# **CPCL 2024 – Rules related to Over Penalty**

**Game Schedule:**

* The game must start promptly at 7:30 am, except in cases where ground-related issues arise (e.g., wet ground, sprinkler running, or someone else using the ground).
* Innings 1 must conclude within 85 minutes (by 8:55 am).
* A 10-minute break will be observed from 8:55 am to 9:05 am.
* Innings 2 must conclude within 85 minutes (by 10:30 am).

**Minimum Players:**

* A minimum of 7 players must be present on the ground for the game to commence.

**Over Penalty:**

* For every 5-minute delay in meeting the minimum player requirement, a team will incur a one-over penalty.
* Example: If the batting team fails to field 7 players by 7:31 am, they will lose one over of batting. Similarly, if the fielding team fails to field 7 players by 7:31 am, they will have to chase in 19 overs. The over penalty escalates with each subsequent 5-minute delay.

**Late Start Consequences:**

* If the game fails to start by 8:00 am, the responsible team will be declared the loser.
* If neither team is able to start the game on time, both teams will be awarded 0 points.

**Maximum Over Penalty:**

* The maximum over penalty is capped at 6 overs (by 7:56 am).

These rules aim to ensure timely commencement of matches (particularly given, the fields are rented for baseball tournament immediately after our games) and penalize delays to maintain the integrity and fairness of the tournament. Please understand and adhere to these rules