

Cricket is a team-based sport where one team has two batsmen hitting the cricket ball with a bat to run between wickets to score runs whilst the full opposing team bowls the ball to them and also fields. Once all batsmen are dismissed, the teams change roles. The winning team has the highest number of runs either after a defined number of balls have been bowled or both teams have been dismissed a defined number of times.

HIERARCHY						
Element	State	Regional	Local - Category A	Local - Category B	Notes	
Cricket Australia Hierarchy	-	Regional	Club (Home)	Club (Satellite)		
Total Site Area		6 ha	3.5 ha	1 ha		
PLAYING AREA						
Orientation		Refer to Notes			E	Recommended north-south orientation, with an optimum orientation of 10-15° east of north. Limits are between 45° west of north and 35° east of north.
No. and size of playing areas		1 regional senior oval with turf pitch required. Prefer additional 2 senior ovals with synthetic or turf pitches (turf preferred)	E	1 senior oval required (prefer 2) with synthetic pitches	E	Min. 1 ha of grassed space for multipurpose use with concrete or synthetic grass wicket
					E	Regional senior oval – 75m radius Senior oval – 60m radius Junior oval – 50m radius Measurements are taken from the centre of the pitch.
Coaches boxes						
Playing area fencing		White picket fence (for premier field only)	E	Cyclone mesh wire fence at 900mm, 1050mm or 1200mm	NE	Cyclone mesh wire fence at 900mm, 1050mm or 1200mm
					NE	Perimeter fencing to allow for emergency vehicle access and curator machinery. Location to be near curator's equipment and machinery storage facility. Higher safety fencing to be installed where required for protection of spectators and property, e.g. 3m high chain mesh fence when adjacent to roadway and footpath.
Playing area surfaces		Turf wicket block (5-7pitches)	E	Turf (3-7 pitches) or synthetic wicket	E	Synthetic wicket
					E	Turf wickets should only be developed where deemed sustainable and manageable by clubs and then only for higher grade level of senior competition. Wintergreen couch is the recommended turf for grass playing areas.
Playing area drainage		Ideally, cricket fields should fall in all directions from the centre pitch area, but failing this, a single phase slope of 1% in any convenient direction is acceptable. If on very well draining soil, no slope is required			E	

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Clock		Included on scoreboard	NE	-				
Spectator seating		100 persons on tiered or bench seats on the main field, 30 persons on bench seats for other fields	NE	30 persons on bench seats per field	NE	Bench seats or space for foldable chairs per field	NE	Spectator areas ideally incorporated into the building footprint and raised 500mm to 1000mm over the playing field to enhance views to the cricket pitch. Avoid fixed seating immediately in front of the club social room so that internal views are not obstructed.
Sight screens		Yes, especially if distracting backdrops				NE	Sight screens may be permanent (higher levels of competition) or portable.	

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