

Cricket Auction Platform - Team Owner User Manual

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Getting Started

1. Accessing the Platform

Login Credentials:

- You will receive your login email and password from the auction administrator
- Visit the auction website URL provided to you
- Click on "Sign In" or navigate to the sign-in page

First-Time Login:

1. Enter your email address
 2. Enter your password
 3. Click "Sign In"
 4. You will be automatically redirected to your Team Owner Dashboard
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Team Owner Dashboard

Understanding Your Dashboard

When you first log in, you'll see your dashboard with:

Overview Cards:

- **Total Teams:** Number of teams assigned to you
- **Total Players:** Total players purchased across all teams
- **Total Spent:** Amount spent across all your teams
- **Remaining Budget:** Total budget remaining across all teams

Team Cards: Each team you own will be displayed as a card showing:

- Team name and auction name
- Auction status badge (NOT STARTED, IN PROGRESS, PAUSED, COMPLETED)
- Number of players purchased
- Amount spent
- Budget progress bar (color-coded: green = healthy, yellow = medium, red = low)
- Action buttons:
 - **View Roster:** See all players in your team
 - **Join Bidding:** Available when auction is live

Auction Status Indicators

- **NOT STARTED** (Gray): Auction hasn't begun yet
 - **IN PROGRESS** (Green, Pulsing "LIVE"): Auction is currently active - you can bid now!
 - **PAUSED** (Yellow): Auction is temporarily paused by admin
 - **COMPLETED** (Blue): Auction has finished
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Joining a Live Auction

When Auction is Active

1. From Dashboard:

- Look for the "Active Auctions" tab on your dashboard
- You'll see teams with a green "LIVE" badge
- Click the "**Join Bidding Now**" button

2. What You'll See:

- Current player being auctioned
 - Player details (name, role, base price)
 - Real-time bidding interface
 - Your team's budget and squad information
 - Recent bids from all teams
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How to Place Bids

Desktop Bidding Interface

The bidding screen is divided into two main sections:

Left Section - Current Player Information

- **Player Details:** Name, role, and base price
- **Current Bid:** Highest bid amount
- **Highest Bidder:** Team name currently leading
- **Player Stats:** Additional information like batting/bowling style
- **Countdown Timer:** Time remaining for current player (if enabled)

Right Section - Your Team & Bidding

- **My Team:** Budget overview and squad composition
- **Bid Amount Controls:**
 - **(-) Button:** Decrease bid by one increment
 - **Bid Amount Field:** Shows your current bid (editable)
 - **(+) Button:** Increase bid by one increment
 - **Quick Bid Buttons:** +1x, +2x, +3x increment multipliers

Maximum Allowable Bid:

- Displayed in an orange/yellow box
- This is the maximum amount you can bid while ensuring you have enough budget to complete your minimum squad

Mobile Bidding Interface

On mobile devices, you'll see:

- **Sticky Header:** Auction name and status
- **Main Content:** Scrollable player and team information

- **Sticky Bottom Panel:** Fixed bidding controls for quick access
 - Countdown timer (compact view)
 - Your bid vs highest bid comparison
 - Quick adjustment buttons: -, +1x, +2x, +
 - Large "Place Bid" button
 - Budget and max bid information

Placing Your Bid

Step-by-Step:

1. **Review Current Player:** Check the player's details, role, and base price
2. **Check Your Budget:** Ensure you have sufficient remaining budget
3. **Set Bid Amount:**
 - Use +/- buttons to adjust by standard increment (typically ₹50,000)
 - Use Quick Bid buttons (+1x, +2x, +3x) to increase by multiples
 - Or manually type the amount in the bid field
4. **Verify Bid Amount:**
 - Must be higher than current highest bid
 - Must not exceed your maximum allowable bid
 - Must not exceed your remaining budget
5. **Click "Place Bid" button:**
 - Button shows your bid amount: "Place Bid - ₹X,XX,XXX"
 - You'll feel a haptic vibration (on mobile) confirming your bid
 - Your bid appears in the "Recent Bids" section immediately

