

Cricket 8's Competition Rules

This information must be read in conjunction with "Sport Entry Forms", "Sport Information" and "Games Information" available from the website.

- A. A game is played between teams of 8 players and consists of 7 six-ball overs bowled by each side from one end of the wicket.
- B. With the exception of the wicket keeper each member of the fielding side bowls one over. The wicket keeper cannot be changed during a game unless he/she is injured. The substitute wicket keeper, who cannot bowl, must complete the innings.
- C. If the fielding side has fewer than eight players, the batting team will nominate the bowler in order to complete the innings.
In the case of injury on the fielding side:
 - i A reserve may replace the injured player into the position and batting order of the injured player.
 - ii Injured players may not return to the side for the Game.
 - iii If there are no reserves the batting team will nominate the bowler to replace the injured player.
 In the case of injury on the batting side no substitution is allowed.
- D. All runs and extras are scored according to the accepted laws of cricket with the following exceptions;
 - i Any wide delivery shall count as two extras to the batting side no matter if off the bat or a sundry and an extra ball will be bowled.
 - ii Any over shall have a maximum of 8 balls (including wides and no balls) except for the last over of an innings which must have 6 legal deliveries.
 - iii A ball called wide by the umpire is considered a dead ball. Two runs only are scored and the batter can't be dismissed.
 - iv Any ball delivered by the bowler reaching the batter above shoulder height in their normal batting stance is called "no ball".
 - v Underarm bowling is permitted. However if the ball bounces more than once before reaching the striker it will be called a "no ball".
- E. When the ball is bowled no fielder may stand closer than 10 metres from the striker's wicket on the legside or in front of point on the off-side.
- F. A batter must retire not out on reaching a personal score of 20 (or total they achieve if their last scoring shot takes them beyond this score eg 18 + 4 = 22). Retired batters may return in the order in which they were retired if one of the last pair of batters is out before the completion of 7 overs. If 7 wickets fall before the 7 overs are completed, the last remaining batter is the only one who can score runs and must return to the striker's end each time he/she scores a 1,3 or 5.
If either of these last two batters are run out the innings is ended.

Match Results

- i The team with the highest score at the end of the match is the winner.
- ii If the totals of both teams are equal, the side losing the least number of wickets is declared the winner.
- iii If the result can't be decided by (i) or (ii) the side which bowled the least number of wides and no balls is declared winner.
- iv If the result still can't be determined the winner is the team with the highest score after the 8th legitimate ball.

In pool play, unless bowled out, both teams must complete 7 overs. In Elimination Tournament the innings of the team batting second will end once a result has been achieved.

The Ball

A Platypus Plyaball is to be used in all matches. Softer than a normal ball it has a similar bounce to a standard leather ball, and can travel a similar distance when hit, yet is easier to catch. Batters have the option of wearing protective leg guards (pads) and a helmet.

Time Wasting

All teams must complete their allotted overs in less than twenty five (25) minutes unless either the officiating umpire or Sport Coordinator rules that extra time will be added due to an injury or legitimate disruption to play.

The offending team when batting will only be entitled to receive the number of overs when 25 minutes was reached while their opponents must receive their full quota of 7 overs.

GOOD LUCK!

