

# AUSTRALIAN CRICKET JUNIOR FORMATS

## STAGE 1 PACK




# 20 OVER DETAILED MATCH DAY RULES

<b>SUMMARY</b>	Playing the game
<b>PURPOSE</b>	Community club and school
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	This format is designed for those kids who have completed Cricket Australia's Entry Level Programs and are ready for their first taste of junior club competition. Designed to stimulate action and test game sense and skills whether batting, bowling or fielding.
<b>INDICATIVE AGE</b>	U10 & U11
<b>COACH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accredited Community (Level 1) Coach</li> </ul>
<b>GAME TYPE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T20 (20 over game)</li> </ul>
<b>BALL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modified ball (circumference 21-22.5cm, ideal weight 120-140g).*</li> <li>*Synthetic options available as per Stage 1 Modified Balls Guidance.</li> </ul>
<b>TIME</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>120 mins (2 hrs)</li> <li>The Association/Competition Manager have the option to include a cut off time for the 1st innings if required for local needs including facilities usage, travel time, daylight issues or heat.</li> <li>Please refer to Match Management document for time saving strategies.</li> </ul>
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helmet's <b>must be worn at all times</b> whilst batting &amp; wicket-keeping.</li> <li>Pads</li> <li>Gloves</li> <li>Protector</li> <li>Additional safety equipment can be worn based on match conditions and/or personal preference.</li> <li>2 sets of portable stumps recommended (with base and bails) – minimum 1 set of portable stumps required.</li> <li>Bat size: Size 4 (&lt;1.8lb or &lt;800gm) is recommended</li> <li>Modified ball (as per specifications above).</li> <li>Measuring tape or string to measure pitch length and boundary.</li> <li>Boundary markers</li> <li>Chalk, tape or paint to mark crease.</li> </ul>
<b>BOUNDARY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>40m (maximum)</li> <li>Boundary is to be measured from the batter's end stumps.</li> <li>Refer to Boundary Setup Document for further information on the boundary setup process.</li> </ul>
<b>PITCH TYPE AND LENGTH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outfield or hard wicket surface.</li> <li>16m length – measured stump to stump.</li> </ul>

<b>OVERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20 overs per team (120 balls)</li> </ul>
<b>TEAM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 players per team</li> <li>5 players per team is the minimum required to play the game.</li> <li>9 players is the maximum to be allocated to a team (maximum 7 players on field at any given time).</li> </ul>
<b>INNINGS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 innings of 20 overs per team</li> </ul>
<b>BATTING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All balls (regardless of whether wides/no balls) will be included in the batter's ball count.</li> <li>Batter to swap end following a dismissal. If there is a run out the not out batter is required to face the next delivery.</li> <li>As there is allowances for varying team size, the following retirement rules apply:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 player team – batters retire at 24 balls</li> <li>6 player team – batters retire at 20 balls</li> <li>7 player team – batters retire at 17 balls</li> <li>8 player team – batters retire at 15 balls</li> <li>9 player team – batters retire at 13 balls</li> </ul> </li> <li>If there is an extra ball to be bowled, the batter facing at the time will face the extra ball (i.e. 17 x 7 = 119)</li> <li>Batters are to retire as soon as they face their allotted balls, not at the end of the over.</li> </ul>
<b>BOWLING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 balls per over (maximum)</li> <li>All players are to bowl (each Wicket-Keeper is to bowl one over each)</li> <li>Maximum overs bowled by a player are 4 overs</li> <li>*Please see Recommended Bowling Breakdown for recommended over per player options.</li> <li>Bowlers are to bowl from the one end for entire game</li> </ul>
<b>FIELDING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotation of fielders is required to ensure all players experience all positions</li> <li>No fielders within 15 metres of batter or each other (except Wicket-Keeper) to encourage singles and safety</li> <li>Each team is required to use two (2) wicket keepers (10 overs each)</li> <li>If more than 7 players are present at a match, they should rotate onto the field each over.</li> </ul>
<b>DISMISSALS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unlimited dismissals (each player will face the nominated number of balls each)</li> <li>The Association or Competition Manager/s have the option to introduce a consequence for dismissals. If so, then 4 runs per wicket will be added to the opposition (bowling teams) total at the end of the innings.</li> <li>The following dismissals apply in this format: Bowled, Caught, Caught &amp; Bowled, Run Out, Stumped, Hit Wicket.</li> </ul>

# BATTING & BOWLING LIMITS BREAKDOWN

PLAYERS PER TEAM					PLAYERS PER TEAM				
5	6	7 <sup>#</sup>	8	9	5	6	7 <sup>#</sup>	8	9
 <b>BATTING</b> Max Balls faced per batter before retiring <sup>1</sup>					 <b>BOWLING</b> Number of overs per bowler options <sup>2</sup>				
24	20	17	15	13	5 x 4 overs	2 x 4 overs 4 x 3 overs	3 x 4 overs 2 x 3 overs 2 x 1 over	6 x 3 overs 2 x 1 over	4 x 3 overs 3 x 2 overs 2 x 1 over