Bid Validation Rules

Your bid will be rejected if:

- **Below minimum:** Bid is less than or equal to the current highest bid
 - **Exceeds budget:** Bid is more than your remaining budget
 - **Exceeds maximum allowable:** Bid doesn't leave enough budget for minimum squad requirements
 - **Squad full:** Your team has reached the maximum number of players
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Understanding Budget Rules

Budget Allocation

Initial Budget:

- Each team starts with a fixed budget (e.g., ₹1,00,00,000)
- This amount is set by the auction administrator

Remaining Budget:

- Updated in real-time as you win players
- Decreases by the winning bid amount when you buy a player
- Cannot go below the amount needed to complete minimum squad

Squad Requirements

Minimum Squad Size:

- You MUST have a minimum number of players (typically 11)
- The system ensures you can always afford to fill your squad

Maximum Squad Size:

- You CANNOT exceed the maximum squad limit (e.g., 15 players)
- Bidding is disabled once you reach this limit

Maximum Allowable Bid Calculation

The system calculates your max bid to ensure you can complete your squad:

Formula:

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Maximum Allowable Bid = Remaining Budget - (Remaining Required Players × Minimum Player Price)
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Example:

- Remaining Budget: ₹60,00,000
- Current Squad: 8 players
- Minimum Required: 11 players
- Remaining Required: 3 players
- Minimum Player Price: ₹5,00,000

Maximum Allowable Bid = ₹60,00,000 - (3 × ₹5,00,000) = ₹45,00,000

This ensures you have ₹15,00,000 reserved to buy 3 more players at minimum price.

Warnings and Alerts

Squad Full Warning (Red):

- Appears when you've reached maximum squad size
- Bidding is completely disabled
- Message: "Squad Full - Cannot Bid"

Cannot Afford Warning (Red):

- Appears when player's base price exceeds your maximum allowable bid
- Explains how much you need to reserve for remaining players
- Message: "Cannot Afford This Player"

Budget Indicators:

- **Green Progress Bar:** Healthy budget (>50% remaining)
- **Yellow Progress Bar:** Medium budget (20-50% remaining)

- **Red Progress Bar:** Low budget (<20% remaining)
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Viewing Your Team

Accessing Team Roster

1. From Dashboard, click "**View Roster**" on your team card
2. Or click your team name while in a live auction

Roster Page Features

Summary Cards:

- Total Players count
- Total Budget allocated
- Total Spent to date
- Remaining Budget

Budget Utilization:

- Visual progress bar showing % of budget used
- Color-coded for easy understanding

All Players Table:

 Displays complete roster with:

- Player name
- Role badge
- Base price
- Bought for (your winning bid)
- Batting style
- Bowling style

Players by Role:

- Grouped cards showing players by their roles
- Quick overview of squad composition
- Individual player cards with purchase details

Returning to Auction

- Click "**Join Bidding**" button (if auction is live)
 - Or click "**Back to Dashboard**" to return to main page
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Tips for Successful Bidding

Before the Auction

1. Know Your Strategy:

- Decide which types of players you want to prioritize
- Plan rough budget allocation (e.g., 40% for batsmen, 30% for bowlers, 30% for all-rounders)

2. Understand Squad Requirements:

- Know the minimum and maximum squad sizes
- Plan to have a balanced team composition

3. Calculate Safe Limits:

- Keep track of how many players you still need
- Always reserve budget for minimum required players

During the Auction

1. Stay Alert:

- Watch the countdown timer (if enabled)

- Monitor other teams' bidding patterns
- Keep your screen active to receive real-time updates

2. Bid Strategically:

- Don't always bid the maximum - save budget for later
- Use quick increment buttons for faster bidding
- Place bids decisively when you really want a player

3. Manage Your Budget:

- Check your remaining budget before every bid
- Watch the maximum allowable bid limit
- Don't spend too much early - save for key players

4. Use Mobile Efficiently:

- The bottom panel on mobile keeps bidding controls always accessible
- Haptic feedback confirms your actions
- Landscape mode may offer better visibility

