

Cricket Tournament Rule Book

1. Game Format

- 1.1. On-field umpire's decision is final; no arguments are allowed. Only captain can have discussion with umpire. Umpire holds the right of 5 runs penalty in case of mis-conduct.
 - 1.2. Matches consist of 5 overs per side (subject to time).
 - 1.3. Each bowler can bowl a maximum of 1 over.
 - 1.4. A minimum of 9 players is required to start the match; otherwise, the opponent gets a walkover.
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2. General Rules

- 2.1. Innings break is 3min + 2 buffer minutes; Umpire and Organising committee holds the right of rewarding opponent 4 bonus runs in case of delay start.
- 2.2. LBW decisions are not applicable; other standard rules apply.
- 2.3. Captains must add all players on the "CricHeroes" app for online scoring.
- 2.4. Stumps, Ball, First-Aid and refreshment will be provided by Organising committee.
- 2.5. Every team must have their own bat (Don't ask bat to Organising committee).
- 2.6. Players can represent only one team during the tournament.
- 2.7. Wicket-keeper cannot grab the ball before wicket when bowler bowls to batsman.
- 2.8. In case wicket-keeper changing position i.e. keeping up-front or keeping from back, it must be notified to leg umpire speaking out loud (Isharo me nahi batana hain) . Otherwise it will be considered no-ball.
- 2.9. Bowler must notify umpire about their bowling arm and side(example: Right arm over the wicket) otherwise it will be considered no ball.
- 2.10. Injured players must retire hurt; runners are not allowed.
- 2.11. The "Mankading" rule applies after a warning.
- 2.12. Players must arrive 15 minutes before the toss.
- 2.13. Players must wear the official team jersey, sports shoes^(Mandatory), and sports trousers^(Mandatory).
- 2.14. Only registered players can participate on match day.
- 2.15. Overs per match may be reduced in case of time constraints.

3. Cricketing Rules

- 3.1. Runs scored by female players are doubled.
- 3.2. Runs conceded by female bowlers are halved and rounded up (e.g., $17 \div 2 = 8.5 \approx 9$).
- 3.3. The first over of each inning must be bowled by a female player.
- 3.4. Male bowlers must bowl underarm slow deliveries to female batters.
- 3.5. The 30-yard circle is considered the boundary for female batters.

4. Fielding and Bowling Restrictions

- 4.1. At least 2 female fielders must be on the field at all times. If unavailable, the team will play with 2 players short.
- 4.2. For male bowlers, 4 fielders (excluding the bowler and wicket-keeper) must remain in inner circle.
- 4.3. Female bowlers cannot bowl the last over.
- 4.4. The bowling line for female bowlers will be approx. 3/4th of the pitch length; crossing it results in a no-ball.
- 4.5. When female bowler is bowling no-field restriction applies.

5. Powerplay Rules

- 5.1. The second over of each inning is the powerplay.
- 5.2. Maximum 2 fielders are allowed outside 30-yard circle during the powerplay.
- 5.3. If female bowler is bowling powerplay over, maximum 4 fielder are allowed outside circle.
- 5.4. When female batter is batting no restriction as the boundary for female batter is circle itself.

6. Match Outcomes

- 6.1. **Group Stage Tie:** Points are distributed equally.
 - 6.2. **Knock-out Tie:** The winner is decided by PowerPlay.
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7. Qualification Rules

7.1. The top team in the Points Table (CricHeroes app) from each group qualifies for the next round.

7.2. If points and NRR are tied:

- The team with the most sixes qualifies.
- If tied again, fours are counted.
- If still tied, twos are counted.

8. Additional Notes

8.1. Matches can start with a minimum of 9 players.

8.2. Delayed starts may result in reduced overs or a walkover.

8.3. Officials may cancel a group match if a team has already qualified for the semifinals.

8.4. Tournament officials have the final say in disputes or uncertainties.

8.5. A new ball is used for each inning in group stages. In Knock-out matches may be played with used balls, as decided by officials.

8.6. Boundary line for Male batter will be the actual boundary line but for female batter it will be inner circle.

** For any changes in rule organising committee will notify well in advance before tournament date.

** These rules are applicable for RCP ground.