

**MSW**  
**Stage Grading Guidelines**  
**Season 2023/24**

Stage Description	Match Details / Equipment	Cross Reference	Player Attributes
<b>Stage One</b>			
<b>Stage 1 Introduction</b> aimed at U10 players (age guidance 8-10)	Safety Ball 105g 14m pitch No protective gear required Synthetic 7 a side 20 overs		Experience in Master Blasters Can bowl with a straight arm most of the time Can land 3/6 on the pitch and most bounce max. twice before the batsman
<b>Stage 1 Development</b> aimed at U10 players (age guidance 8-10)	Safety Ball 105g 16m pitch No protective gear required Synthetic 7 a side 20 overs		Experienced at Introduction level Can bowl with a straight arm majority of the time Can land 4/6 on the pitch and bounce max. twice before the batsman Knows where to stand at batting end / how to hold the bat Some idea of running between wickets Some idea of field positions / game awareness
<b>Stage 1 Advanced</b> aimed at U10 players (age guidance 9-11)	Safety Ball 125-130g 16m pitch Safety gear (pads / gloves / protector) Helmet recommended (optional) Synthetic 7 a side 20 overs		Played Stage 1 Development cricket to a competent level Can bowl with a straight arm Can land 5/6 on the pitch and bounce max. twice before the batsman Knows stance for a batsman / how to hold the bat and displays some ability to hit the ball both sides of the wicket Good idea running between the wicket Good idea of field positions / game awareness Can consistently throw 20m overarm on the full Can consistently catch a ball hit / thrown from 20m
<b>Stage Two - Flag</b>			
<b>Flag Introduction</b> aimed at U11 players (age guidance 10-12)	Hard Ball 142g 18m pitch Protective Gear Synthetic 9 a side 30 overs	School - 4A or equivalent in past season	Played Stage 1 cricket to a competent level Can bowl with a straight arm Can land 4/6 on the pitch and bounce once but no more than twice before batsman Knows stance for a batsman / how to hold the bat with ability to hit the ball both sides of the wicket Some idea of running between the wickets Some idea of field positions / game awareness Can throw 30m overarm on the full Can catch a ball hit / thrown from 30m
<b>Flag Development</b> aimed at U11 players (age guidance 10-12)	Hard Ball 142g 18m pitch Protective Gear Synthetic 9 a side 30 overs	School - 5B/5C in past season	Played Stage 1 cricket to a high level Can bowl with a straight arm Can land 5/6 on the pitch and bounce once but no more than twice before batsman Knows stance for a batsman / how to hold the bat with ability to hit the ball both sides of the wicket Good idea of running between the wickets Good idea of field positions / game awareness Can regularly throw 30m overarm on the full Can regularly catch a ball hit / thrown from 30m
<b>MSW Flag</b> aimed at U11 players	Hard Ball 142g 18m pitch	School - 5A in past season	Played Stage 1 Advanced cricket to a very high level or had one season of Stage 2 Flag cricket Aimed at U11 players involved in U12 MSW Rep squads

(age guidance 10-12)

Protective Gear  
Synthetic  
9 a side  
30 overs  
Maximum of 10 teams in MSW Flag

Can bowl with a straight arm  
Can land 5/6 on the pitch and bounce once but no more than twice before batsman  
Ability to hit the ball both sides of the wicket with vertical and horizontal bat strokes  
Knows running between the wickets  
Good idea of field positions / game awareness  
Can consistently throw 30m overarm on the full  
Can consistently catch a ball hit / thrown from 30m

## Stage 2 -Medallion

### Medallion Introduction

aimed at U12 players  
(age guidance 11-13)

Hard Ball 142g  
18m pitch  
Protective Gear  
Synthetic  
9 a side  
30 overs

For older players around Flag Development standard  
School - 6C down in past season

Played Stage 2 Flag cricket to a competent level  
Can bowl with a straight arm  
Can land 4/6 on the pitch and bounce once but no more than twice before batsman  
Ability to hit the ball both sides of the wicket with vertical and horizontal bat strokes  
Understands running between the wickets  
Good idea of field positions / game awareness  
Can throw 30m overarm on the full  
Can catch a ball hit / thrown from 30m

### Medallion Development

aimed at U12 players  
(age guidance 11-13)

Hard Ball 142g  
18m pitch  
Protective Gear  
Synthetic  
9 a side  
30 overs

School - 6B/6C in past season

Played Stage 2 Flag cricket to a high level  
Can bowl with a straight arm  
Can land 5/6 on the pitch and bounce once but no more than twice before batsman  
Regularly hits the ball both sides of the wicket with vertical and horizontal bat strokes  
Understands running between the wickets  
Good idea of field positions / game awareness  
Can regularly throw 30m overarm on the full  
Can regularly catch a ball hit / thrown from 30m

