PLAYING CONDITIONS 2025/2026

Stage 2 (30 Over)

COMPETITION	IWHCA
AGE & GRADE	U12 and U13 Competitions, 30 Overs

FORMAT & TIME	Stage 2 – 30 overs per innings
	• 190 mins (3 hours)
	  • 90 Minutes per innings & 10 minutes change of innings break.
	  • Maximum 100 minutes per innings with the innings deemed closed after this period.

TEAM OFFICIALS	Each team must have a registered coach on PlayHQ. The recommended accreditation required for a coach is the Community (Level 1) Coach.
PITCH TYPE AND LENGTH	Hard wicket or Turf wicket 18 metre pitch
BOUNDARY	45m (maximum and recommended) 35m (minimum length) • Measured from the middle of the wicket.
BALL	• 142g leather
EQUIPMENT	• Helmet's **must be worn at all times** whilst batting & wicket-keeping. • Pads • Gloves • Protector (males) • Additional safety equipment is able to 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.
SCORING	Each game must be Electronically scored using the PlayHQ E-Scoring Portal. • For all games, there must be 1 Electronic Scoring Device and 1 Scorebook being used to record match statistics.
UMPIRE	Each team must provide 1 umpire. Each umpire is to swap after 15 overs of each innings or halfway through each innings of a shortened game.

OVERS	• 30 overs maximum per team (180 balls)
TEAM	• 9 players per team • 7 players per team minimum are required to play the game. • 11 players recommended maximum allocated to a team (maximum 9 players on field at any given time).
INNINGS	• 1 innings of 30 overs (maximum) per team

BATTING	• With allowances for varying team size, the following retirement rules apply:
	  • 7 player team – batters retire at max 30 balls faced
	  • 8 player team – batters retire at max 30 balls faced
	  • 9 player team – batters retire at max 30 balls faced
	  • 10 player team – batters retire at max 25 balls faced
	  • 11 player team – batters retire at max 20 balls faced
	• Any retired batters can return when all others have batted, in the order they retired.
	• All balls (regardless of whether wides/no balls) will be included in the batter's ball count.
	• The innings is deemed as closed after the batting team has completed their allotted overs or the following amount of wickets have fallen:
	  • 7 player team : 6 wickets
	  • 8 player team: 7 wickets
	• 9-11 player team: 8 wickets

