



EPL 2023

Rules and Regulations

The EPL (Elkins Premier League) is a cricket league, which will be played by players from various teams in Elkins Cricket Ground (Address:2210 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley, PA, 19006). All matches will be played on turf ground. EPL Admin Panel will have the final authority on all matters regarding the league. The decision of the EPL Admin Panel is final and binding to all participating teams.

The Registration fee for all teams is nonrefundable and this amount is due before the league including the signed contract (registration/waiver/Covid19 form and players list). The fee includes balls and ground fees. Teams should pay Umpire fee set by EPL Admin Panel prior to the start of the game. All matches will be officiated by certified neutral main umpires. Batting teams have the responsibility of leg-umpire (second umpire). Main umpire can over-ride any decisions made by the leg umpire and the decision of main umpire will be final.

Game Rules, Delays & Penalties

All teams and their players are expected to read rules, regulations and responsibilities before the start of the league and abide by these rules throughout the league.

"Teams are prohibited from bringing and providing **alcoholic beverages and drugs** in any team settings. "This prohibition extends not only to players, but to all team personnel, as well as to team management traveling who have access to team facilities. "If anyone is found to breach this policy, management will disqualify you from this league. All teams must follow the policies and protocols of the following entities: Lower Moreland Township, Montgomery County Parks and Trails, Elkins Cricket Ground.

The official start of each game will be notified to the team captain via cricclubs and/or other electronic and social communication methods.

All teams should be aware of travel times and any 'travel delays' before the travel. Due to time and schedule constraints, EPL Admin Panel will not be able to reschedule any games except weather related changes. It is the responsibility of the teams to be present on the scheduled time. Any delay may result in forfeiting the game.

League Format

1. Four teams will be playing 2 games against each other.
2. Two of the highest-ranking teams from cricclubs points table will qualify for final.
3. 20 over format
4. 6 overs powerplay
5. Two fielders are allowed outside the 30 yard circle during the powerplay and five fielders from overs 7-20. Power play overs may reduce accordingly in the event of a shorter format.
6. Each win will get 2 points each.
7. At the end of delivery a max of five fielders on the leg side. Any infringements of these fielding restriction will result in the ball being called a NO-BALL

DL Method calculation

<http://www.boltoncricket.co.uk/DLcalc.html>

Protective Gear:

All players are urged to wear protective equipment to minimize any cricket related injuries. No batsman or wicket keeper will be allowed to bat or keep wickets without proper protective equipment (abdominal pads, pads, chest guard and thigh pad and gloves). EPL Admin Panel strongly recommends the use of helmet for batsmen and wicket keepers to minimize head injury. It is the responsibility of each player and teams to make the protective gears available to use.

EPL Admin Panel/Friends Cricket Club/Organizers will not be responsible for any cricket related or other injuries even with or without proper protective gear.

Uniform:

Teams will have the liberty to choose their own team colors, color combinations and designs. There will be no restrictions as long as the players in the team wear trousers and collared or round neck t-shirts as similar pattern and color uniform. No player will be allowed to play without the proper uniform chosen by their respective team.

Toss:

A list of the playing eleven should be submitted to the umpire before the start of each game. If an umpire finds a player on the field (except for fielding substitute which should be approved by the umpire and notified to the opposition team) and not on the roster, the game will be considered a forfeit and will be awarded the game to the opposition team.

Team Selection:

Each team can only choose their playing eleven (12, if playing impact player) from the auction/selection roster. Any offense of not following team selection rules will be considered a forfeit and will be awarded game to the opposition team. Captain and Vice-captain of the team will be suspended for one game (next game).

Each player should read the rules and regulations and sign the waivers prior to the start of the game.

Impact Player:

EPL 2023 will feature Impact Player (one substitute who can come to bat or bowl) rule. The following rules apply to the impact player if team chooses to play.

1. Impact Player is not mandatory.
2. If chooses to play impact player, this should be announced to the umpire & opposition captain right after the toss is done. Impact player cannot be changed once the name is announced to the umpire.
3. Team batting first will announce the replacing player and impact player. (Here, the impact player will be a bowler who will come to play at the start of their bowling innings.)
4. Team batting second will announce the replacing player and impact player. (Here, the impact player will be a batsman who can bat at any position)
5. Impact player can only either bowl or bat.
6. At the innings break, teams can choose not to play impact player and continue with original playing eleven.
7. Once a player is replaced (Replacement happens at the innings break), he cannot return to the ground to bowl or bat. Fielding is allowed with the approval of umpire and after notifying the opposition team captain.

