

# COLORADO CRICKET LEAGUE

## FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME



### Let the games begin

The CCL 2019 season kicks off tomorrow with T20 games scheduled in Fort Collins, Longmont, Littleton and Colorado Springs.

This will be our biggest season ever with a total of 182 games scheduled, not including the RMSG games. We will be switching over to a white 4 piece Newbery ball thereby meeting the standards set by the ICC. Our scoring will be in real time on CricClubs and hopefully many of our games will be streaming live on YouTube. We have increased our list of awards to recognize more of our star players. We are planning an open tournament during the memorial weekend and we hope to attract some top level teams to our region.

But, we have a lot of work to do, to take our league to the next level. We need new grounds. We need more

Level 1 certified umpires. We need to work on a solid youth program. We need to introduce women's cricket. We need good scheduling software to generate a schedule that will meet the league's ever-growing needs. We need to get some media attention to make our sport known to the people of Colorado and beyond. All this takes hard work and we are happy that clubs have taken the initiative to help grow the league by taking on these open issues.

The EC wishes all the teams the very best in this season. Play hard and play fair. Respect your opponents, make friends and enjoy the game.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN !!

Good Luck !!

### Updated synopsis of the 2019 season format

The Premier league will consist of eight teams. Each team will play every other team in the league. At the end of the league phase the top four teams will play semi finals for the championship. The bottom four teams will play for the plate.

The T20 league will consist of 19 teams. The teams will be placed in two groups (North and South) of 9 and 10 teams respectively. As far as possible, sister teams from the same club will be placed in different groups.

Each team will play every other team in the group. All these games will also be considered part of the RMSG qualification. At every game an RMSG medal will be awarded to the Man of the Match.

At the end of the round, the top four teams from the group with nine teams and the top five teams from the group with ten teams will be placed in Division 1. The bottom five from each group will be placed in Division 2. Points and scores from games played against teams placed in the same division, will be carried forward to the respective divisions.

Teams will then play the other teams in their division that they have not played in round 1. This will be called round 2. At the conclusion of round 2, the top four teams in each division will play IPL style playoffs for the divisional championships. The bottom teams (five in Division 1 and six in Division 2) will play knockout style playoffs for the plates.

The top four teams from North and South groups will also qualify for the RMSG playoffs. If any qualifying team withdraws from the RMSG playoffs, the next highest ranked team will take its place.

The 2020 season will begin with two Divisions. If the number of teams stay the same next year, the top two teams from Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1 and bottom two teams from Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2 for 2020 T20 season. If any new team joins in 2020, the promotions and relegations will be based on the CCL approved document. New teams will always start in Division 2.

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## Captain's Meeting Minutes

Bodha listed out all the T20 and P40 teams. This year we have 19 T20 teams and 8 P40 teams. The T20 teams will be placed in two groups for the start of round 1. Details of the format can be found in the ranking document.

Annual Dues – All clubs have paid their dues. FCCC being the first to pay. Kudos!

Update on Balls – The balls were stuck in customs. The vendor is making all efforts to get them to us on time. The first batch of 100 balls is scheduled to be delivered on Wednesday. The rest will arrive on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Bodha, Satyam and Shravan have a plan to distribute the balls.

Insurance – Our current insurance provider has clarified that the current insurance is for a 15-member team. So basically we would be underinsured and our claims would be rejected. Since most teams have more than 15 members, this insurance will not work for us. The second option provided by the vendor was to get per player insurance. The quote provided was \$4079 for 400 players.

We have been also in discussions with USA Cricket. USA Cricket membership for one year is going to be \$10 per person and it includes Liability coverage as well as secondary medical insurance of 25000 with a 500 deductible. We decided to go with this insurance.

CricClubs – All new players need to register with CricClubs. Teams should make sure all their players are showing up in their roster. Previously inactive players may need to be made active. If players are switching clubs the old club needs to release the player. Bodha and Kervyn can help if you need assistance.

New rules for this year—Ranking System document has been updated. It explains the format for this year in details. Please review carefully. We have 19 teams in the T20 so the format is slightly different from last year. After round 1, Div 1 will have 9 teams and Div 2 will have 10 teams. Playoffs have been tweaked accordingly.

Promotion / Relegation document. If the number of teams for next year's T20 remain unchanged then the top two finishers of 2019 T20 Div 2 will be promoted to Div 1 for the 2020 season and the bottom two finishers of 2019 T20 Div 1 will be relegated to Div 2 for the 2020 season. However, if new teams join or current teams drop out, then the scenarios change. The Promotion/ Relegation document lists a series of possible scenarios and how the promotion/relegation will apply. Teams need to review the document carefully and request clarification if they have any questions.

This year new players joining a club (new is defined anyone that did not play for the club last year, including transferred players) will be given a waiver on the uniforms for their first two games. They must wear similar colored clothing.

