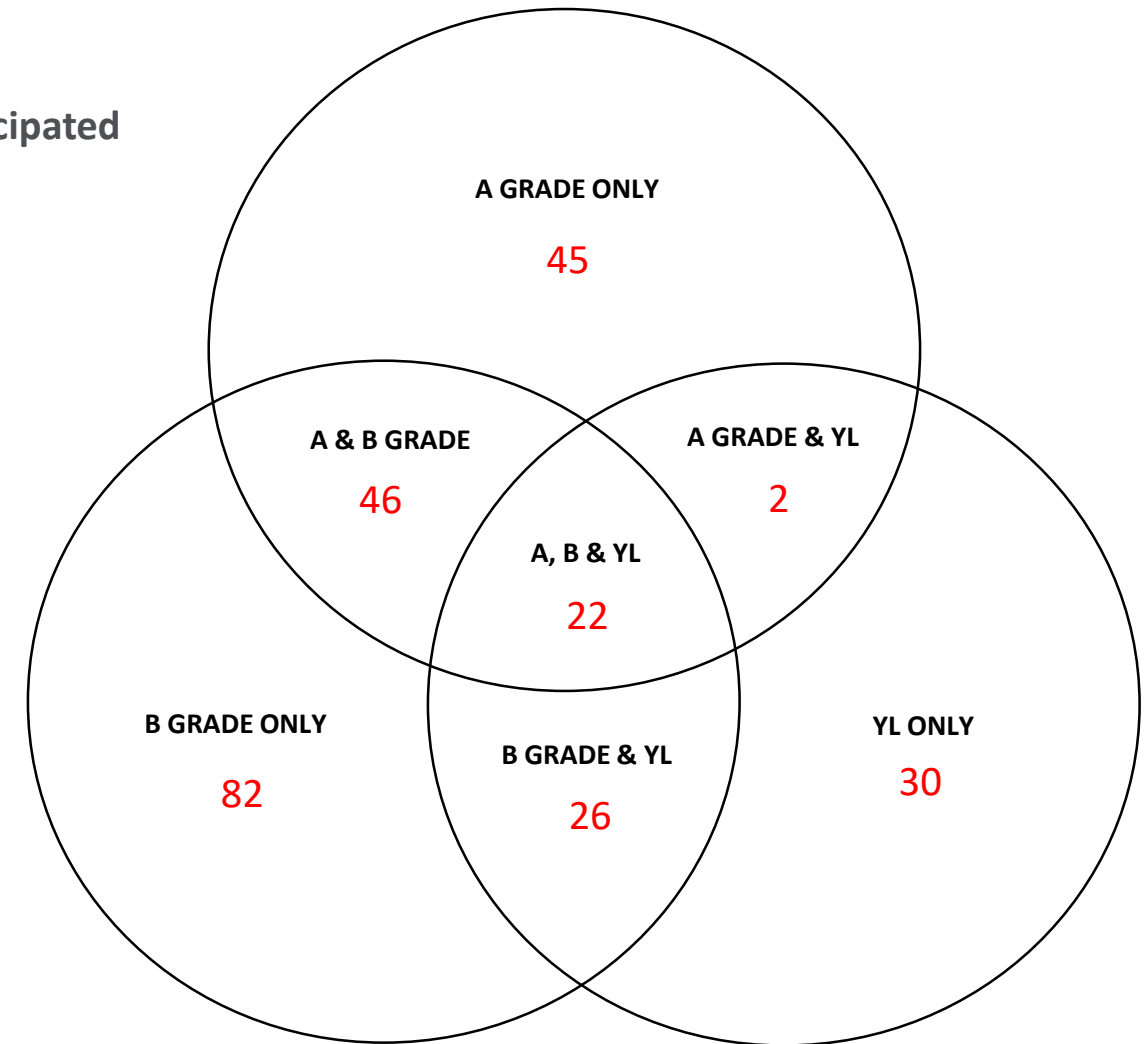


In the 18/19 Female Premier Cricket season, a total of **253** players participated across the A Grade, B Grade and Youth League (YL) Competitions.

- x3 players playing YL for Rockingham Mandurah & Seniors at University
- x1 player playing YL for Subiaco Floreat & Seniors at University
- Of the 82 'B Grade Only' Players, 46 had only played between 1-2 matches (therefore suggesting there were actually 36 regular players)

The numbers appear strong, however it is noted the inconsistency of players playing each week with multiple overlaps across a combination of competitions.

This resulted in many younger players regularly being required to play up to 3 games of cricket over a weekend during the 18-19 season (including Community Cricket obligations).

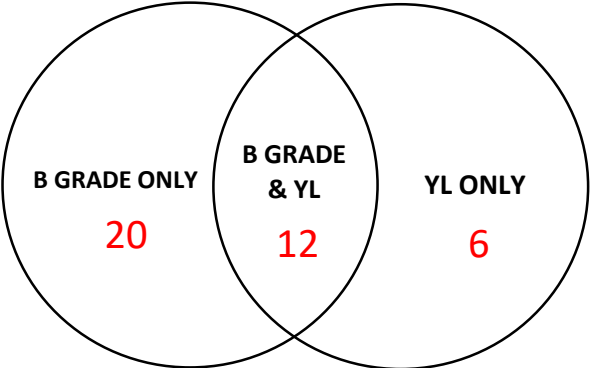


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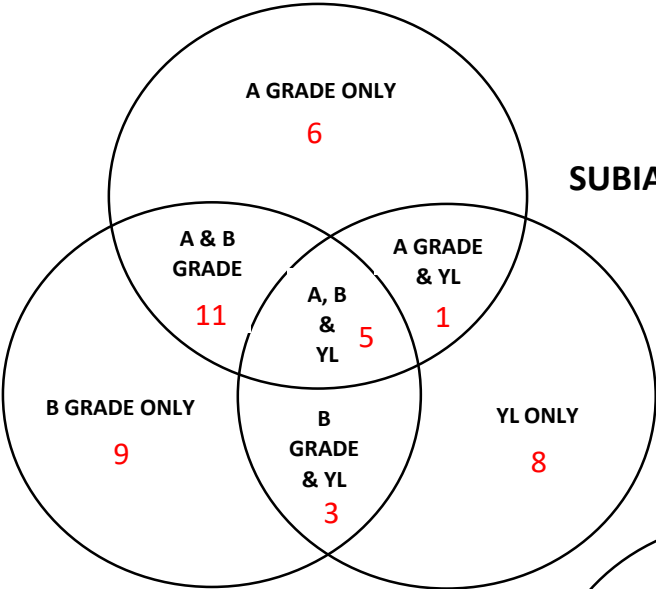
Number of Participants per Club