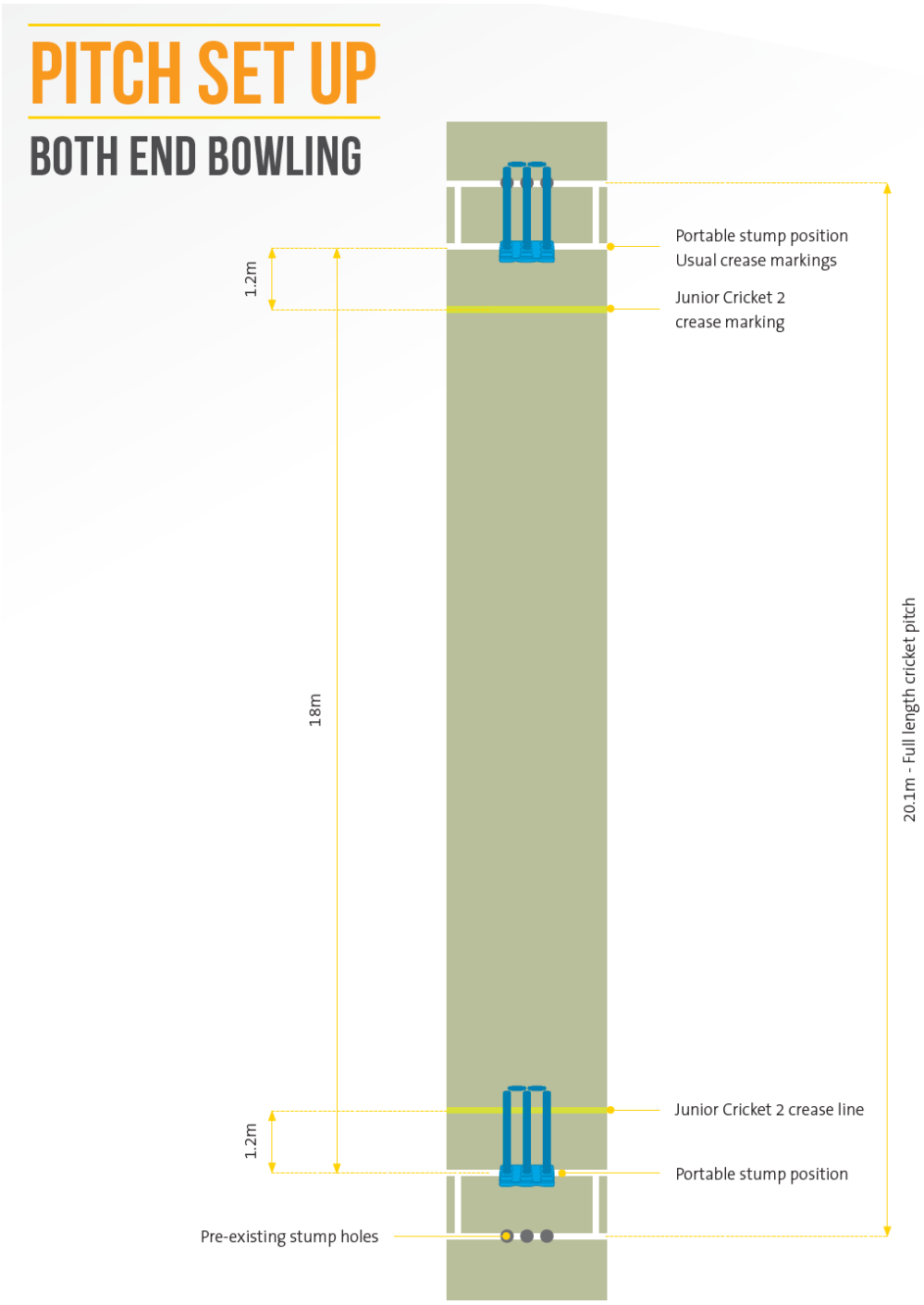
BOWLING	• 6 balls per over (maximum of 8 balls per over except the last over where 6 legal deliveries must be bowled). • Maximum of 5 overs per bowler. * Please see Recommended Bowling Breakdown for recommended over per player options. • Coaches are encouraged to rotate the opportunity for players to bowl 4 overs in a match. • Bowlers change ends at 15 overs. • Bowlers can bowl from one end for the entire game if both teams agree.
FIELDING	• To ensure players experience all fielding positions, fielding rotations can be implemented at the discretion of the Coach. • Teams have the option to change wicket-keepers after 15 overs. • No fielders within 10 metres of the bat (except regulation slips, gully and wicket-keeper). • If more than 9 players are present at a match, they should rotate onto the field each over.
DISMISSALS	• All modes of dismissal count.

APPLICATION

(a) These Playing Conditions shall apply to all matches in the IWHCA Competitions. All matches are played as per the Cricket Australia Stage 2 Format.

(b) Except as varied here under, the Laws of Cricket (2017 Code, 3rd Edition - 2022) shall apply.