Real-Time Features

1. Live Updates:

- Bids appear instantly from all teams
- Your team budget updates in real-time
- Player status changes automatically

2. Sold Celebrations:

- When a player is sold, you'll see a celebration animation
- Confetti effect with team colors
- Shows final price and winning team

3. Connection Status:

- System maintains constant connection to auction

- Auto-reconnects if connection drops
 - Tab visibility detection ensures updates even when inactive
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Troubleshooting

Common Issues

1. Cannot See "Join Bidding" Button

- **Check auction status:** Button only appears when status is "IN PROGRESS"
- **Verify team assignment:** Ensure admin has assigned you to a team
- **Refresh the page:** Use browser refresh to update status

2. Bid Not Accepted

- **Too low:** Ensure bid is higher than current highest bid
- **Exceeds budget:** Check remaining budget
- **Exceeds max allowable:** See warning message for required reserve
- **Squad full:** Cannot bid if max squad size reached
- **Network delay:** Wait a moment and try again

3. Budget Not Updating

- **Refresh your browser:** Press F5 or Cmd+R
- **Check internet connection:** Ensure stable connectivity
- **Wait for sync:** Real-time updates may take 1-2 seconds

4. Missing Team on Dashboard

- **Contact administrator:** You may not be assigned to a team yet
- **Check login credentials:** Ensure you're logged in with correct account
- **Verify auction dates:** Auction may not have been created yet

5. Page Freezing or Not Loading

- **Clear browser cache:** Settings > Clear Browsing Data
- **Try different browser:** Use Chrome, Firefox, or Safari
- **Disable browser extensions:** Ad blockers may interfere
- **Check internet speed:** Ensure stable connection

6. Not Receiving Real-Time Updates

- **Verify connection:** Check if other teams' bids appear
- **Switch to another tab and back:** Triggers visibility refresh
- **Reload the page:** Should reconnect to live auction
- **Check firewall:** Ensure WebSocket connections aren't blocked

Getting Help

Technical Support:

- Contact the auction administrator
- Provide details: what you were doing, error messages, browser used
- Include screenshots if possible

Before Contacting Support:

1. Try refreshing your browser
 2. Log out and log back in
 3. Clear your browser cache
 4. Try a different browser
 5. Check your internet connection
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Quick Reference

Keyboard Shortcuts (Desktop)

- **Tab:** Move between bid controls
- **Arrow Up/Down:** Adjust bid amount (when input focused)
- **Enter:** Place bid (when bid button focused)

Status Colors

- **Green Badge:** Auction is LIVE - you can bid now
- **Gray Badge:** Auction not started yet
- **Yellow Badge:** Auction paused temporarily
- **Blue Badge:** Auction completed

Budget Progress Colors

- **Green Bar:** >50% budget remaining (healthy)
- **Yellow Bar:** 20-50% budget remaining (moderate)
- **Red Bar:** <20% budget remaining (low)

Bid Increment

- Typically ₹50,000 per increment
 - May vary by auction settings
 - Shown below bid amount field
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Important Notes

1. **All bids are final** - Once placed, you cannot retract a bid
 2. **Highest bidder wins** - When admin marks player as sold, highest bidder gets the player
 3. **Budget is live** - Your budget updates instantly when you win a player
 4. **Squad limits enforced** - System prevents bidding beyond maximum squad size
 5. **Reserve requirements** - System ensures you can always complete minimum squad
 6. **Real-time platform** - Keep your browser tab/app open during auction
 7. **Multiple device login** - You can access from phone and computer simultaneously
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Contact Information

For assistance during the auction:

- **Administrator:** Contact details provided by your auction organizer
 - **Technical Issues:** Report to auction admin immediately
 - **Emergency:** If unable to bid, contact admin via phone/WhatsApp
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Good luck with your auction!

Remember: Strategic bidding and budget management are key to building a winning team. Stay focused, be decisive, and enjoy the auction experience!