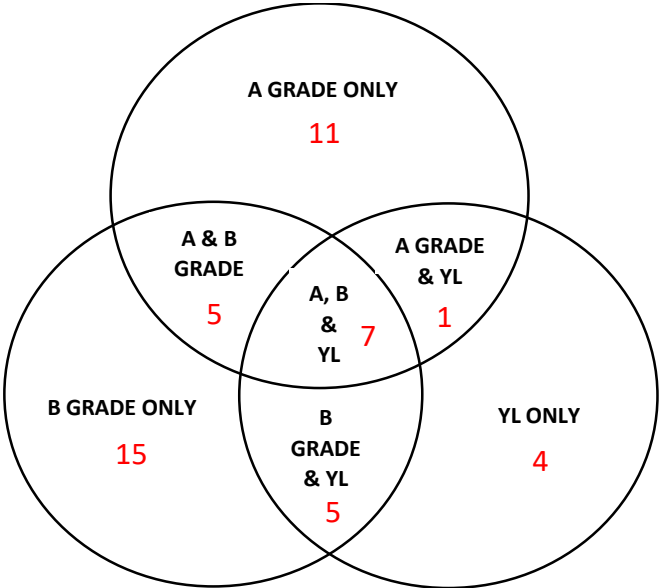
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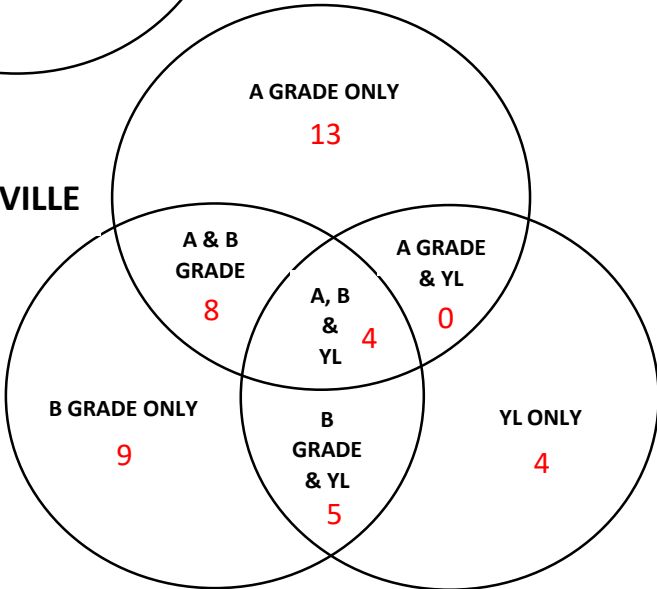
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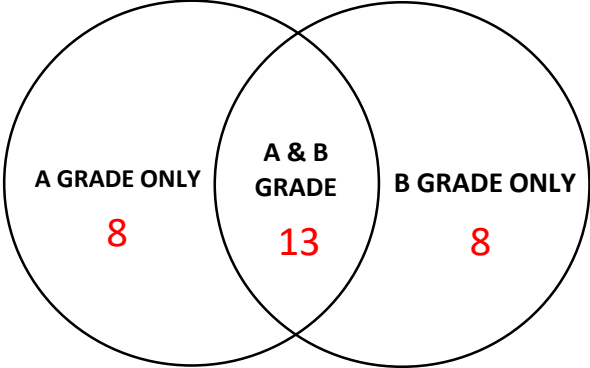
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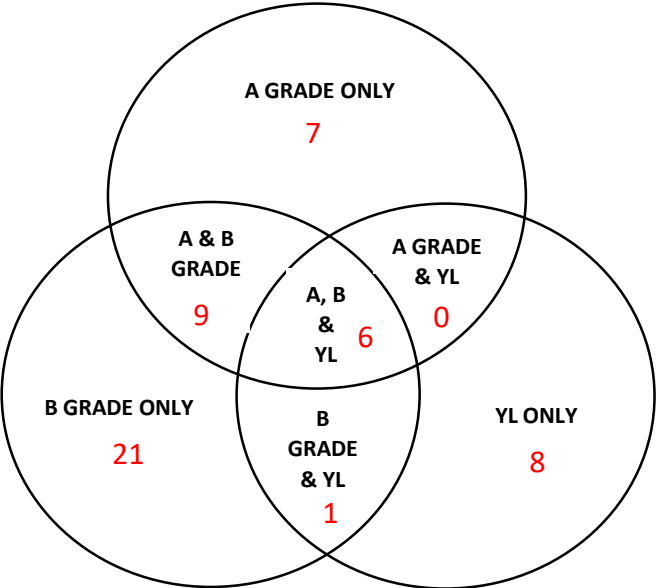
MEVILLE



UNIVERSITY



MIDLAND GUILDFORD



PLAYER MAPPING & PARTICIPATION

Consistent Players



The total number of players that played a minimum of 1 game for the season for each club has been identified. Using this information, the number of consistent players per club has been calculated to identify a true representation of players.

To be considered a “Consistent A Grade Player” or “Consistent B Grade Player”, a player must have played 50% of matches for that particular grade (both T20 and One Day formats).

To be considered a “Consistent A & B Grade Player”, a player must have played 50% of matches for both grades across T20 and One Day formats (i.e. minimum 7 games played in A Grade and a minimum of 8 games played in B Grade).

To be considered a “Double-up Instance”, identifies instances where a player has played 2 matches in one day for both grades.

CLUBS	Total Players	Consistent A Grade Players (+7 matches)	Consistent B Grade Players (+8 matches)	Consistent A & B Grade Players (≥ 15 matches)	Double-up Instance (season statistics)
MELVILLE	43	10	10	-	10 (4 Players)
MIDLAND GUILDFORD	52	11	7	2	13 (8 Players)
ROCKINGHAM MANDURAH	38	-	9	-	-
SOUTH PERTH	48	10	9	1	13 (8 Players)
SUBIACO FLOREAT	43	13	11	-	6 (6 Players)
UNIVERSITY	29	6	1	7	32 (10 Players)
TOTAL	253	50	47	10	74 (36 Players)

WHOLE COMPETITION

- 50 consistent A Grade players
(*Require min. 55 players per week)
- 47 consistent B Grade players
(*Require min. 66 players per week)
- 107 consistent players across
A & B Grade
(*Require min. 121 players per week)

