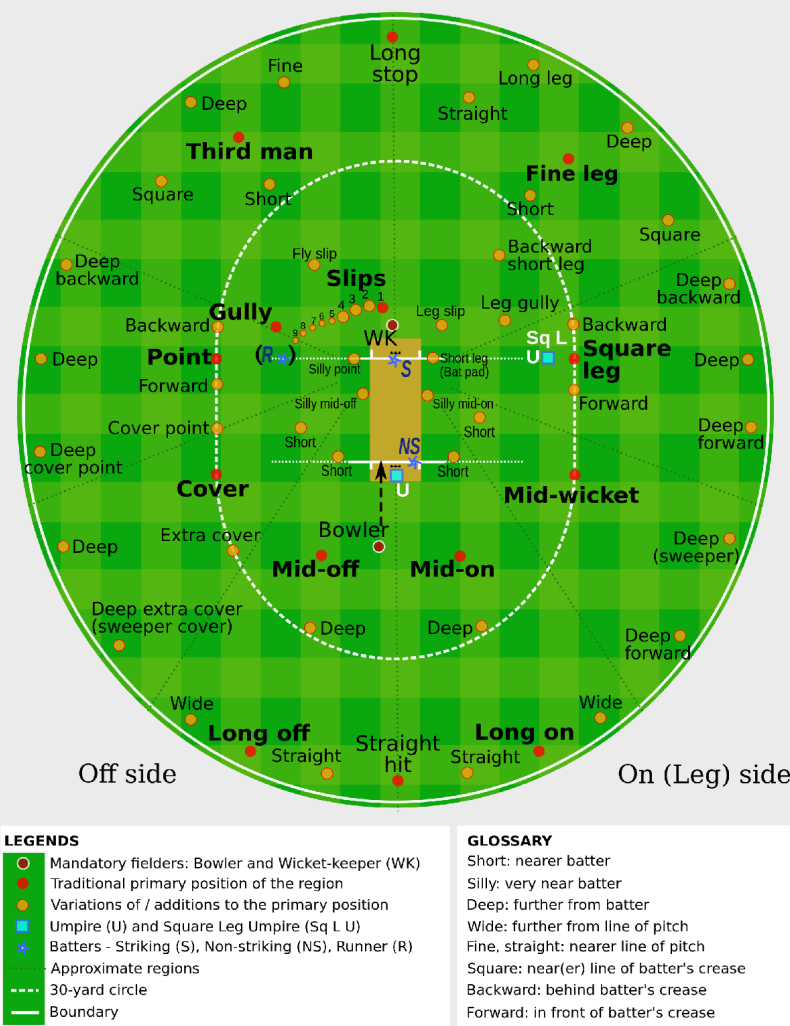


## cricket

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Cricket: Fielding positions for a right-handed batter



**Cricket** is a **bat-and-ball game** played between two teams of eleven players on a **field** at the centre of which is a 22-yard (20-metre) **pitch** with a **wicket** at each end, each comprising two **bails** balanced on three **stumps**. The **batting** side scores **runs** by striking the **ball bowled** at one of the wickets with the bat and then running between the wickets, while the bowling and **fielding** side tries to prevent this (by preventing the ball from leaving the field, and getting the ball to either wicket) and **dismiss** each batter (so they are "out"). Means of dismissal include being **bowled**, when the ball hits the stumps and dislodges the bails, and by the fielding side either **catching** the ball after it is hit by the bat, but before it hits the ground, or hitting a wicket with the ball before a batter can cross the **crease** in front of the wicket. When ten

batters have been dismissed, the **innings** ends and the teams swap roles. The game is adjudicated by two **umpires**, aided by a **third umpire** and **match referee** in international matches. They communicate with two off-field **scorers** who record the match's **statistical information**.





Cricket is a sport that has been tracked back to the early 16th century and has been a popular ever since. The pinnacle of the international game comes in the form of the Cricket World Cup. Other major events include the T20 World Cup, Test Series and One Day series. Each country runs a host of domestic competitions all highly competitive.

Each team consists of 11 players. These eleven players will have varying roles in the team from batsmen, bowlers, fielders and wicket keepers. Whilst each player may have a specialist role they can take up any role should they wish.

Pitch sizes vary greatly in cricket but are usually played on a circular grass field with a circumference of around 200m. Around the edge of the field is what's known as the boundary edge and is basically the line between being in play and out of play.



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