

PLUNKET SHIELD

Except as modified hereunder the NZC First Class Playing Conditions for cricket in New Zealand shall apply in all matches.

1. The Competition

- (a) The Four-day Plunket Shield competition will comprise a series of ten rounds, each of three matches, played over four days.
- (b) If two or more teams are equal on points at the completion of the series of ten rounds, the winner will be decided by:
 - (i) the most outright wins; or
 - (ii) if still equal, then by the higher net average per wicket. A team's net average per wicket is calculated by deducting from the average runs per wicket scored by the team throughout the series, the average runs per wicket scored against the team throughout the series.

2. Day / night matches

The 2016-17 NZC First Class Playing Conditions shall apply except as amended below:

Clause 3.1 - Hours of Play

The amended hours of play shall be:

First session 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Tea 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Second session 4.50pm - 6.50pm

Dinner 6.50pm - 7.30pm

Third Session 7.30pm - 9.30pm, with up to 30 minutes extra time available to bowl the required minimum overs.

NZC reserves the right to adjust the hours of play for each session dependent on the venue.

Clause 3.1.6 - Making Up Lost Time

Any time to be made up shall be added prior to the start of the day.

Clauses 3.1.8 & 6.6.4 – Artificial Lights will be used as may be required. The latest times at which the lights are to be switched on shall be decided by the Match Referee prior to the match and advised to all parties.

Clause 7 - The Ball

Kookaburra Turf 156g Pink ball shall be used.

NB. Sightscreens shall be white for day/night Plunket Shield matches.

3. The scoring of points

(a) In all Plunket Shield matches points shall be scored as follows:

Bonus points only will apply for each team's first innings only up to the end of 110 overs. There is no compulsory declaration.

Batting points – One point at 200 runs, two points at 250 runs, three points at 300 runs, four points at 350 runs.

Bowling points – One point at 3 wickets, two points at 5 wickets, three points at 7 wickets, four points at 9 wickets.

No other points apply for the first innings.

A drawn match will earn the bonus points only for each team, including matches that end before both first innings are completed.

Outright Win 12 points to be added to the bonus points earned

Outright Tie Six points to each team plus bonus points earned

Abandoned match – a match being abandoned without any play having taken place – Two points

(b) In a match that commences with 10 hours or less playing time remaining, then the first innings of both teams shall automatically be forfeited, and the teams shall play a one innings match (not limited overs) for six points (three each for a tie), with no bonus points applicable. Should the match end as a No Result then each team = Two points

4-Day Over-rates

3.75 MINUTES FOR EACH OVER					
Minute	Overs	Minute	Overs	Minute	Overs
1	= 0	21	= 5	41	= 10
2	= 0	22	= 5	42	= 11
3	= 0	23	= 5	43	= 11
4	= 1	24	= 6	44	= 11
5	= 1	25	= 6	45	= 12
6	= 1	26	= 6	46	= 12
7	= 1	27	= 6	47	= 12
8	= 2	28	= 7	48	= 12
9	= 2	29	= 7	49	= 13
10	= 2	30	= 8	50	= 13
11	= 2	31	= 8	51	= 13
12	= 3	32	= 8	52	= 13
13	= 3	33	= 8	53	= 14
14	= 3	34	= 9	54	= 14
15	= 4	35	= 9	55	= 14
16	= 4	36	= 9	56	= 14
17	= 4	37	= 9	57	= 15
18	= 4	38	= 10	58	= 15
19	= 5	39	= 10	59	= 15
20	= 5	40	= 10	60	= 16

Time	Overs
1 hour	= 16
1 hour 30 minutes	= 24
2 hours	= 32
2 hours 30 minutes	= 40
3 hours	= 48
3 hours 30 minutes	= 56

4 hours	= 64
4 hours 30 minutes	= 72
5 hours	= 80
5 hours 30 minutes	= 88
6 hours	= 96

2016-17 Plunket Shield

October 2016				
Sat 22 - Tues 25	Central Stags	v	Otago Volts	Saxton Oval, Nelson
	Canterbury	v	Northern Districts	Hagley Oval, Christchurch
	Wellington Firebirds	v	Auckland Aces	Bay Oval, Mt Maunganui
Sat 29 - Tues 1	Wellington Firebirds	v	Northern Districts	Basin Reserve, Wellington
	Canterbury	v	Central Stags	Hagley Oval, Christchurch
	Auckland Aces	v	Otago Volts	Eden Park no. 2, Auckland
November 2016				
Sat 5 - Tues 8	Northern Districts	v	Canterbury	Seddon Park, Hamilton
	Auckland Aces	v	Wellington Firebirds	Eden Park no. 2, Auckland
	Otago Volts	v	Central Stags	University of Otago Oval, Dunedin
Mon 14 - 17	Northern Districts	v	Auckland Aces	Bay Oval, Mt Maunganui
	Wellington Firebirds	v	Central Stags	Basin Reserve, Wellington
	Otago Volts	v	Canterbury	Queens Park, Invercargill
Tues 22 - Fri 25	Otago Volts	v	Wellington Firebirds	University of Otago Oval, Dunedin
	Central Stags	v	Northern Districts	Nelson Park, Napier
	Canterbury	v	Auckland Aces	Mainpower Oval, Rangiora
February 2017				
Sat 25 - Tues 28	Auckland Aces	v	Central Stags	Colin Maiden Oval, Auckland
	Northern Districts	v	Otago Volts	Cobham Oval, Whangarei
Sun 26 - Wed 1	Wellington Firebirds	v	Canterbury	Basin Reserve, Wellington
March 2017				
Mon 6 - Thur 9	Auckland Aces	v	Canterbury	Eden Park, Auckland - D/N
	Northern Districts	v	Central Stags	Seddon Park, Hamilton D/N
	Wellington Firebirds	v	Otago Volts	Westpac Stadium, Wellington D/N
Tues 14 - Fri 17	Central Stags	v	Wellington Firebirds	McLean Park, Napier
	Auckland Aces	v	Northern Districts	Eden Park no. 2, Auckland
	Canterbury	v	Otago Volts	Hagley Oval, Christchurch
Tues 21 - Fri 24	Otago Volts	v	Auckland Aces	University of Otago Oval, Dunedin
	Northern Districts	v	Wellington Firebirds	Bay Oval, Mt Maunganui
	Central Stags	v	Canterbury	Saxton Oval, Nelson
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