AGE DEMOGRAPHIC

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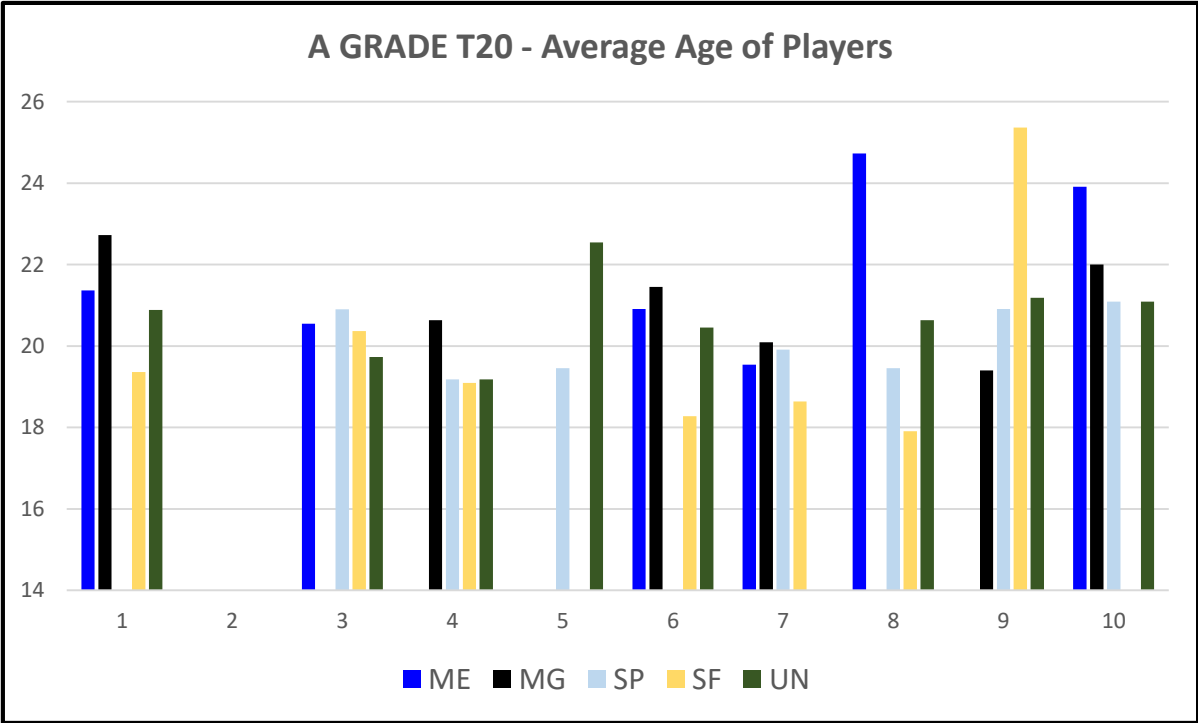
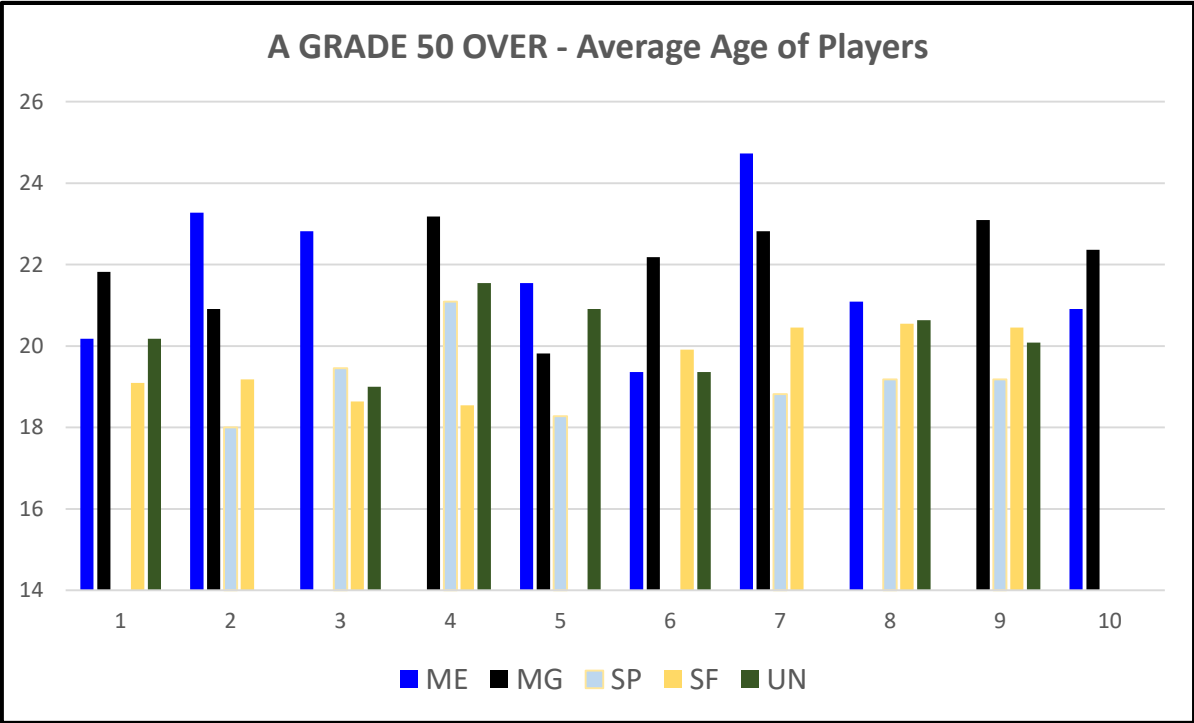


AGE DEMOGRAPHIC

Female A Grade



The graphs below outline the average age* of players across both the A Grade T20 and 50 Over Competitions per round and club.



NB: Round 2 was a wash out

Percentage of players from each age group :

- ≤ 15 = 10.5%
- 16 -18 = **34%**
- 19 - 22 = 24.5%
- 23 -30 = 27.5%
- > 30 = 3.5%

Difference between competitions:

- ≤ 15 = **1.5%**
- 16 -18 = **2%**
- 19 - 22 = **1%**
- 23 -30 = **0.5%**
- > 30 = **1%**

Percentage of players from each age group :

