

5th Annual OCL Independence Cup 2015

Rules & Regulations

General Rules

- Teams must report 15 minutes prior to their first game. Schedule will be strictly followed and teams reporting late will be deducted 1 over for every 5 minutes.
- Registration fees are \$100 per team. All payments are due before your first game.
- Max 8 players are allowed per game. No player is allowed to play for more than one team. In the event a team uses a player from a different team, their winnings in such disputed games will be forfeited.
- Max 8 overs for each innings and no Last Man.
- Minimum 4 bowlers have to be used, 1 bowler will be allowed a max of 3 overs and max 2 overs allowed for the rest.
- **Nivia/CMT** brand hard tennis ball will be used for the tournament. It will be made sure both the innings in a game will be played with the same brand of Hard Tennis Balls.
- All games will be played on Soft Ball Fields
- The distance between wickets will be 21 yards. Three stumps will be placed on the batting side, and one stump will be placed at the bowler side.
- We will provide neutral umpire for each games.
- In an event of dispute, the umpire's decision is final. The main umpire has the authority to overrule the leg umpire's decision at any point of the game.
- A new ball will be provided at the beginning of each inning for all the games.
- If there is a dispute of any sort with any call, Organizers call will be final.
- **Sledging is strictly not allowed. Verbal abuse, use of profanities etc. directed at players of the opposing team will result in penalty or suspension of the players. Under no circumstances should the safety of the players be jeopardized.**
- There will be several designated areas for garbage disposal. Water bottles and other trash items should be disposed in the designated areas only. Each team captain is responsible to make sure your team members comply.

Points System and Play-Offs Format

- Teams will be divided into 4 Groups (1, 2, 3, 4).
- In the league games, winning team gets 2 points.
- In case of an abandoned or tied game in the League stage both teams shall receive one point each.
- In case of a no show from one of the teams, the other teams will be awarded 2 points.
- The criteria of seeding within a group (league stage, priority-wise) are:
 - Points
 - NRR
 - Head-to-head

- Coin Toss.
- Top 2 teams from each group will automatically qualify to play in the Quarterfinals. Seeding for Quarter finals will be done based on Points and Run rate from league games.
- Tied games in Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals will be decided by “Super Over” where each team will send 1 bowler to bowl, and for the batting side, 3 batsmen (i.e. 2 wickets/outs), highest score during the super over wins the tie.

Game Rules

- All the traditional cricket rules apply. Some rules that are different are as follows.
- Rules related to LBWs/Byes/Overthrows:
 - No LBWs (leg before wicket) and **no leg byes**. A batsman cannot be run out while attempting a leg-bye
 - Normal byes and overthrows are applicable.
- No ball rules are normal:
 - Ball clearly above the waist on full/above the shoulder on a bounce (there is **NO first bounce warning**).
 - Overstepping by the bowler (there is **NO free hit** for over stepping).
 - Back foot of the bowler crossing the side crease.
 - The bowler fails to give the guard (despite 1 umpire warning per bowler per game)
 - Fielder substituted during the game without notifying the umpire.
 - Only ways out for a no ball are run out/hitting ball twice/obstructing the fielder. Any runs scored will be added to the 1 run given for no ball.
- Wide ball rules are normal:
 - Only ways out are stumping/run out. In both cases ball will not count.
 - Any byes taken will be added to the 1 run given for wide ball.
- Scoring:
 - If the ball goes over the straight boundary directly, 6 runs will be given to the batsman. If the ball rolls to the boundary line, 4 runs will be given to the batsman.
 - If the ball goes out of the side fence, 1 or 2 runs will be declared depending on the zone where it bounced first as shown in the image.
Note: 1 or 2 declare or boundary will be decided based on where the ball lands rather than where the ball crossed the boundary or declare zone.
 - If the ball rolls and goes outside the fence, 1 or 2 runs will be declared depending on the zone where is crossed the fence.
 - If the ball hits the side/back fence and stays in the field, the batsman has to run between the wickets to make runs.
- Rules related to catch:
 - Batsman is out if a catch is taken by the fielder who is in contact with the fence. However, the ball should not be in direct contact with the fence during the catch.
 - Batsman is not out if the fielder takes a catch off the bounce from the side fence.
 - Batsman is out even if the fielder takes the catch outside the side fence(not beyond the boundary line)
- Rules related to substitutions:
 - A fielder can be substituted during the game by notifying the umpire.
 - If a fielder leaves the field for the last 2 overs in the innings, he will not be allowed to bat for the first 2 overs.

- A batsman can be substituted ONLY at the end of an over with another not out batsman but can come back in only after all other batsmen are out or retired.
- If a bowler walks out of the field for 1 over, the bowler needs to stay on the field for at least 1 over before bowling the next over.
- We do not recommend by-runners. But in case of a genuine injury sustained during the game, it will be up to the opposition(fielding) captain to allow by-runners
- The Declared Zone
 - If a fielder attempts a catch and drops it in the declared zone, ONLY the declared runs will be granted.
 - If the ball goes into the declared zone after touching the fielder(accidentally pushed by the fielder) in the infield, the declared runs (1 or 2 depending on zone) will be considered as an overthrow and added to whatever the batsmen run and score.
 - Batsmen cannot be run out if the ball is collected after crossing the side/back fence. Declared 1 or 2 runs will be granted.
- Torn/Lost Ball:
 - Torn/Lost ball shall be replaced with a used ball as old as the previous one.
 - In the event where an older ball is not available, you might be provided a new ball(This decision will be made by the Umpire and the Organizers)
 - The delivery during which the ball was torn will be considered a dead-ball and be re-bowled.
- Rain Interruption
 - In the event of rain during a game, the game will continue from where it was stopped.
 - The Umpire and Organizers will review the field conditions after rain and could overrule the above statement if required depending on parameters like time available, game status, etc.
 - In the event the tournament has to be called off on Saturday, all interrupted games will be restarted and played on Sunday the 7th. This is dependent on availability of teams as well and the organizers will take a final call depending on teams available.
- Mankading:
 - The non-striker shall not leave the popping crease before the bowler enters his delivery stride.
 - Mankading is valid after one warning per team by the Umpire

