

MUMBAI INDIANS – FULL AUCTION DOSSIER

IPL 2025/26 Season

This dossier consolidates Mumbai Indians' auction philosophy, target profiles, price discipline, and simulated outcomes using a data-driven, role-aware auction model.

1. Franchise Philosophy & Identity

Mumbai Indians build teams around powerplay dominance, elite death bowling, explosive batting, and a continuously refreshed Indian core. Youth scouting and long-term succession are core competitive advantages.

2. Budget Blueprint (₹100 Cr)

Segment	Target Spend	Purpose
Leader / Captain	₹10–14 Cr	Stability & tactics
Powerplay Bowlers	₹18–22 Cr	Early wickets
Death Bowlers	₹18–22 Cr	Close out games
All-Rounders	₹16–20 Cr	Flexibility
Heavy Hitters	₹14–18 Cr	Impact Player leverage
Scouted Youth / Bench	₹6–8 Cr	Future core

3. Role Priority Order

1. Indian powerplay bowlers
2. Indian death bowlers
3. Batting all-rounders (top 7 + overs)
4. Heavy hitters (Impact role)
5. Wicket-taking leg spinner
6. Overseas specialists (elite only)

4. Target Profiles & Price Discipline

MI targets players based on role clarity and price discipline. Indian bowlers and all-rounders are allowed controlled aggression. Overseas bats and finishers are capped strictly due to replaceability.

5. Simulated Auction Outcome (MI)

The MI-centric mock auction produced a balanced squad with bowling secured early, impact hitters added later, and significant purse flexibility retained. No emotional overpays occurred.

6. Playing XI & Impact Player Logic

MI uses Impact Player aggressively. Batting depth extends till No.8, while at least 7 bowling options are always available. Substitutions are matchup-driven rather than fixed.

7. Risk Controls & Walk-Away Rules

MI enforces strict walk-away rules: no anchor-only bats, no overseas role duplication, no one-season hype, and no blocking of youth pathways.