

FULL & STRAIGHT

CRICKET PLAY



**WAIRARAPA
CRICKET**

Skill Focus
Batting & Bowling

Environment
Nets

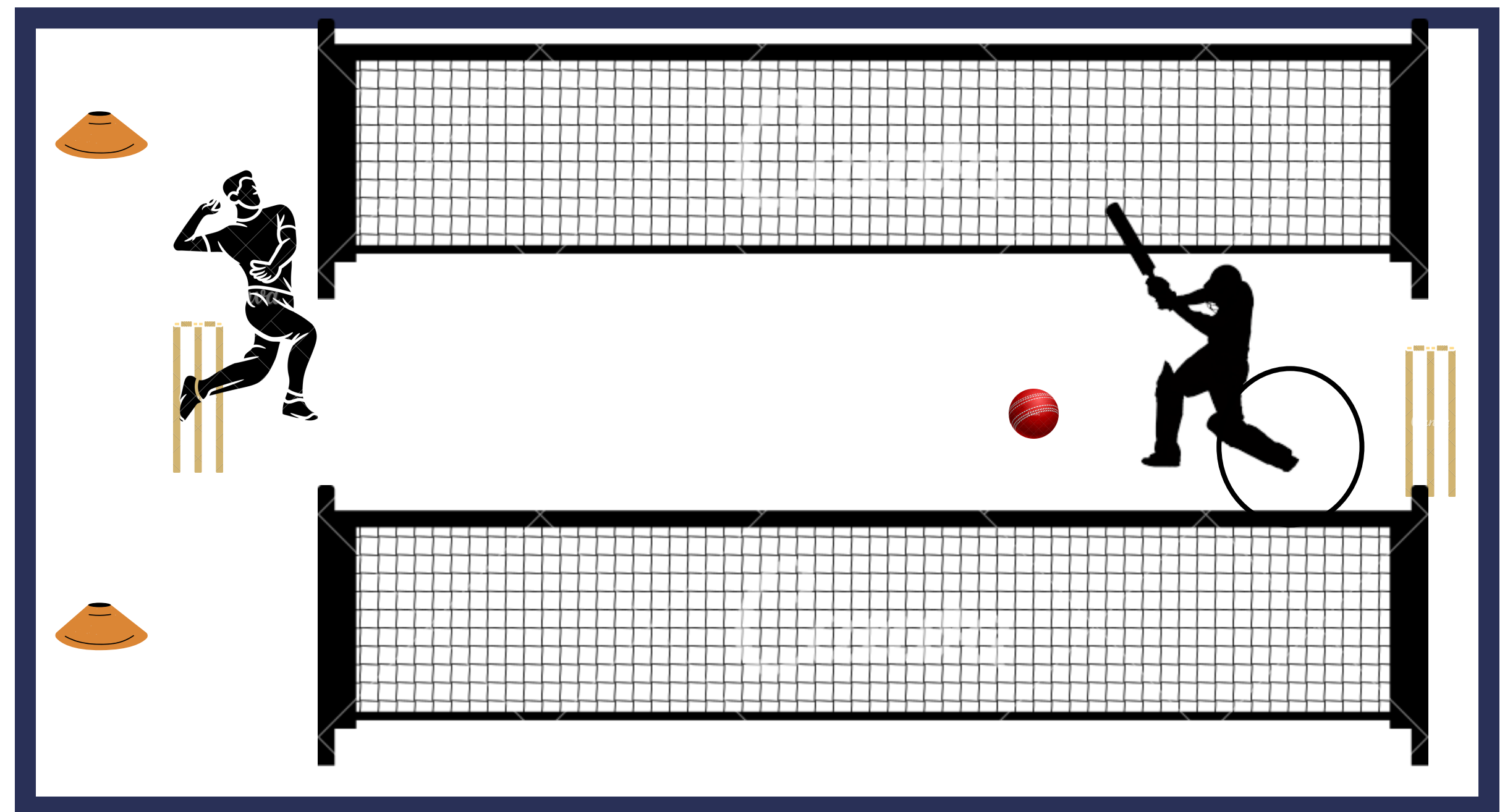
Equipment
Hoops. Cones
Balls

Key Game Purpose

Bowler and Batter working together to achieve the same outcome - Bowler hitting a length to control the game, the batter hitting down the ground to a "no fielder area"

How to Play

- Split your team into pairs, threes or groups of four - one to bowl, one batter plus a wicket-keeper and/or fielder.
- Use, chalk, a hoop or marker dots to denote a bowling target on or around the crease area.
- Use cones to set up a straight hitting gate.
- The bowler scores points by landing the ball in the bowling target, the batter scores points for hitting the ball through or over the straight hitting gate.
- If a wicket-keeper is involved, they score points for catching the ball.
- If a fielder is involved, their goal is to move from outside the gates to intercept / field the ball. They score points for achieving this.
- Have the batter bat for a set number of overs.
- Players rotate through the roles.



Change it Up

- Increase or decrease the size of the target area for bowlers to hit.
- Introduce a target area behind the batter to encourage exploration of how to hit a full ball behind the wickets
- Increase or decrease the target area for batters.
- Introduce another fielder.

Coach Prompts

- Concentrate on the positive aspects. What are you observing? Let the players know specifics of what they are doing well.
- Consider open ended questions that encourage exploration for the player:
- "How could you move to help you hit the ball straight"
- "What could you do as a batter to change the length of the ball once its bowled?"
- "What could you do as a bowler to increase the challenge for the batter?"