### MSW Medallion

aimed at U12 players  
(age guidance 11-13)

Hard Ball 142g  
18m pitch  
Protective Gear  
Synthetic  
9 a side  
30 overs  
Maximum of 10 teams in MSW Medallion

Underage U12 MSW rep players in past season  
School - 6A/B players in past season

Played Stage 2 Flag cricket to a very high level or had one season of Stage 2 Medallion cricket  
Aimed at an U12 MSW State and Development rep player standard or similar in the coming season  
Can land 6/6 on the pitch with one bounce to the batsman  
Consistently hits the ball both sides of the wicket with vertical and horizontal bat strokes  
Knows running between the wickets  
Strong knowledge of field positions / game awareness  
Can consistently throw 30m overarm on the full  
Can consistently catch a ball hit / thrown from 30m

## Stage 3 - Shield

### Shield Introduction

aimed at U13 & U14 players  
(age guidance 12-13)

Hard Ball 142g  
20m pitch  
Protective Gear  
Synthetic  
30 overs

School - 7B/C and 8C down in past season

Played Stage 2 Medallion cricket to a competent level  
Aimed at players in the age guidance who are not Rep standard  
Ability to hit the ball both sides of the wicket with vertical and horizontal bat strokes  
Knows running between the wickets  
Good idea of field positions / game awareness  
Can consistently throw 30m overarm on the full  
Can consistently catch a ball hit / thrown from 30m

### MSW Shield Development

aimed at U13 & U14 players  
(age guidance 12-13)

Hard Ball 142g  
20m pitch  
Protective Gear  
Turf

U12 MSW Rep players (not underage) in past rep season  
School - 7A/B and 8B in past season

Premier U13 competition  
Played Stage 2 Medallion cricket to a very high level or had one season of Stage 3 Shield cricket  
Aimed at an U13 MSW State and Development rep player standard or similar in the coming season  
Consistently hits the ball both sides of the wicket with vertical and horizontal bat strokes

30 overs  
Maximum of 10 teams in MSW Shield Development

Knows running between the wickets  
Strong knowledge of field positions / game awareness  
Can consistently throw 40m overarm on the full  
Can consistently catch a ball hit / thrown from 40m

#### MSW Shield

aimed at U14 players  
(age guidance 13-14)

Hard Ball 156g  
20m pitch  
Protective Gear  
30 overs  
Turf  
Retire min. 15 balls max. 50 balls / Bowl 6 overs  
Maximum of 10 teams in MSW Shield

U13 MSW Rep players in past rep season  
School - 8A players in past season  
No Tav squad players

Premier U14 competition  
Played at least one year of Stage 3 Shield cricket at a very high level  
Aimed at an U14 MSW State and Development rep player standard or similar in the coming season  
Can land 6/6 on the pitch with one bounce to the batsman  
Consistently hits the ball both sides of the wicket with vertical and horizontal bat strokes  
Strong knowledge of running between the wickets  
Strong knowledge of field positions / game awareness  
Can consistently throw 40m overarm on the full  
Can consistently catch a ball hit / thrown from 40m

#### Stage 3 - Plate

#### MSW Plate Development

aimed at U15 & U16 players  
(age guidance 14-15)

Hard Ball 156g  
20m pitch  
Protective Gear  
30 overs per team  
Turf / Synthetic

School - 9B/C and 10B/C in past season  
No Tavs players

Played Stage 3 Shield cricket to a competent level but not selected for Plate teams  
Regularly hits the ball both sides of the wicket with vertical and horizontal bat strokes  
Knows running between the wickets  
Strong knowledge of field positions / game awareness  
Can regularly throw 40m overarm on the full  
Can regularly catch a ball hit / thrown from 40m

#### MSW Plate

aimed at U15 & U16 players  
(age guidance 14-15)

Hard Ball 156g  
20m pitch  
Protective Gear  
2 day 55 overs or 1 day 40 overs  
Turf  
Retire 75 balls / Bowl 10 overs  
Maximum of 6 teams (if 2 day comp) or 10 teams (if 1 day comp) in MSW Plate

U14/15 MSW Rep players in past season  
School - 9A/10A in past season

Premier U16 competition outside of Tavs  
Players trialling but unable to make Tav playing squads (playing consistently)  
Consistently hits the ball both sides of the wicket with vertical and horizontal bat strokes  
Strong knowledge of running between the wickets  
Strong knowledge of field positions / game awareness  
Can consistently throw 50m overarm on the full  
Can consistently catch a ball hit / thrown from 50m