Ball for the 2019 season. We will be playing with Newbery white four piece balls. In the T20 we will use one ball per inning and in Premier we will use two balls per inning. Our hope is that this ball will solve our 'ball' issue once and for all.

P40 start time – The revised start time for P40's played from May to September will be 9 am. In April and October the start time will be 10 am. Umpires can use their judgment if the ground is not suitable for a 9 am start. CACU must approve all exceptions.

Drink breaks – In a Premier game, If the temperature is over 95F, drink breaks will be taken every 10 overs. The breaks will be 10 minutes long. To compensate for the extra 10 minutes, the lunch break will be shortened to 20 minutes.

Wide rule. In CCL we follow the wide markers to call a wide. It does not matter if the batsman moves to off or leg side. If the ball passes between the batsman and the leg stump it is not a wide. If the batsman tries to switch hit (not reverse sweep), then both sides become the offside and the wide markers on both sides will be used to determine if the ball was wide.

New players in playoff – A player that has played any game for the club in any format, in the current year, is eligible to play for the team in the playoffs. For example a player that has played T20 for any of the three LCC teams is eligible to play Premier playoffs for LCC. Similarly a player that has played just Premier games for LCC is eligible to play for Lions or Tigers or Panthers in the playoffs. All other new players must get approval from the LMC to play in the playoffs. The player's playing history (including other leagues) must be made known to the LMC. A simple majority vote from all the clubs is sufficient.

Penalties carried forward to next season. If a penalty cannot be applied to the player or club in the current year, it will be carried forward to next year. If the club does not play in the same format, the penalty will apply to other format that the club participates in. For example if LCC does not send a umpire in a Premier semifinals, the one point deduction will carry over to next year and LCC will start next year's Premier with a -1 point.

Changes in awards. This year we have added a lot more awards. We have also changed some of the award weight age to be more in line with the format. For example strike rate in T20 is given more weight age than in Premier. Details can be found in the general rules document.

This year the T20 round 1 is also the qualifying round for RMSG. Every man of the match will be awarded a RMSG medal. The medals will be distributed along with the balls. Home team will be responsible for giving the medal to the umpire who will then award it to the man of the match.

Good Luck to all the teams !!!

## Howzzat Answers

1. A – The back edge.
2. A – The inside edge.
3. C – The umpires.
4. A – 9 inches wide and 28 inches high.
5. B – 36 inches.

## Financial report

All teams have paid their dues. Thank you.

We are working on the Insurance payments. USA Cricket will let us know if they can take the payment directly from the league. If not, all individual members will have to sign up and pay the dues individually and CCL will refund the insurance dues back to the clubs.

The next big expense on our list is the Memorial Weekend Tournament. We are looking for sponsors. A detailed budget will be released to the LMC.

## Featured Club - Front Range Cricket Club (FRCC)



**FRCC 2017**



**FRCC 2018**



**FRONT RANGE  
CRICKET CLUB**

### Long Long ago, so long ago .....

Front Range Cricket club was founded in 2010 by a group of people who were initially a part of CSUCC based in Fort Collins. The initial recruiting of the club members was from University of Colorado Boulder as a couple of founding members Manju and Amal were based out in Boulder. Colorado State University (CSU) had initially provided a ground which the club had to forego eventually due to the minimal participations in sports body meetings. Also, the club members felt Fort Collins was quite far away considering the travel involved from Boulder to Fort Collins with almost half the members being students. Eventually, the club decided to tie up with Coal Creek Cricket Club (CCCC) and Colorado Tennis Cricket League to adopt the Lower Garden Acres in Longmont as its home ground. Ever since, FRCC has flourished in the league, but credit should be given the initial founders of the club. Many thanks to the founding members worth mentioning for setting up the platform for the club to cherish some of the greatest moments in Colorado's recent times - ManjuKumar, Amal Chandran, Naveen Kaje and Tej Kiran.

FRCC played with two teams in 2012 and 2013 as FRCC-Knights and FRCC-Spartans with a huge turnout of players for those years. FRCC started to lose players and had to shift back to just one team after that. In 2018, FRCC was able to unearth new talents from the Tennis ball cricket and formed two teams for the T20 format. In, 2018 FRCC played as FRCC-A and FRCC-B, but the teams, taking in suggestion from its members are back to the good old names of Spartans and Knights for the year 2019.

### Rise of the Phoenix

Rewinding the clock to the starting days, FRCC, with individually sound players, as a club were found to be performing average as the results showcase. Initial days were a bit hard, considering that the club was just formed and it took time to mold the players and adjust to the quality of cricket in Colorado. Since the club's players were primarily students, the club kept losing their fine players quite often due to migrations to other states after course completion. Constant changes - addition of players and losing key members was primarily the reason of not being able to achieve the required results. In those days, some of the finest CCL talents played for FRCC. Shams, Bharath, Tej, Sriram, Jigar, Shashank, Manju to name a few.

