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*How can we make sport more gender inclusive?*

**Sport: cricket**

- 1. Did you think the sport was equally inclusive for boys and girls? Explain your answer.

*Answer: yes and no: boys are in general bigger, stronger and faster than girls. So they have an advantage in this way. On the other side working together is also an important part of practising sports. It creates mutual understanding. Besides this boys can stimulate girls in their activities.*

- 2. What could be done to adapt/change the sport to make it more inclusive than it is?

*Answer: the rules are rather complicated when you want to play cricket. Reduce the number and make them easier. Boys and girls will be more activated to take part in this game which makes more pleasure.*



- 3. Which rules would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

*Answer: Make the pitch field smaller so it's easier for the bowler to hit a wicket. This causes more success and pleasure. Using another softer ball is especially for the girls important. When batting is too difficult, let them throw the ball into the playing field. Switch defending and attacking teams for example always when 3 points are scored.*

4. Which technical elements would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

*Answer: In our opinion before playing you have to practice throwing and batting a lot to achieve any success when you want to play the game. Especially batting the small ball is not easy for students in school. Make the distances of the playing field in general more compact.*

5. Which tactical elements would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

*Answer: try to stimulate the girls by giving them more points when they make a score. Next to that it's very important that all players are active and being involved during the whole game. Small teams and a compact playing field are necessary in this way. In our school we play a lot of softball, maybe you can use some rules from this game when you start playing cricket, because some elements are rather similar.*

6. What effects would all these changes have - not only on gender inclusion but any other effects?

*Answer: it makes playing cricket more interesting. More pleasure for all participants which is very important when you practise any sport.*



7. Cricket is very popular in England and was invented in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Which aspects are in your opinion very important to make this sport more popular all over Europe?

*Answer: Playing cricket is in general very expensive. You need a complete batting kit and a special equipment when you want to play it officially in competition. All this doesn't make it very attractive for everybody to take part. So try to make it cheaper to let the number of participants increase. Create sport areas or parks to let young people or families practise in an easy way.*

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1. Did you think the sport was equally inclusive for boys and girls? Explain your answer.

*Answer:*

*Yes, because they put us on a mixed team. But the boys have a stronger throw than girls.*

2. What could be done to adapt/change the sport to make it more inclusive than it is?

*Answer:*

*Have an equal amount of girls and boys on the team.*

3. Which rules would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

*Answer:*

*Make pairs of opposite genders. So the team, who is throw the ball, has a girl and a boy.*

4. Which technical elements would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

*Answer:*

*The most difficult technical elements need to be changed.*

5. Which tactical elements would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

*Answer:*

*Change your position based on how strong a batsman is. And you need to make clear if the boy or the girl would play at first.*

6. What effects would all these changes have - not only on gender inclusion but any other effects?

*Answer:*

*Make everyone more open to play and interact with each other. And the match will be more fair. Boys and girls would learn to work in a team.*

7. Cricket is very popular in England and was invented in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Which aspects are in your opinion very important to make this sport more popular all over Europe?

*Answer:*

*Cricket is a very complicated game. When the game is made easier, it is also more accessible to a large audience.*



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**Sport: cricket**

1. Did you think the sport was equally inclusive for boys and girls? Explain your answer.

*Answer: Oh yes, very much! It's important that both teams have the same number of boys and girls. When they play together they can learn from each other and they have to help each other.*

2. What could be done to adapt/change the sport to make it more inclusive than it is?

*Answer: The official ball is very small and very hard. It's better to use a softer one, especially for the girls easier to handle. The material of the bat can be made more friendlier. A coach for both teams is very important, he/she can stimulate and keep an eye on the boys and girls playing together. If necessary a coach can make some changes.*

3. Which rules would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

*Answer: Playing time has to be clear and adapted. It's important that boys and girls can both defend and attack. Otherwise it can become very boring (only waiting for the ball in the field). This is for us the most important thing!*

4. Which technical elements would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

*Answer: When batting is too difficult, maybe it could be an option to throw the ball into the field. Another option is to put more wickets which have to be defended by the batsman. More chance for the bowler to hit them.*

