



STAGE THREE Match Checklist

32 OVERS

This is a quick reference only. Please refer to the Blue Book for full rules and details.

MATCH BASICS

Format: 32 overs per innings, **1hr 55min per innings**

Pitch: Full pitch | Boundary: 50m (from centre of pitch) | Spring or Wooden Stumps | Bowling from both ends (Teams are encouraged to bowl 8 overs from one end before swapping to speed up play)

Game Ball: 156g leather (Turf – 156g 4 piece)

Player numbers: Min. 7 players to start (max 14; 11 on field at one time)

Turf Teams refer to NSJCA Covers Protocol information

Team line-up entered into PLAYHQ.com by team manager/coach the night before your match.

UMPIRES & SCORERS

Umpires: One umpire provided by each team to umpire both innings.

- Pre-match communication: Discuss match details, signals, drinks breaks, any weather/ground issues, timing etc.
- For consistency umpire changes (if needed) occur mid-innings so each officiates half of both innings. Advise pre-match if a change is expected.
- The Coach may NOT act as an Umpire. Nor may the Umpire coach players.

Scorers: One scorer provided by each team.

- NSJCA recommendation: 1 Online PlayHQ + 1 Paper scorer

PLAYERS

Batters:

- Stg3 U14, U15: Retirement optional after 18 balls, mandatory after 50 runs OR 40 balls (first reached).
- Stg3 U17 Turf: Retirement optional after 24 balls, mandatory after 100 runs.
- Retired batters may return only after all teammates are out or retired, and must return in ascending order of runs scored.

Bowlers: (U17 Turf; refer to Blue Book for bowling restrictions)

- 6 fair deliveries with a max of 8 deliveries in total, except for last over which must be 6 legal deliveries.
- All players except one must bowl at least 2 overs in the first 24 overs of any innings of the match.
- No player may bowl more than 4 overs in a spell.
- No player may bowl more than 6 overs in an innings.

Coaches: No assistance allowed during play, except when the ball is dead to prevent bowling breaches. Captains should select bowlers and set the field.

Play by the NSJCA Code of Conduct & Spirit of Cricket at all times