



6th Annual OCL Independence Cup 2017 Rules and 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 \$125 per team. All payments are due before your first game
- Max 8 players are allowed per game. No player can 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 7 overs for each innings and no Last Man
- Minimum 4 bowlers must be used. A bowler will be allowed a maximum of 2 overs
- **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 22 yards. Three stumps will be placed on the batting side, and one stump will be placed at the bowler side
- We will provide neutral main umpire for each game. The Batting Team Captain would nominate a Leg Umpire from his team
- In an event of dispute, the main 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 5 Groups (A, B, C, D and E)
- 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 team from each group (total 5) will automatically qualify to play in the Quarterfinals. Ranking within the group will be done based on (and in the order of) points, net-run-rate, head-head and coin-toss



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- Additional 6 top teams will be selected by putting all the groups together and ranking them in the order of points, net-run-rate, number of wickets lost and coin-toss
- These 6 teams will play an Eliminator (Pre-Quarters) and the 3 winning teams will move forward to join the top 5 in Quarter Finals
- The seeding among these 6 teams will carry forward to the Quarterfinals ranking (i.e. 6th, 7th and 8th teams)
- Tied games in Pre-Quarters, 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. No field restrictions or Power Play in Super Over. If the super over is a tie, winner is decided by the highest number of boundaries (4’s and 6’s combined) and then a coin toss if the number of boundaries is also a tie
- Quarter Finals will be
 - 1st vs 8th (1st quarter-final)
 - 2nd vs 7th (2nd quarter-final)
 - 3rd vs 6th (3rd quarter-final)
 - 4th vs 5th (4th quarter-final)
- Winner of QF1 and QF4 – 1st Semi-Final
- Winner of QF2 and QF3 – 2nd Semi-Final

Game Rules

- All the traditional cricket rules apply. Some rules that may differ are as follows
- No power play
- 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
 - If the ball gets stuck in the fence in the event of an overthrow, the batsmen must complete the run without getting run out and an additional run is declared (1D)
 - The one declared stays even if the ball is retrieved/pulled out of the fence, the batsmen could be run out if the run is not complete
- No ball rules are normal:
 - Ball clearly above the waist on full or 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. The ball delivered is still a wide
 - Any byes taken will be added to the 1 run given for wide ball
- Scoring:



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- 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/back fence, 1 or 2 runs will be declared depending on the zone where it bounced first as shown in the image below
- If the ball rolls and goes outside the fence, 1 or 2 runs will be declared depending on the zone where the ball crossed the fence
- If the ball hits the side/back fence and stays in the field, the batsman can run between the wickets to make runs
- Catching rules:
 - Batsman is out if a catch is taken by the fielder who is in contact with the fence. However, the ball should not have touched the fence before or during the catch is taken
 - 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 4/6 boundary line)
- Rules related to substitutions:
 - A fielder can be substituted during the game by notifying the main 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. Batsman cannot be run out
 - 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
- Damaged/Lost Ball:
 - Damaged/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 must be re-bowled
- Rain Interruption
 - Sunday, August 6th is a backup day for the tournament if rain interrupts the tournament continuity
 - If rain halts the tournament for a short period, and if the tournament organizers can resume and still complete the tournament closer to the original schedule then the interrupted games will be resumed/replayed per below guidelines:



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- Total wash-out or at least one inning is not complete – the game will start afresh
- One innings completed, second innings is < 3 overs – the game will start fresh
- One innings completed, second innings is > 3 overs – continue the game, do not start fresh
- If the game cannot be rescheduled within a reasonable duration, points will be equally shared
- Teams are not required to comprise of same players for a re-match
- 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 must be called off on Saturday, August 5th, all interrupted games will be restarted and played on Sunday, August 6th. 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

Declared Zone and Boundaries



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