- ≤ 15 = 12%
- 16 -18 = **32%**
- 19 - 22 = 23.5%
- 23 -30 = 28%
- > 30 = 4.5%

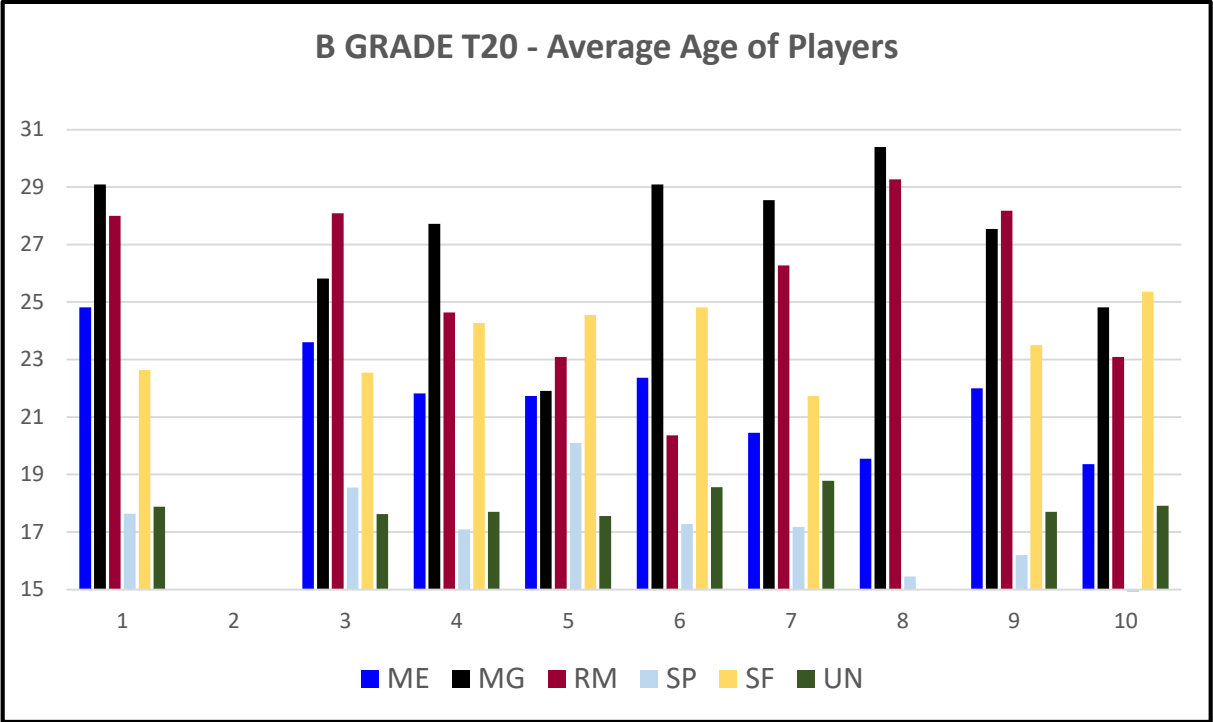
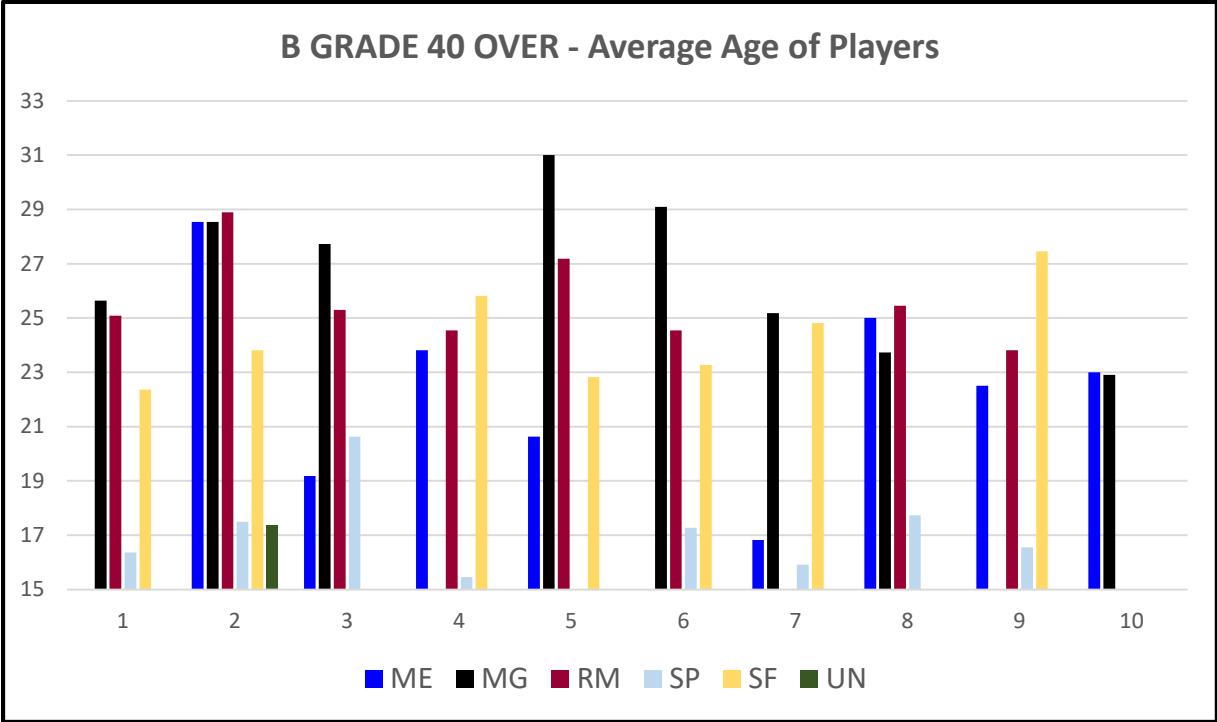
*Ages are calculated as of 31/8/18

AGE DEMOGRAPHIC

Female B Grade



The graphs below outline the average age of players across both the B Grade T20 and 40 Over Competitions per round and club.



Percentage of players from each age group :

- ≤ 15 = **26%**
- 16 -18 = 21.5%
- 19 - 22 = 11%
- 23 -30 = 24%
- > 30 = 17.5%

Difference between competitions:

- ≤ 15 = **1%**
- 16 -18 = **1.5%**
- 19 - 22 = **2%**
- 23 -30 = **0.5%**
- > 30 = **2%**

Percentage of players from each age group :

- ≤ 15 = **25%**
- 16 -18 = 23%
- 19 - 22 = 13%
- 23 -30 = 23.5%
- > 30 = 15.5%

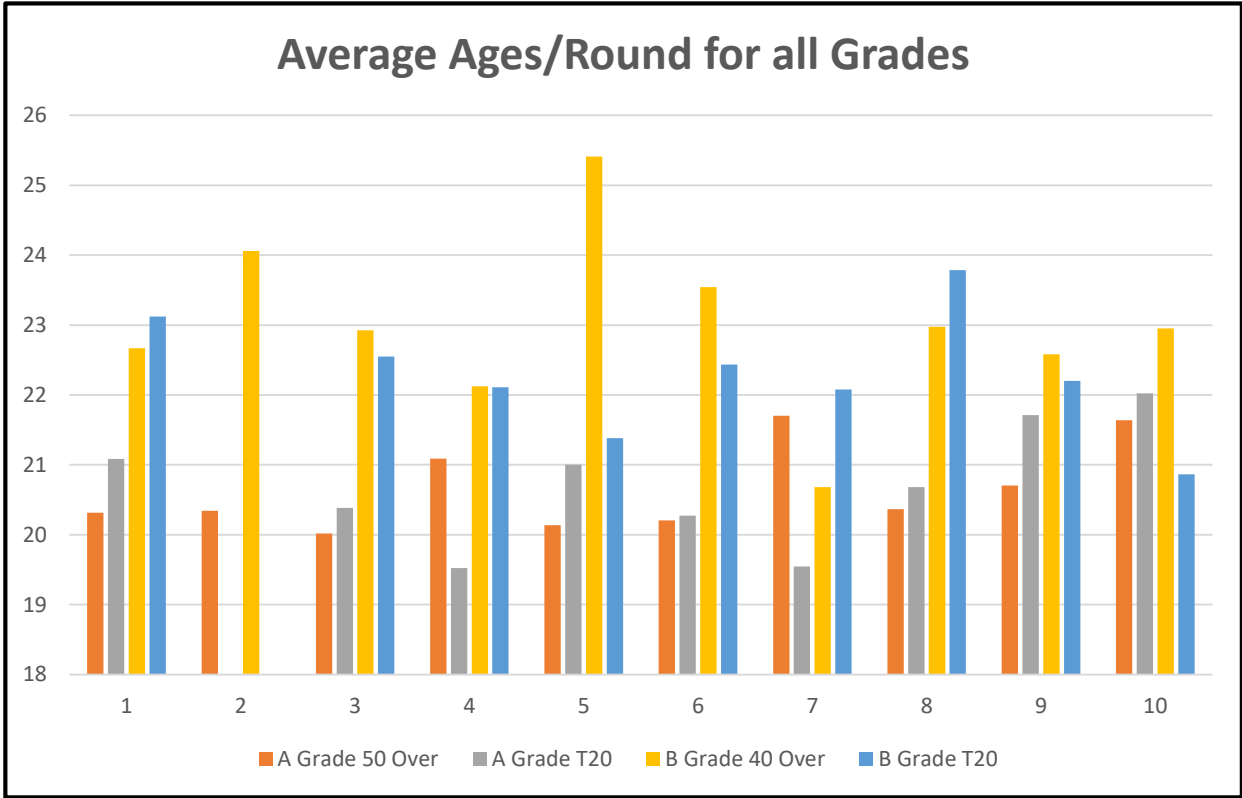
NB: Round 2 was a wash out

AGE DEMOGRAPHIC

Female A & B Grade



The graph below outlines the average age of players across all Competitions and clubs per round.