Hosting Team:

Assigned hosting team is responsible for setting up the field 30 min prior to the toss, which includes but not limited to cones for inner circle and boundaries, stumps, bails, ensuring match balls are available prior to the game, coin for the toss.

If the ground is not ready (Set up cones, stumps, bails and laying mat) 15 min prior to the start, the toss will be awarded to the opposition team, If the ground is not ready fifteen (15) minutes after the official match start time, hosting team will lose 4 overs. If the ground is not ready to play after the forty-five (45) minutes of official start time, then the opposition team will be awarded the game.

Hosting team should co-ordinate with EPL admin panel prior to the game to get key for storage box and safety return key after the game. Key should be returned the same day.

Hosting team is also responsible for removing trash, collecting and placing all cones, stumps, bails in the storage.

Any violation of above rules will result in 75\$ fine for the team, second offense 125\$. 3 or more violation will result in the suspension for captain and vice-captain for 1 game and 125\$ fine

Hosting team have the primary responsibility of ensuring ground is clean before leaving the ground including removing water/drink bottles, plastic bags, paper products, cups, plates, etc . Pictures should be taken after the game and send it in captains' group at the end of game.

Any violation in above rule will result in penalties for the team/captain/vice-captain, for first offense 75\$, second offense 125\$. 3 or more violation will result in the suspension for captain and vice-captain for 1 game and 125\$ fine.

Property Damages/Unlawful possession of property.

Any property of FCC and Lower Moreland township should not be used/possessed without prior approval from EPL admin panel. Under no circumstances the properties at the ground should be damaged, including turf, cones, picnic table, trash containers, sign boards, storage box, etc.

Hosting team have the primary responsibility to ensure the property is safely protected on game day. Any violation of above rule will result in fine equals the replacement and labor of the damaged/misplaced property and suspension of captain and vice-captain for up to 2 games.

Both teams/players should leave the ground within 15 minutes after the game. And follow Lower Moreland Park rules, available at https://www.lowermoreland.org/residents/parks_trails_recreation also appropriate law enforcement or other township agencies.

If any concerns arise hosting teams should contact EPL admin panel immediately.

The No- ball Rule:

One bouncer will be allowed per over. The second instance will be called a “no-ball” by the umpire. If the first bouncer goes above the head, it will automatically be a wide ball. Waist high ball is considered as a no-ball and the call will be depend on the leg -umpire and the main umpire can override the decision if there is any difference in opinion. Waist high no balls are considered for both fast and slow bowlers.

Free Hit Rule:

For any type of no-ball (waist high or front foot) except for pitching the ball outside of the mat/turf by the bowler, the next delivery is deemed as a “free-hit”- meaning the batsman can only be dismissed in ways that he could’ve been dismissed on a no ball, even if the delivery is called a wide ball. No change in field is allowed just for the “free hit”. All fields should remain at the same positions when the original no ball was bowled unless there is a change of striker.

New Batter Rule

The new batter will take strike after catch dismissal unless it's at the end of the over.

Tied Games

If there is a tie in the game, a Super over will be conducted to decide the winner. Super over should be continued until a winner is determined. Each team will nominate three batsman and one bowler for each innings prior to the start of the super over.

Delay in Start Times:

The Umpires will have the authority to reduce the number of over(s) as penalty if he finds any teams causing a delayed start. The Umpires will also have the authority to reduce the total number of over(s) for the game.

Toss Time:

The team captain must be ready to toss 30 minutes prior to the official match time.

Minimum players:

- 1) A participating team should have at least eight players on the field in proper cricket attire before the start of the game. Toss will be awarded to the opposition team if a team doesn't have 8 players which should be verified by the umpires at time of the toss.
- 2) A team can field if they have eight players ready to play. All teams must have 11 players in the field to place 2 fielders outside the 30 yard circle in the power play. Fielders allowed outside the circle will be reduced according to the number of players and the fielding restrictions in place.

Substitution/player coming late

1. A player(s) can only be allowed to be in the field only at the end of an over.
2. Player(s) cannot come into the field while an over is in progress.
3. Player(s) entering the game will NOT be allowed to bowl for the time they are out of the field, and only be allowed them to bowl after they are in the field for the same number of over(s) they were absent.
4. Player(s) absent for the entire batting innings may field but will NOT be allowed to bowl at any stages of the match.
5. Player(s) absent for the entire duration of their fielding innings, may bat.
6. Player(s) can join the batting team in the pavilion at any time and come to bat at the fall of a wicket or retirement of a batsman.