5. Which tactical elements would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

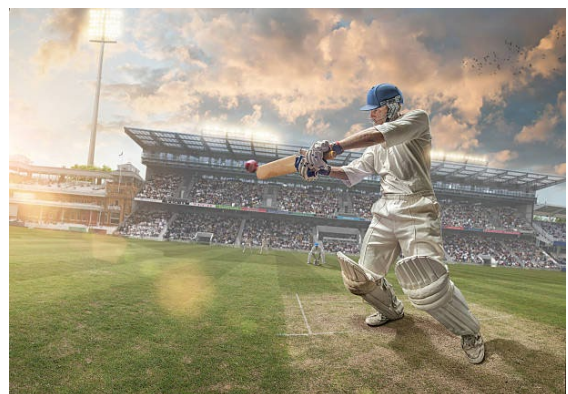
*Answer: Make the field more compact, the distance between batsman and bowler shorter, this makes also easier to make more runs. Creating lines on the field so it's clear what is out and what is in, because on our school we just have grass so don't know if it's in/out. Giving more points when a girl makes a run, it motivates them to make more out of it..*

6. What effects would all these changes have - not only on gender inclusion but any other effects?

*Answer: It will be easier for boys and girls to play the game together. Making it more clear and convenient will make playing a match more attractive for them. The more success, the more pleasure!*

7. Cricket is very popular in England and was invented in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Which aspects are in your opinion very important to make this sport more popular all over Europe?

*Answer: Introducing and practising on all schools. It's only possible with creating facilities and having the correct equipment which costs a lot of money. Well organized clubs in the different cities and villages are important. Make cricket cheaper so everybody can be a member of a club in her/his environment.*



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1. Did you think the sport was equally inclusive for boys and girls? Explain your answer.

*Answer:*

For some part it is gender inclusive, you play with both genders In the same sport and the same team. But on the other hand, boys are stronger, so they throw the ball stronger. For most of the girls it's harder.

2. What could be done to adapt/change the sport to make it more inclusive than it is?

*Answer:*

It was pairs cricket, so in the pair it could be a boy and a girl. Which would mean there is an equal number of boys and girls.

3. Which rules would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

*Answer:*

You would need mixed professional teams.

4. Which technical elements would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

*Answer:*

Maybe a softer ball and a lighter bat to make it easier.

5. Which tactical elements would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

*Answer:*

The pair would have to learn to work as a team. The batters have to be equal ability.

6. What effects would all these changes have - not only on gender inclusion but any other effects?

*Answer:*

*It would make the game better and more professional. Playing in pairs will also make the game more exciting.*

7. Cricket is very popular in England and was invented in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Which aspects are in your opinion very important to make this sport more popular all over Europe?

*Answer:*

*Cricket is only popular in a few countries. When the game becomes easier, perhaps more countries will join in. Then more professionals will come, it will be broadcasted on television and it will become a bigger sport.*



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*How can we make sport more gender inclusive?*

**Sport: cricket**

- 1. Did you think the sport was equally inclusive for boys and girls? Explain your answer.

*Answer: in our opinion it is very difficult to play with boys and girls together because boys can run faster and hit or throw the ball further for example. So for girls it's more difficult to take part in this way*

- 2. What could be done to adapt/change the sport to make it more inclusive than it is?

*Answer: make the materials more friendly, for example a softer ball or higher wickets. It's will be easier for the girls. Make the number of boys and girls who are involved the same.*

- 3. Which rules would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

*Answer: limit the number of runs for the batmen to make it easier. Reduce playing time to make it more attractive and less boring. Switch tasks teams every 20 minutes.*

- 4. Which technical elements would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

*Answer: Using a bigger ball, instead of hitting throwing or kicking the ball into the field. Making the wickets higher is also a possibility, the bowler can hit them easier. The official playing field is very large, why not making it smaller?*

5. Which tactical elements would need to be changed? Explain your answer.

*Answer: Create teams consisting of maximum 6 players, they have to be more active which makes it more attractive to play the game. Make the distance between the wickets shorter, so it will be easier to make more runs. Make the playing field more compact by creating lines.*

6. What effects would all these changes have - not only on gender inclusion but any other effects?

*Answer: boys and girls will be more enthusiastic to play the game together; getting results and being successful is important for both groups.*

7. Cricket is very popular in England and was invented in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Which aspects are in your opinion very important to make this sport more popular all over Europe?

*Answer: introduce cricket in the P.E. lessons in school, this can be a good start to make boys and girls enthusiastic to go to an official club. It's important to use friendly materials when students start playing the game. Starting playing boys and girls together (mixed groups) is also important, so they learn to respect each other.*

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