This graph indicates there is no dominant player age, with it being relatively evenly spread.

The table below identifies the average age of players each round across all Competitions.

Round	A Grade 50 Over	A Grade T20	B Grade 40 Over	B Grade T20	Avg. Per Round
1	20.31	21.09	22.67	23.12	21.80
2	20.34		24.06		22.20
3	20.02	20.38	22.93	22.55	21.47
4	21.09	19.52	22.12	22.11	21.21
5	20.14	21.00	25.41	21.38	21.98
6	20.20	20.27	23.55	22.44	21.61
7	21.70	19.55	20.68	22.08	21.00
8	20.36	20.68	22.98	23.79	21.95
9	20.70	21.71	22.58	22.20	21.80
10	21.64	22.02	22.95	20.86	21.87

Percentage of players from each age group across all competitions:

- ≤ 15 = 19%
- 16 -18 = **27%**
- 19 - 22 = 17.5%
- 23 -30 = 25.5%
- > 30 = 11%

The oldest player to participate in the 18/19 season was 54.

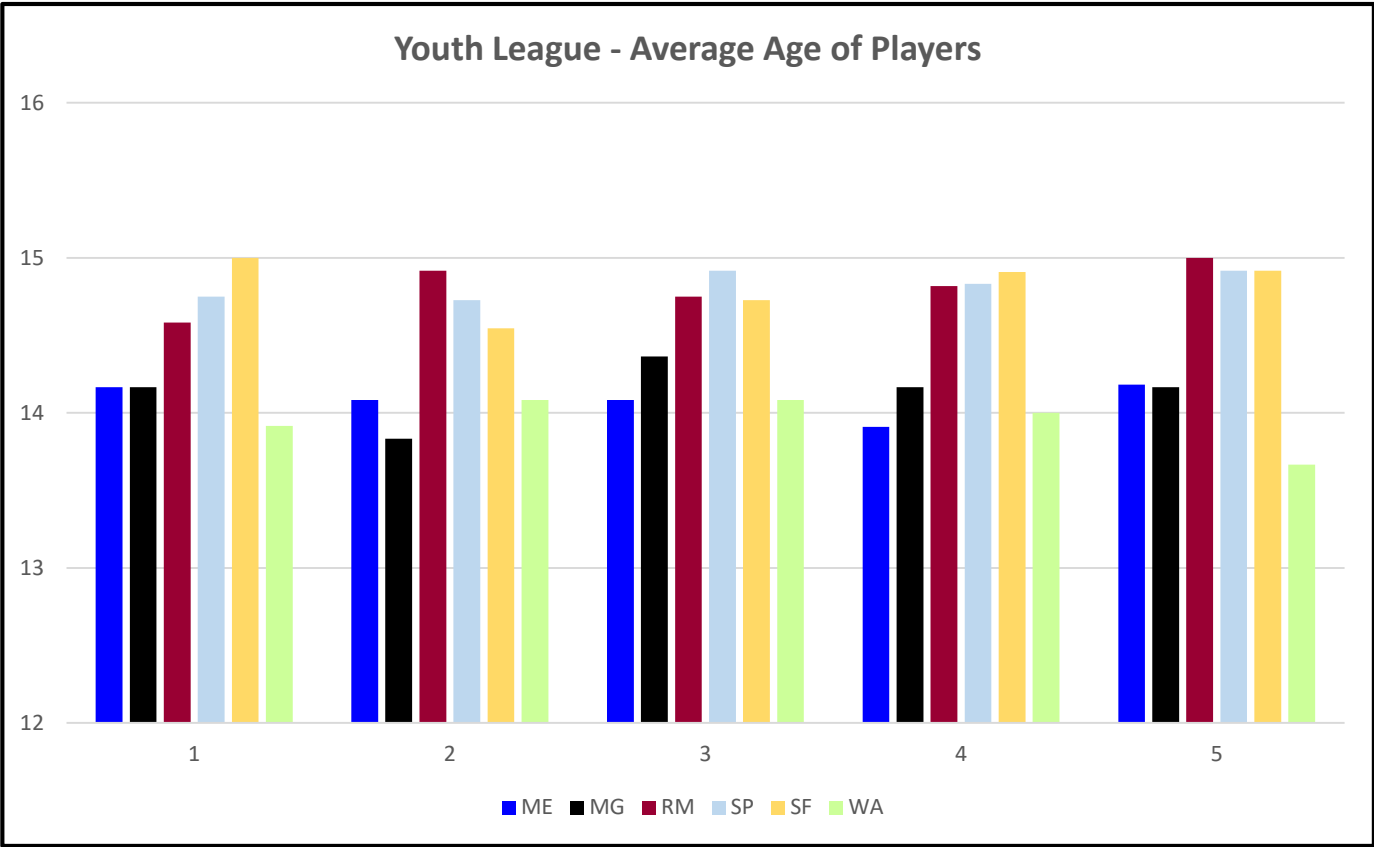
The youngest player to participate in the 18/19 season was 12.

AGE DEMOGRAPHIC

Female Youth League (U17)



The graph below outlines the average age of players across the Youth League Competition per round and club.



Percentage of players from each age group:

- ≤ 12 = 3%
- 13 = 17%
- 14 = **36%**
- 15 = 21%
- 16 = 23%

80 players participated in the 18/19 Youth League Competition.

Of those:

- 30 played Youth League ONLY
- 50 played Youth League AND Senior Premier Cricket

NB: All Youth League players were required to play Community Cricket (CC)