PITCH SET UP – BOTH END BOWLING



BOUNDARY SET UP – BOTH END BOWLING

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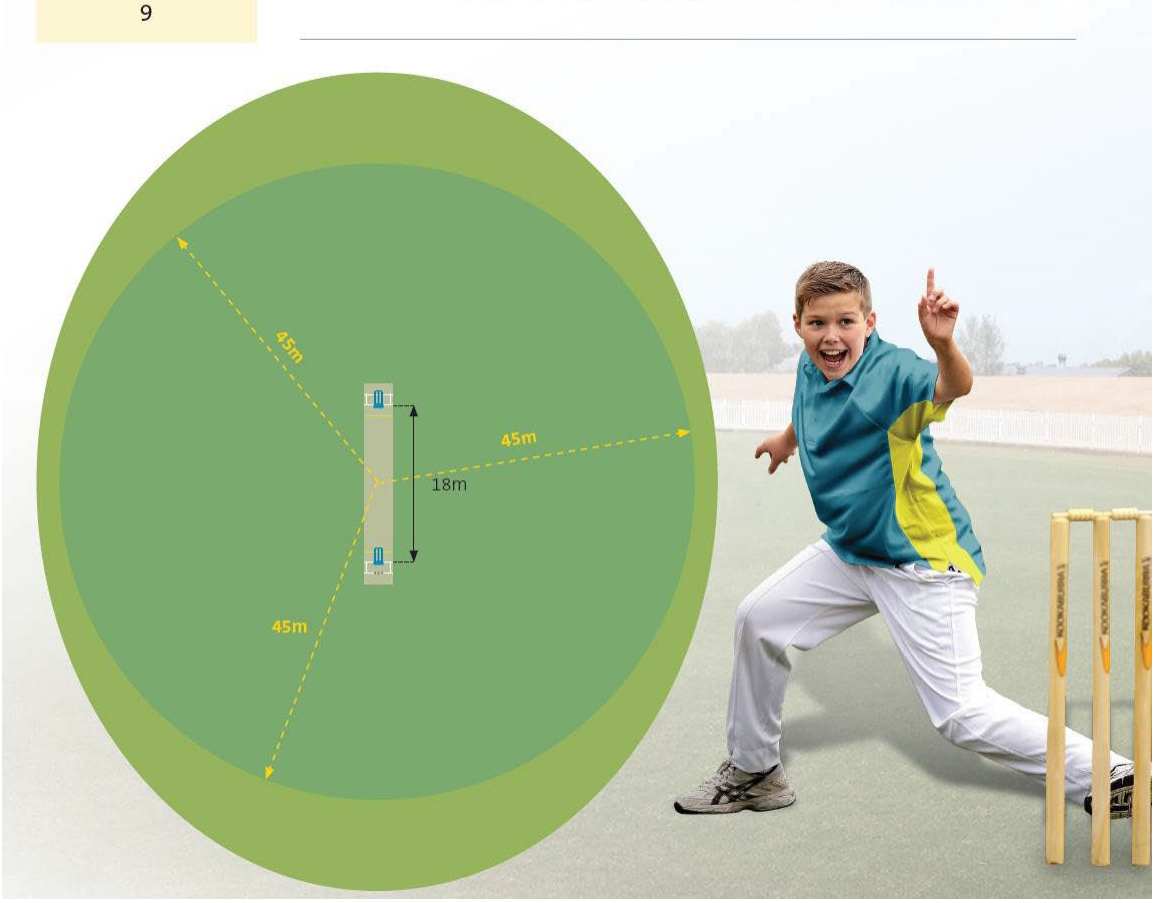
FORMAT
20 or 30 over

TIME
120 or 180 mins

PLAYERS
9

Pitch	18m
Boundary	45m max. – measured from the centre of the pitch.
Stumps	Portable at bowlers end – option to bring both ends in to front crease line using 2 sets of portable stumps.



Retirement Limits & Maximum Overs Bowling

Batting, 30 Over Innings		
Team Players	Maximum Balls	Minimum Balls
7	30	20
8	30	20
9	30	20
10	25	15
11	20	15
Bowling, 30 Over Innings		
Overs	Maximum Overs per Bowler	Number of Bowlers that may bowl the Maximum
30	5	6
29	5	5
28	5	5
27	5	5
26	5	5
25	5	5
24	5	4
23	5	3
22	5	2
21	5	1
20	4	5
19	4	4
18	4	3
17	4	2
16	4	1
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12	3	2
11	3	1
10	2	5