

Stage Junior Cricket Stage 2

Summary Playing & Competing

Description A format that looks to further develop the cricket skills of cricketers that are playing their 2nd or 3rd year of junior cricket. The emphasis here is on continuous and active participation, where all players get to bat, bowl and field in a 2- 3-hour window.

Indicative Age Under 13

- Skill Objectives**
- Hit moving ball on 2 sides of field with horizontal and vertical bat shots
 - Judge where and when runs can be scored
 - Bowl over 18m with straight arm and within batter’s reach
 - Catch and throw > 30m
 - Encourage bowlers to set their own field with use of outfielders and infielders
 - Demonstrate respect for others and an understanding of team dynamics
 - Contribute to and influence the outcome of the game

Game	One Day Games – 20 overs (Fri)	One Day Games - 24 overs (Sat/Sun)
Ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 142g hard or leather ball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 142g hard or leather ball
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 mins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 mins
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helmets must be worn at all times whilst batting & wicket-keeping. • Pads • Gloves • Protector • Additional safety equipment can be worn based on match conditions and/or personal preference. • 2 sets of portable stumps recommended (with base and bails) – minimum 1 set of portable stumps required. • Bat size: Size 5 or 6 (weight <2lb or <900g) is recommended. • Measuring tape or string to measure Pitch length and boundary. • Boundary markers • Chalk, tape or paint to mark crease. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helmets must be worn at all times whilst batting & wicket-keeping. • Pads • Gloves • Protector • Additional safety equipment can be worn based on match conditions and/or personal preference. • 2 sets of portable stumps recommended (with base and bails) – minimum 1 set of portable stumps required. • Bat size: Size 5 or 6 (weight <2lb or <900g) is recommended. • Measuring tape or string to measure Pitch length and boundary. • Boundary markers • Chalk, tape or paint to mark crease.
Boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45m (max) – whatever works for the home ground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45m (max) – whatever works for the home ground
Pitch type and length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard Wicket or Turf Wicket - 18m length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard Wicket or Turf Wicket - 18m length
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12	10	20
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9	13	20

- All batters must retire once they have faced 24 balls.
- Batters **can** retire once they have faced a minimum number of balls which is determined by the number of players divided by 144 balls (24 overs). Batters **must** retire after the maximum number of balls faced as per below.

No. of Players	Min balls faced before retirement	Max balls faced before retirement
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11	13	24
10	14	24
9	16	24

- Any retired batters can return in the order they retired when all others have batted and either retired at the max balls or been dismissed.
- All balls (regardless of whether wides/no balls) will be included in the batter's ball count.
- Maximum 12 players are permitted to bat per innings.
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- Maximum of 4 overs per bowler.
- If the team has 9 players or less, all players must bowl (excluding wicket-keeper).
- If the team has more than 9 players, a maximum of 9 players can bowl only. Those players that did not bat must bowl.
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