CLUB REVIEW MEETINGS

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CLUB REVIEW MEETINGS

Overview of Club Feedback



	PCYL POSITIVES	PCYL CONCERNS	PCYL DESIRED MODEL	PC FIXTURES	CC COMPULSORY	PLAYER POOL & MAPPING
ME	Shows a clear pathway	Difficulty to play best team but still provide numbers for grade teams	Weekly competition would be beneficial	1 st game in Jan was difficult to source players Short turn around between A/B T20 matches Start B Grade 40 Over later when PCYL is prior	Balance player needs with the integrity of CC competition Need to retain fluidity of player movements between competitions/grades	Insufficient players to field A, B & YL on the same day Envisage numbers will improve as younger players come through Retention strategies in A & B Grade?
MG	Prepared to support the continued development if the participation base is big enough to sustain it	Challenges around drawing players from their junior associations	More matches in the future Work towards a full season	A, B, PCYL, U13 & U11 CC all run on same day – high demand for players Did not anticipate fixture clashes	An 'and/or' scenario – PCYL players can play in A/B or CC but not all three	Hard to determine strategies to attract new players Traction with Guildford Grammar School
RM	Standard was great Mixing with B Grade players = players could see themselves moving up (retention)	Maximum 5 players/club caused difficulties & didn't seem to be policed	Weekly competition/longer season would be beneficial (however, may be difficult for country players)	Rush to get from PCYL to B Grade Difficult for PCYL when Country Cricket Carnival was on	Some girls were playing 3 games a weekend, too much cricket and could lead to burn out. Not sure if it should remain compulsory	PCYL helped develop positive links with Bunbury & Albany Will improve over the years as young CC players are moving up Difficult to retain B Grade Players without an A Grade team
SP	Ability to play 'proper' cricket with peers Good opportunity to develop young captains	There's not a clear objective of what the competition is there to achieve	Saturday Morning fixtures Best v Best 2 age groups	Current structure means players are doubling/tripling up with Grade matches Travel for Grade from PCYL left no time for post-match debriefs	Some players are too good for U18s & is a low value experience for them – if CC remains compulsory, exemptions should be allowed	Youngest average age of all clubs – looking good for future squad numbers Worried about potential of PSWL drawing players across
SF	Gave players a chance to develop confidence in batting, bowling & leadership	Need to determine objective of PCYL	Increase number of games and/or combination of formats	PCYL and Grade on the same day – WACA should only allow max. 2 games per player Expanding PCYL – major stress on turf wickets	Not compulsory for boys, should also not be compulsory for girls. PCYL players could contribute to CC in other ways (e.g. coaching, team manager)	Healthy numbers in A & B Grade Strong PCYL team
UN				No issues.		Consistent players in A Grade 18-19 but needs a bigger pool to fill B Grade
WA	Generally high standard, positive experience, players bonded & skills improved	Building momentum was difficult due to spaced out fixturing	2 age groups Weekly competition		For the time being, keep the requirement for PCYL players to play CC, however particular players get overloaded	Formed a squad with surrounding CCs (Whitfords, Kingsley, Quinns Rocks) Player retention for those moving out of PCYL is an issue (no B Grade)

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PLAYER SURVEY RESULTS

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SURVEY RESULTS

Overview of Player Feedback



241 SURVEYS SENT
81 RESPONSES

Age Demographic of Participants	
≤ 15	29
16-18	17
19-22	11
23-30	14
> 30	10
Total	81

Years playing Cricket	
1st Season	4
2-3	20
4-5	18
6-7	16
8+	23

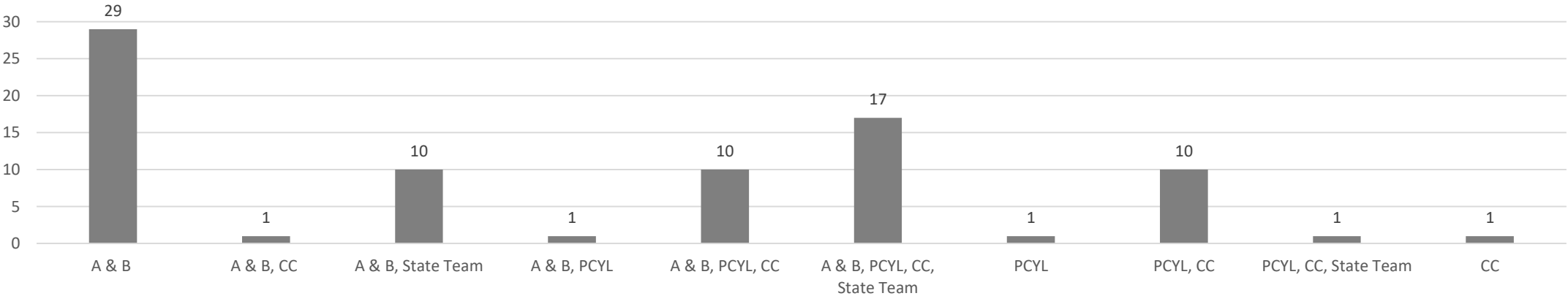
Average overall enjoyment of each competition:
(1 = Not enjoyable, 5 = Very enjoyable):

- A & B Grade (69 responses) = **4.06**
- Youth League (41 responses) = **4.00**
- Community Cricket (43 responses) = **3.84**
- State Teams (29 responses) = **4.48**

Experience playing for more than 1 team throughout the season
(e.g. A & B Grade, B Grade & PCYL, A Grade & PCYL):

- Enjoyed it = **49**
- Neutral = **10**
- Didn't enjoy it = **1**

Combinations of competitions played by each respondent



SURVEY RESULTS

Overview of Player Feedback – Subjective Responses



QUESTION: If you were required to play for more than 1 team (A, B or YL) on the SAME DAY, were you happy to do so?

Of the 40 written responses, 30 said YES, 6 said YES (on condition), 4 said NO, see a sample of comments below (full list of comments in Appendix 1):

- Yes, because I enjoy playing volume of cricket, sometimes the turn around between games was very tight
- Yes as it was a one off when we were desperate for numbers.
- Yes I was happy to play a youth league game followed by a grade game because it was enjoyable and the more cricket the better in my opinion.
- Yep! I love being able to play two different games with the different teams in a day. It's a long day but I always feel like I achieved something afterwards.
- Yes. I was happy to do so because the A and B grade T20 games were back to back at the same ground. .
- Yes, because I always want the best for the team/club
- Yes but living in the country meant that it was an early and home quite late.
- Yes because if you didn't do to well in one game there was always another chance in the day to improve and do better and also it's good experience. Also there's nothing else that's better than playing more than 1 game of cricket in a day!
- If playing T20s yes, if playing a T20 on top of a 1 Day then no. Playing the T20 and then the 1 Day was draining and I didn't feel I could perform at my best for the 2nd game. Playing 2+ T20s was fine as there was a break in between to cool back down and rest before going again.
- Yes but it was hard if A Grade had a 50 over game - it meant I played 70 overs in a day (90 in a weekend) which was hard
- Yes - I love the game and I want to play as many games as I can. It's my passion and I'm happy to play as many games as possible on one day :)
- No as I would be too tired and it takes up too much time because I have to study for year 12.
- No, as it becomes hectic and traveling around venues, doesn't give any time to relax or warm-up in between matches, leave alone eating and play becomes monotonous
- Didn't mind as long as both T20. If no opportunity given in one , I always had opportunity in the other.
- Yes and no. I will always try and help my team/club but ultimately we want to field 2 stand alone teams each week, not share players between 3 grades out of necessity.

SURVEY RESULTS

Overview of Player Feedback – Subjective Responses



QUESTION: Would you like to see the B Grade competition continue with a longer format (40 Overs)?

