



MADISON WOMEN'S CRICKET LEAGUE

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VERSION HISTORY

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GENERAL GUIDELINES

MWCL committee is responsible for formulating all league rules including specific circumstances and/or issues. MWCL reserves the right to add, modify, and delete any rule or guideline during the season if deemed necessary to maintain the integrity of the league. All changes made to the rules during the season will be communicated to all participating teams.

- **Tournament Format:** Each team will play two games with all other teams during league games (two round robins). The first Eliminator (E1) will be played between teams ranking #3 and #4. The second Eliminator (E2) will be played between teams #1 and #2. Semis will be played between the winner of E1 and the loser of E2. Finals will be played between the winner of E2 and the winner of Semis.
- **Schedule:** Once the schedule is out, there will be no changes to it. If a team is not available for a game, then they will have to forfeit their points, unless agreed mutually between the playing captains for another time slot. This is to ensure we finish our tournament on time.
- **Match Balls, Stumps, Measuring Tape, and Cones:** To be arranged by the committee for this league.
- **Scoring App:** All MWCL teams must use the MWCL-suggested Scoring app to score matches. (CricClubs)
- **Umpires:** Two neutral female umpires will be engaged for each game. Umpires will shift between main and leg umpiring positions with each break of the innings. The two females must be provided by the two non-playing teams. The non-playing team captains, responsible for finding the umpires, can assign these umpires from a pool of their team's umpires, our umpiring coach, and the pool of other non-participating umpires provided by any non-competing team or general public who have undergone umpiring training for at least 2-3 sessions. An availability signup sheet will be shared with both committees as well as all the captains to pick their umpires. A male umpire can only be used on days when there are no umpires available to travel to Milwaukee from this pool. Umpires and captains will meet after the toss to level set on how rules will be implemented. Common rules for no balls and wides will be discussed and consistency throughout that game is expected from the umpires. Common coaching for all new female umpires will also help maintain consistency of decisions.
- **Players:** Maximum of (11 players per team). Only Women/girls are allowed in this league. Each team is allowed to use 2 players in the age group of 12yrs-18yrs per game. The remaining 9 players should be over the age of 18 years. Up to two people can sub/be borrowed from another team. These players will only field, not bat or bowl.
- **Minimum Matches:** A player must play at least 2 matches during the League phase to take part in Eliminators, Semis, and Finals.
- **Points:** Winning is 2 points; Loss and Forfeit is 0; Tie is 1 point each in League Games. A Super Over will be played only in Eliminators, Semi-Final, and Final to decide a winner. No super overs are played in league games.
- **Toss:** 15 minutes before the match, a minimum of 7 players from each team must be present. Both teams must submit playing 11 player names and pictures (if you don't have 11 members just provide the possible player names) before the toss including any player names who may be joining late. The maximum time for arriving late is 15 minutes after the match starts or within 3 overs of the innings. Any player arriving later than this will be allowed to field but not bowl or bat.
- **Bowling Action:** Proper over-the-arm bowling, no chucking allowed. Run-up/walk-up is optional. Umpires will take a call for bending of the arm and chucking of the ball.
- **Rain-Out:** Rain-out is defined as an interrupted and/or abandoned match due to rain or wet ground conditions. The committee must evaluate and decide whether the match can be continued or not. In case of rain during 2nd innings, a minimum of 6 overs must be played and the winner would be decided based on ParScore provided in the CricClubs App. If 6 overs in the second innings are not played, then the points will be shared between the two teams during league games. For eliminators, semis, and finals;



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the committee will use a reserve day for a rematch. At least two hours' notice before each match if you're traveling to another city.