In the Premier Format, FRCC finished in 5th spot for 4 continuous years from 2010 to 2013. FRCC started doing well from the year 2014 where the team started to slowly climb up the ladder towards the top spot. In the T20 format, the club finished usually in the 4th spot but has started to do really good in recent times.

"Time is the longest distance between two places" as said by Tennessee Williams is the right quote for FRCC. Since 2015,

the club was able to hold the core of FRCC-players together and hence, FRCC was able to improve the results ever since. 2016 was good in its own way and FRCC finished 2nd in the Premier format but failed to qualify for the playoffs in the T20 format as they finished 5th.

2017 was a stellar year for the club by itself. FRCC finished 2nd in both the T20 and Premier formats with the T20 final proving to be an amazing scepter (tied game in a Championship Final). In 2018 too, FRCC was able to achieve great results finishing 3rd in the Premier format, having lost the Semi-Finals. FRCC-A finished 2nd in the T20 format losing the Final, while FRCC-B coming in as a new team was able to finish 7th in the League - credited as a really great performance considering that the team was fresh and new to the leather ball cricket. FRCC have been brilliant in the recent past, thanks to some of the greatest finds for the club.

### Scaling the Heights

Going along the lines of some astounding performances in recent times, here is a list of notable players from recent past for FRCC.

Sumeet Khule is undoubtedly one of the best finds for the club. He started as one of the finest batsman FRCC has ever seen and the results speak for itself. With 4 hundreds and 22 - 50 plus scores in just 65 innings, he has a brilliant average of 52.19. He won the best batsman Premier format in 2017 and won the most number of centuries award in 2017. Also won the runner up awards for his batting in T20 for 2017 and 2018 and Premier 2016.

Rohit Saini is another such player who has been a superb all-rounder for the club. With almost 200 wickets and more than 2000 runs in his kitty, he won the best all-rounder in 2017 and won the best bowler award in 2016.

Subhashish Dash rose among the ranks as a fierce pacer since 2016 even though he had played a couple more years before then. He achieved the best bowler award in Premier format for the year 2017. He has picked up 51 wickets and scored about 1350 runs for the club across formats.

Sumeet Khule, Rohit Saini and Subhashish Dash are members of Team Colorado and FRCC is proud to have them.

Some veterans like Amal Chandran with over 2600 runs and over 50 catches and Murali Krishna Nallamothu with over 1000 runs and over 130 wickets are still associated with the club and have contributed immensely to the club with sparkling performances and bailing out the team from tough situations. Shiril Tichkule has had some good bowling performances for the club with almost 75 wickets. Another notable performer Arunachalam Lakshminarayanan with over 80 wickets, unfortunately had to move out of state and is no more active a player, but his association with the club never ends one believes. Naveen Kaje with over 2225 runs and 65 wickets is yet another handy contributor of the FRCC club.

2019 will be no less for FRCC and Colorado Cricket is bound to witness some of the best performances from the players of FRCC Club.



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## Did you know?

- ◆ In 150 years of cricket history, Chris Gayle is the only person to hit a six of the first ball of the test match.
- ◆ AB Devilliers is the only player to maintain 90+ strikrate and 50+ average continously for 6 years.
- ◆ Steve and Mark Waugh were the first twins to play for a country. The rest like Andy and Grant flower, Greg and Ian Chappel were just brothers not twins.
- ◆ The only law of Cricket that has not had any changes or modifications, is the length of the pitch.
- ◆ A wall has been erected in the honor of Rahul Dravid at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore. Exactly 13,288 bricks were used in its construction. That's the number of runs scored by him in test cricket.
- ◆ Out of the 2100+ ODI cricketers that have played till date, Only 18 have managed to score more than half of Sachin Tendulkar's total ODI runs in their personal ODI career. That is less than 1% worldwide.
- ◆ Mahendra Singh Dhoni has never scored a century outside Asia
- ◆ Shoaib Akhtar holds the prestigious record of bowling the fastest recorded delivery in cricket. He bowled the delivery at a staggering pace of 100.23 miles per hour during the World Cup conducted in South Africa in 2003.

## Howzaat? Laws 7 & 8 (The Creases & The Wicket)

(Answers on Page 2)

1. Which part of the marked white line is the bowling crease?
  - A. The back edge.
  - B. The center of the line.
  - C. The front edge
2. Which part of the marked white line is the return crease?
  - A. The inside edge.
  - B. The center of the line.
  - C. The outside edge.
3. Who decides if the bails should be dispensed with when they are continually falling off during play?
  - A. The fielding captain
  - B. The batsman
  - C. The umpires.
4. What is the width of the wicket and the height of the top of the stumps above the ground in an adult match?
  - A. 9 inches wide and 28 inches high.
  - B. 9 inches wide and 27 inches high.
  - C. 8 inches wide and 27 inches high.
5. In CCL how far are the wide markers from the center of the wicket?
  - A. 17 inches inside from the return crease.
  - B. 36 inches.
  - C. 30 inches.