B GRADE PLAYERS ONLY

Of the 46 written responses, 35 said YES, 3 were NEUTRAL, 4 said NO & 4 were N/A, see a sample of comments below (full list of comments in Appendix 1):

- Yes, because it feeds players into a grade and allows for greater opportunity for B grade players
- Yes because it makes it more like the men's and like A grade where there's is a variation and more opportunity for players to learn.
- Yes. It gives us every players an opportunity to perform. 20 overs restricts players abilities and it never prepare players for high performance or intensity games
- Yes, it is crucial for younger players coming through to learn and experience cricket and it is good for those who love cricket like myself and want to spend more time batting
- Yes because it gives B grade players an insight on the more professional formats and may encourage them to try and get selected for A grade
- Yes as it provides younger players (under 15 state, or under 18 girls at the club) an opportunity to try the longer format in a supportive environment and it really helped me in the lead up to my first state carnival to get used to the longer format.
- T20 is more exciting, but 40 over cricket gives more opportunities to more players. More often that not, everyone gets a bat and/or a couple of overs. It is important people get to participate fully (rather than just field and perhaps not bat/bowl) to allow them to develop, but importantly - enjoy playing the game. I would not like it to go up to 50 overs though!
- Yes absolutely. Otherwise it's hard for players to progress to A grade if that's what they want. It would also be a shame for players who want to stay in b grade not to be able to play the longer form of the game. It enables them to develop their skills a lot more than in a 20 over game and gives more opportunities to players that may not get chances to bat or bowl in shorter games to have a go.
- Yes, it should also be 50 overs. Why do we support a 40 over match when that's not how cricket is played? The girls coming up wanting to play state need to be able to play 50 overs.
- Yes, it allows me to play a different style of cricket, not the pressure to get in and make quick runs.
- Yes. If B grade slowly becomes and actual second grade to A grade, then players need to be playing unrestricted cricket rules and learning how to endure the game and hold time in the game. T20 doesn't produce cricketers, T20 cricket produces flash and extraordinary skills that aren't sustainable in longer formats
- No, make it only 20 over
- No, as many of the B grade players are less experienced so having a slightly shorter format makes it more enjoyable. Also we have lost a lot of player because they don't want to play the long form game.

SURVEY RESULTS

Overview of Player Feedback – Subjective Responses



YOUTH LEAGUE PLAYERS ONLY

QUESTION: Would you be happy to see Youth League become a weekly competition?

Of the 39 written responses, 29 said YES, 4 were NEUTRAL & 6 said NO, see a sample of comments below (full list of comments in Appendix 1):

- Yes, because it provides players also playing a grade a turf wicket league in which they can dominate
- Yes because it is enjoyable but maybe have it on a Saturday instead of a Sunday as that might back onto a Grade game
- Yes as it felt good to play with other members of similar age and being of the same level of play as myself. Coach understood player and gave far time in positions allocated.
- Yes, that would be a lot better. Community cricket is not as enjoyable as youth games as the rules are changed and it is not played very competitively. It would be great to have the youth league become more of a weekly event.
- Absolutely with the potential of pushing it to say 25 or 30 overs
- No, I have many other time commitments that would be interfered with by playing both community and youth league cricket. I enjoyed playing youth league but would prefer less frequent games than weekly.
- No, unless there was to be some distinction between seniors and juniors such as seniors set back in time to allow for game finish and travel to the other venue. Or, align it with seniors and have junior and senior teams play at the same venue one after the other to allow for both.

QUESTION: If it were a weekly competition, do you think it should be compulsory to play Community Cricket?

Of the 40 written responses, 29 said NO/OPTIONAL, 10 said YES, 1 was NEUTRAL, see a sample of comments below (full list of comments in Appendix 1):

- No, some girls do not want to play twice a weekend and it may end up being too much of a commitment. Especially as community cricket is a more basic and junior format where as youth league is the proper deal to learn how to play cricket.
- No, I don't think it should be compulsory to play community cricket. I would prefer to play youth league on a weekly basis if this was the case.
- Optional choice. For my family traveling can be time consuming and becomes costly and when players like myself that enjoy to play most weekends make it hard.
- I don't think it should be compulsory to play community cricket to play youth league but it shouldn't clash with community cricket so the girls that would like to play both can play both or if not selected for YL can play community. I would like to play both.
- Yes, it is no different to the boys. They too play community, premier and depending on their age seniors.
- Yes because otherwise the quality of community cricket would be a lot lower without the better players if the better players only played youth league.

SURVEY RESULTS

Overview of Player Feedback – Subjective Responses



OTHER COMMENTS

Sample of comments below (full list of comments in Appendix 1):

- I think we need to find a way to encourage older player to join/ play B grade cricket. At the moment B grade women's cricket seems to be under 18s and 15s players who want more experienced/ game time which I have personally seen turn off a lot of older players because they either don't have any peers (people of a similar age in the team) or don't want to play with 'annoying' teenagers
- The WACA still needs to work on its fixturing, specifically B grade. Playing right up until Christmas, coming back right after the New Year AND playing on Public Holiday long weekends ALWAYS results in teams struggling for players.
- I believe B Grade rules need to align with the A Grade rules as they are both premier cricket level. Club cricket (especially with the rise of number) should be where softer rules are applied.
- I had a great time, and can't wait for next season. Also, it would be great if there was even longer format cricket for women, like men's grade cricket being played over 2 days.
- I think women's' cricket needs more publicity and community involvement to help recruit players. I understand that this is best done at a club level, though perhaps assistance/information etc from the WACA would help facilitate this.
- More regular competitions and maybe a couple of longer formats. Maybe some 40 over games for youth league. Really enjoyable!
- We would love to see more involvement to promote girls/women's cricket in mount barker/Albany with winter training programs and specialised coaching just for girls, as Albany didn't have a girls country week team only us in mount barker did and even try to get a great southern team of girls picked to play against teams from Perth /Bunbury and other country associations in a competition specifically for country girls.
- "Better time and thought needs to put into fixturing with state players away 30% of the time and us relying on youth players to fill spots in the b grade when people move up to a grade. Also the ""wide rule"" in B grade needs to be stricter. We are teaching young females to bowl down the leg side teaching them it's a ""good ball"" when they go up to a grade they get hit out of the park. If we want to improve the capabilities of younger players coming through the leagues we can't enable bad behaviour like wide balls and shorter game formats. More consistency with the umpires is needed. Most of the time the umpires had different thoughts on what they rules were and didn't bother to read the rule back. It's paramount that all officiated umpires need to stay updated on rules and be on the same page. This was very dysfunctional in the b grade competition "
- The State teams should be selected as early as possible and included in the weekly community cricket or Youth League to best prepare for upcoming championships.

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Current Pathway into Premier Cricket for Girls & Females



FEMALE CRICKET PLAYER PROGRESSIONS - Current

EDUCATION/ YEAR LEVEL	AGE (as of 31 st August)	PREMIER CRICKET		COMMUNITY CRICKET				
		A / B (15+)	PCYL (U17)	PSWL (17+)	U18	U15	U13	U11
Uni/Work	18+	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X
12/Uni/Work	17	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X
11/12	16	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X
10/11	15	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X
9/10	14	X (APPLY)	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
8/9	13	X (APPLY)	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
7/8	12	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X
6/7	11	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X
5/6	10	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓
4/5	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓

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Female Player Numbers



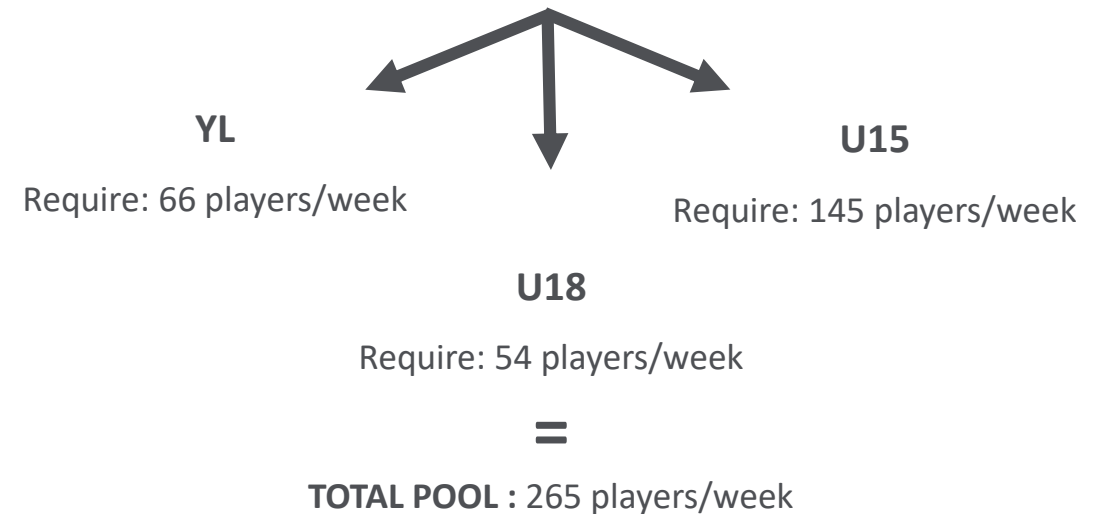
A goal for the 19/20 season is to have the CC and YL competitions working in cohesion not competition. With YL likely to move to a weekly competition, it is important to understand the number of players aged 13-16 available to fill both competitions.

Total Female Player Numbers

	TOTAL POOL (13-16 Years of Age)
2018/19	239
2019/20	353
Difference:	114 (INCREASE)

Competition Structures:

(based on 18/19 structure)



Therefore, if there was no cross over of players between teams it is predicted that there is sufficient depth to fill all teams in each competition.

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Youth League & Community Cricket



The recommendation of lowering the U18 Community Cricket competition age to U17 was suggested as not only would it align with the YL competition but also mirrors the boys Community Junior competition (concluding at U17) . This would allow for the streaming of higher ability players into YL.

In support of this, Community Cricket clubs were analysed to see how many girls would be age *ineligible* if the Community Cricket U18 competition was lowered to U17 for the 19/20 Season.

- It was found that **28 players** (from the 5 U18 CC clubs in 18/19) would no longer be eligible
- Of these players, **20** had exposure to A/B Grade in the 18/19 season
- The remaining **8** players would be educated and encouraged by WACA staff and club members in moving into Premier Cricket or the Perth Scorchers Women's League (17+)
- Calculations predict approximately 15 players would be affected the following season (20/21)
- Beyond 20/21, those affected would dramatically increase, therefore highlighting the 19/20 season as the preferred introductory period to allow sufficient time to the implement the change
- To assist in accommodating this transition, for the 19/20 season, exemptions will be permitted to those who have played U18 CC previously

Age ineligible players for an U17 CC competition in the 19/20 season

Bateman	4
Midland Guildford	4
South Perth	8
Wembley Districts	7
WK Baldivis	5
Total	28

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A & B Grade



Lifting the minimum age from 15 to 16 in Female A & B Grade cricket has been suggested as a way of better distributing players to appropriate competitions.

With the potential of lowering CC to an U17 competition, this would assist in the circulation of 17 year old players into the senior competition (compensating for any loss due to the lifted age).

Overall the goal is to have players participating in *age* and *skill* appropriate competitions.

If supported, the table below outlines the number of players affected by this change. To assist in accommodating this transition, for the 19/20 season, exemptions will be permitted to those who have played A/B Grade previously. It will be communicated to clubs that the younger players are involved in the YL/CC competitions.

Age ineligible players for A & B Grade in the 19/20 season (if minimum age is lifted to 16 years old)

CLUB	15 YRS	14 YRS	13 YRS
MELVILLE	4	1	1
MIDLAND GUILDFORD	2		
ROCKINGHAM MANDURH	5	1	
SOUTH PERTH	5	5	
SUBIACO FLOREAT	1		
UNIVERSITY	1	2	
TOTAL	18	9	1

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Suggested Guidelines



GENERAL GUIDELINES

The goal is to have players playing a maximum of 2 games a weekend, see below suggested combinations of matches:

- A Grade + B Grade
- A Grade + PCYL
- B Grade + PCYL
- B Grade + Community Cricket
- PCYL + Community Cricket

**Fury/Scorchers contracted players may only play A Grade and/or PCYL*

***A Grade = NOT ELIGIBLE for Community Cricket*

The responsibility to manage player loads will rest with the Premier Cricket Clubs.

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Suggested Pathway into Premier Cricket for Girls & Females



FEMALE CRICKET PLAYER PROGRESSIONS - Suggested

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5/6	10	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓
4/5	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓

SUGGESTED CHANGES:

- Lift A/B Grade minimum age from 15 to 16
- Community Cricket to lower U18 competition to U17
- The requirement for PCYL players to play Community Cricket to be changed from **“Compulsory”** to **“Recommended”**
- Contracted Players & regular A Grade Players are not eligible to play in Junior Community Cricket

NB: 15 Year Old Players (A/B Grade) and 17 Year Old Players (PSGL) affected by age group changes may apply for a permit for the 19/20 season only

These changes identify a clear flow between competitions and reduce the cross-over and demand on players.

INSIGHTS

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A common discussion surrounding Female Premier Cricket is the small player base. The mapping undertaken throughout the review predicts this will improve as there are strong numbers of younger age groups coming through. To support and encourage these numbers to feed into Female Premier Cricket, various recommendations have been suggested.

Lifting the minimum age of Senior Premier Cricket to 16 (15 on application), in conjunction with the lowering of the U18 Community Cricket competition to U17, identifies there will be less demand on age groups and competitions competing for the same age players. It will provide a clear direction of where each player belongs based on age and skill level.

The Cricket Operations Unit suggests that the Youth League competition to be fixtured weekly. Feedback proposed that it was a highly regarded competition with all clubs agreeing with the move to an increased number of rounds. Concerns surrounding the pool of players available for this to be a success has been addressed and suggests there is sufficient depth for this competition to co-exist alongside Community Cricket.

A 'Youth League Grant Business Case' will be presented to the WACA Board in support for funding to allow for continued growth and stabilisation of the competition. This will encourage desirable coaching resources, leading to greater training opportunities and in turn improve the skill level of players and the competition as a whole.

Areas requiring further research and understanding include player retention with the long-term goal being to create a formula to predict approximate retention of players from season to season. Some early suggestions have included the development of a player exit survey and individually recording players that leave the game over several years.

Another conversation had with stakeholders discussed finding an effective system to filter players between the different competitions (Perth Scorchers Girl's League, Perth Scorchers Women's League and Premier Cricket). Ideally the CJCC, WAFCC and WACA staff should meet to discuss these avenues further.

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CONCLUSION



In summary, a large amount of research and analysis has been completed covering a range of areas surrounding Female Premier Cricket. These topics include comparing other states competition formats, illustrating actual player participation numbers, identifying age demographics of players, reviewing survey results and stakeholder consultations, mapping players for future seasons, assessing the impacts of changes to competition formats and forming a clear pathway for players to assist in continuing to improve Female Cricket in WA where possible.

The WACA Cricket Operations Unit looks forward to using this data to continue to enhance the competition and assist in the development of high performing players.