- **Reduced Overs:** In the event of a delayed match start due to rain or wet ground conditions, the committee will finalize reduced overs for the match to be played based on lost time.
- **Rain Before Start of Match:** Captains or vice captains of both teams should be at the ground before start time, no matter how bad the weather is unless there is an announcement by MWCL canceling the match.
- **League Ball:** Matches are played with soft light-weight Tennis balls instead of Professional cricket balls.
- **Location:** All matches will be at Haen Family Park in Madison. If any team decides to travel to Milwaukee, the location will be announced later.
- **Misconduct Warning:** The neutral umpires are empowered to oversee the behavior of the teams during the match. In case of dissent shown by any player during the match such as using abusive language, fighting on the field, too many appeals to the umpires, vehemently disagreeing with the umpire's decision, the umpires reserve the right to call the captain of the team involved in such an act and warn the player involved. If the umpire gives 2 warnings to a player and it happens the 3rd time the player would be sent out of the match and she cannot be replaced by a substitute nor can she bat/bowl if she has not done so.
- **Misconduct Warning for Visitors:** Teams should ensure their visitors maintain decorum in the park. No person outside can question an umpire's decision on the field. Only captains can discuss with the umpires inside the field. Similarly, no visitor is allowed inside the field during the match (except during break time). Any further misconduct will be the responsibility of the playing captains, leading to stopping the game midway.
- **Three Strike Rule:** All players are expected to follow our league's code of conduct. Failure to do so will lead to disciplinary action against the player/team. A player can also be disqualified if they receive 3 strikes/warnings from the league committees. The non-negotiable code of conduct expectations are:
 - **Player/Visitor Conduct:** Captains are responsible for ensuring the proper conduct of all players in their Team and any visitors present at any given game. Due to the presence of minors and out of respect for the other teams, the use of inappropriate language such as swearing or unsportsmanlike behavior such as physically or verbally abusing players, umpires, or visitors will not be tolerated. Maintaining a competitive yet friendly atmosphere is expected from all teams participating.
 - **No Cheating:** Any actions taken by any player towards obtaining an unfair advantage will be considered cheating. For example; faking injuries, manipulating the scoreboards, attempting to bribe an umpire, or unfairly changing a game's outcome is not tolerated.
 - **No Videotaping:** Videotaping of games on phones or cameras is not allowed. We understand that people wish to capture photo and video memories. However, videotaping gameplay for questioning on-field decisions is prohibited. It is equally important to protect and respect the privacy of everyone involved in the league.
 - **Umpire's Decisions:** The umpire's decisions are final. Arguing with umpires or opponents is prohibited. Captains will ensure that their players play and appeal respectfully via their captain. A captain may request to speak to umpire about decisions but decisions shall not be overturned. Any concerns over umpiring decisions must be submitted to the disciplinary committee.
- **Glass Bottles are NOT permitted** inside the playing field and in the parking area.
- **After the Match:** Each team must fully clean up all water bottles and their trash near their dugout. Any equipment on the ground disturbed during the match should be put back in place.

RULES AND REGULATIONS



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Rules: All ICC rules will be applied unless mentioned below as an exception:

<https://www.icc-cricket.com/about/cricket/rules-and-regulations/playing-conditions>

- **Maximum or Minimum Fielders:** Maximum 11 fielders including wicketkeeper and bowler. No more than 5 fielders on the Leg Side. Minimum of 4 fielders inside the inner circle.
- **LBW & Leg Byes:** There will be no LBW or leg byes in MWCL matches.
- **Substitute Players:** The team can have any number of substitute players with the restriction that a game can't start with substitute players. A substitute player will only be allowed after the innings break, except for any on-field serious injuries. A substitute player can only field. She can neither bowl nor bat. Any exceptions to this rule will apply based on the playing captains' agreement. If a player steps out due to injury and doesn't return to the field before the last over, then they will not be allowed to open the batting. This player will have to sit out the same number of overs that they were outside before they can come to bat. The same rule applies to bowlers when they sit out during their team's fielding.
- **Retiring:** A batswoman may retire at any time during her innings. The umpires reserve the right to allow the batswoman to retire. Retired batswoman can return to play only after the fall of **4** wickets or as the last wicket.
 - Additional Clarification: Retired players are usually because they were hurt on the field or are not able to continue further. The umpire will say yes to most of our requests since we are not playing super professionally. But we should still play ethically and not retire because we are not able to score and want a better-scoring batswoman to come bat. We shouldn't do that for the sake of the game.
- **Runner / By-Runner:** No runner or by-runner allowed in any context of the match, except for on-field serious injuries with the agreement of both the playing captains. Only batswomen who are out will be allowed as by-runners. If an opening batswoman needs a runner/by-runner, then one of the extra players can be the runner.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

MWCL is not responsible and not liable for any player injuries happening inside and outside the field area. It is mandatory for all players to sign the MWCL "[Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumptions of Risk and Indemnity Agreement](#)" before they can play.



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AWARDS FOR THE TOURNAMENT

The following awards will be ordered by the committee for this tournament:

Award	Games Counted
Player of the Match	1 per game played
Batswoman of the Series	Top Batswoman in CricClubs Stats until League Games Phase. Eliminators, Semis, and Finals are not counted.
Bowler of the Series	Top Bowler in CricClubs Stats until League Games Phase. Eliminators, Semis, and Finals are not counted.
Fielder of the Series	Top Fielder in CricClubs Stats until League Games Phase. Eliminators, Semis, and Finals are not counted.
Wicketkeeper of the Series	Top Fielder who is a wicketkeeper in CricClubs Stats until the League Games Phase. Eliminators, Semis, and Finals are not counted.
Player of the Series	Top Player in CricClubs Stats until League Games Phase. Eliminators, Semis, and Finals are not counted.
Trophy for Runners	1 Trophy for Runners
Trophy for Winners	1 Trophy for Winners
Medals for Runners	15 medals for Runners
Medals for Winners	15 medals for Winners
Miscellaneous	Any additional medals, trophies, and sponsor engravings