

# MI – IPL 2025/26 AUCTION WAR-ROOM PLAYBOOK

**Franchise DNA:** Leadership · Powerplay dominance · Elite death bowling · Scouting excellence

## 1. BUDGET BLUEPRINT (₹100 Cr)

Segment	Target Spend	MI Logic
Leader / Captain	₹10–14 Cr	Calm, tactically flexible
Powerplay Bowlers	₹18–22 Cr	Early wickets define MI
Death Bowlers	₹18–22 Cr	Yorkers, slower balls, nerve
All-Rounders	₹16–20 Cr	Bat + bowl flexibility
Heavy Hitters	₹14–18 Cr	Impact Player leverage
Scouted Youth / Bench	₹6–8 Cr	Future MI core

## 2. ROLE PRIORITY (STRICT ORDER)

- 1) Indian powerplay bowlers (swing/seam)
- 2) Indian death bowlers with proven nerves
- 3) Batting all-rounders (top 7 + overs)
- 4) Heavy hitters (Impact role)
- 5) Leg spinner (wicket-taking)
- 6) Overseas specialists (only if elite)

## 3. MI-SPECIFIC BIDDING RULES

- ✓ Trust scouting over reputation
- ✓ Aggression allowed for bowlers
- ✓ Youth premium justified
- ✗ No anchor-only batsmen
- ✗ No defensive overseas spinners
- ✗ Avoid one-dimensional finishers

## 4. BOWLING ATTACK CHECKLIST

- ✓ 2 powerplay strike bowlers
- ✓ 2 elite death bowlers
- ✓ 1 wicket-taking leg spinner
- ✓ 1 seam-bowling all-rounder
- ✓ Minimum 7 bowling options including Impact Player

## 5. BATTING PROFILE (MI STYLE)

- ✓ Powerplay intent
- ✓ Multiple 180+ SR hitters
- ✓ Batting depth till No.8
- ✓ Flexibility with Impact Player

## 6. WALK-AWAY TRIGGERS (MI)

- Bowler without powerplay/death role
- Anchor bat slowing PP momentum
- Overseas role duplication
- Player blocking youth pathway

*At MI, strike early, finish harder, and always build for the future.*