Penalties:

1. If a team is ready to play fifteen (15) minutes after the official match start time, then it will lose 4 overs.
2. If a team is not ready to play after the forty-five (45) minutes of official start time, then the opposition team will be awarded the game.
3. Upon dismissal of a batsman, the incoming batsman has ninety (90) seconds to get ready to face the ball. If the batsman takes more than 90 seconds to face the delivery, the umpire can give the batsman out, if the fielding side appeals for it.

Rain Delay

In order to have a match to count, the second batting team MUST bat for at least eight (8) overs and the run rate will count depending on the more runs scored by the team by when the match stops.

Rain Reschedule:

EPL Admin panel will make every effort to reschedule 'washed out' games. (Overs may be reduced to include all 'washed out' games). Games will not be rescheduled for any other reason. If there is wash out in rescheduled day, the teams will split one point each.

Playoff Qualifications

1. Top two teams of the points table will qualify for final -a. Based on Points b. Based on NRR.
2. The remaining two teams will play for 3rd place.

Sledging

'If you can't say something nice, don't say it at all'... Verbal abuse, use of profanities etc. directed at any players of the opposing team or any fans present will result in penalties as described below. Under no circumstances, will the safety of the player(s) or any of the fans be jeopardized.

SLEDGING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!!

Only the team captain has any right to talk to the umpires about any discrepancy during the game. If not the following will be in effect.

- 1) Suspension of the player.
- 2) If more than one player is involved, the team may be eliminated from the further contention of the league.
- 3) Team(s) may be banned from participating in future league(s).

THE DECISION OF THE EPL Admin Panel DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE SHALL BE FINAL IN THESE MATTERS OR ANY OTHER MATTERS NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE!!!

Game Forfeits:

What is a forfeit? Any team that prematurely leaves the field of play without the approval of the umpires and mutual consent of both captains shall be considered as a forfeit.

Any teams that forfeit a game 3 days before the schedule will be fined 100\$ and the opposition will be awarded 2 points. Play off eligibility for players will not be counted in this game.

Any teams that forfeit a game within 3 day will be fined 100\$ and full umpire fees. Opposition team will be awarded 2 points. Play off eligibility for players will not be counted in this game.

If a game is forfeited at the ground, opposition players present will be considered for play off eligibility.

Play Off player eligibility Criteria.

Team with 6 games played- 2 games

Team with 5 games, 4 games, 3 games, 2 games played-1game.

Awards:

Emerging Player

1. Age below 27.
2. Less than 150 cricclubs games.
3. Based on highest total points in player ranking.
4. Past recipients do not stand a chance to win the award.

Legends Award

1. Ages 44 and above.
2. Based on highest total points in player ranking.
3. Past recipients do not stand a chance to win the award.

Man of the Match

Player with highest point from the winning team.

General Rules

1. 1 Umpires have the full authority to decide a catch taken at the boundary. A fielder is expected to stay where he catches the ball for umpires to verify a catch and any movements made. If the fielder moved after a catch, its up to the umpire to decide a fair catch.

1.2 Umpires have the full authority to call fours and sixes. Umpires could ask for fielder's (the fielder who is near or stopped the ball) assistance if the umpire cannot verify the position of the ball. No other players from either team is allowed to question the decision

even if other players/spectators has better visibility. Both laws are created to assist umpires in decision making and in no way prevents umpires from making his own decisions.

2. A ball pitching outside of the turf will be considered as a no-ball a batsman cannot be given out on this ball except runout.
3. A delivery that pitches more than two time before the stumps is considered as a dead ball and the ball will be repeated but no runs will be given.
4. Any extraordinary circumstances or situations that affects the league/games/players where any of the rules mentioned is not applicable, the decision will be made EPL admin panel. The decision made by the admin panel can be appealed by any team captain. The appeal decision/s will be made by a panel voting. The panel includes captain and vice-captain of 4 teams and 4 Admin Panel members. The decision then needs to be approved by the EPL admin panel. No changes will be made to the decision made after the panel voting and EPL admin approval.
5. ICC cricket rules will be followed unless specified in these rules and regulations. EPL admin panel reserves the right to change any rule without advance notice.

**ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS,
YOU MAY CONTACT THE EPL Admin Panel.**