**This guide highlights the potential impact on game involvement due to varying team sizes.**

- <sup>1</sup> All players will face allocated amount of balls regardless of how many dismissals they incur.
- <sup>2</sup> Bowling breakdown based on maximum 4 overs per bowler. It is recommended coaches employ a rotation policy to ensure all players get the opportunity to bowl maximum overs throughout the season.
- <sup>#</sup> Recommended model – 7 players per team.
- Less than recommended match involvement.

Please note as the team size increases, the level of involvement & participation per player decreases.

# BOUNDARY SET UP



**FORMAT**  
20 over



**TIME**  
120 mins

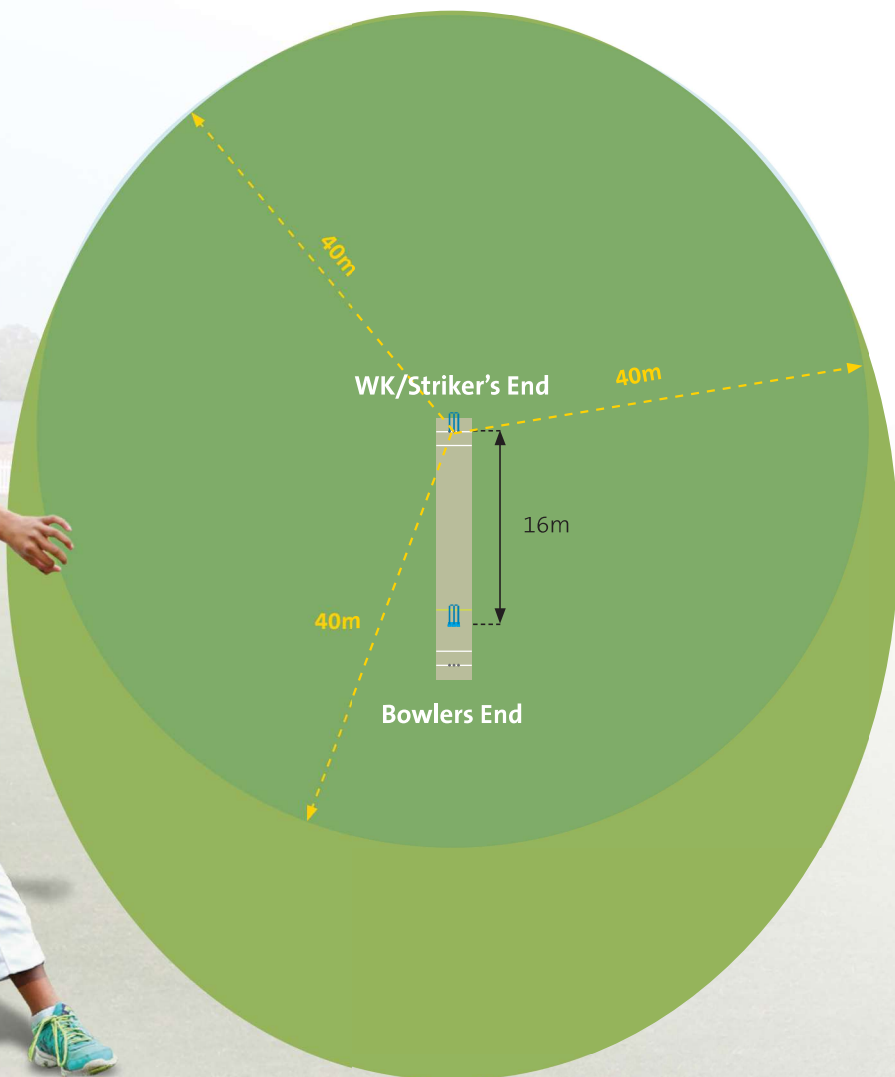


**PLAYERS**  
7

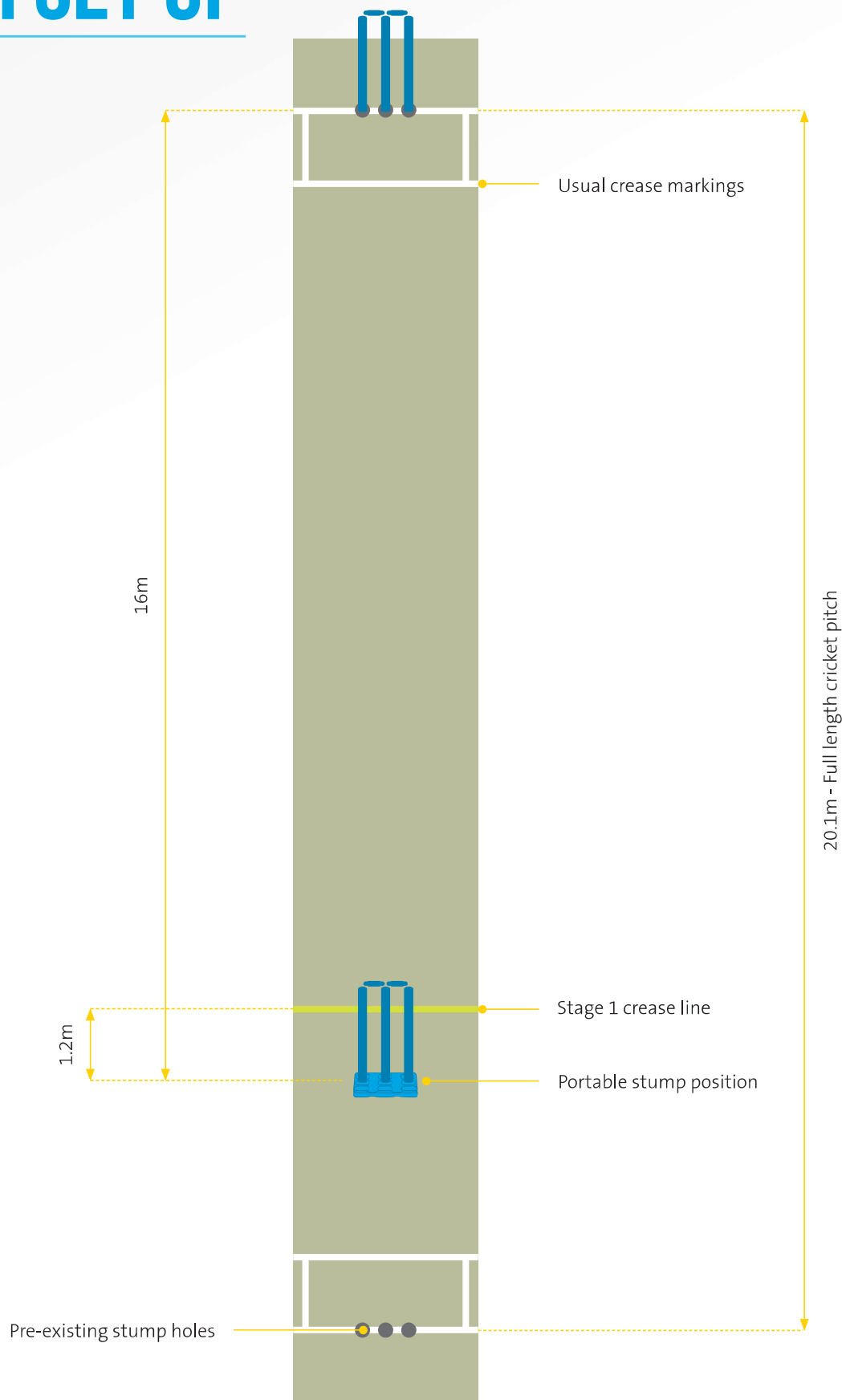
**Pitch** 16m (stump to stump)

**Boundary** 40m max. Circle measured from the batter's end stumps.

**Stumps** Portable at bowlers end



# PITCH SET UP



# MATCH MANAGEMENT TIPS

## WAYS FOR COACHES TO KEEP YOUR GAME MOVING AND FINISHING ON TIME

- 1 Complete your team-sheet the night before the game.
- 2 Set up team marquees close to the boundary.
- 3 Make sure the scorers are sitting under shade and close to the boundary to assist with player names and advising ball counts.
- 4 Involve parent volunteers to assist with marking boundaries, crease lines and shade shelters, leaving the coach to work with their team running warm-ups etc.
- 5 Add a chalk line to mark 'centre' at the striker's end as a reference point for batters, this means batters won't need to continually mark centre.
- 6 Have all upcoming batters padded up and ready to go. The next batter in should have helmet and gloves on.
- 7 Rotate fielders with the next bowler fielding nearest to the bowler's end.
- 8 Encourage fielders to jog between positions ready for the next over.
- 9 When rotating extra players onto the field, swap them with the bowler who just finished their over.
- 10 Swap wicket-keepers during a drink break. Where possible, if there is an extra player, have them padded up and ready to go to replace the outgoing wicket-keeper.
- 11 Place team drinks and water bottles together in a carry tray near the boundary.
- 12 The central umpire is the critical driver of the game, the time it is played in and the spirit in which it is played.

