**MIPL 7’s Women’s– Rule Book**

These are the rules formed by the (**Minnesota Indians Premier League**) MIPL committee and every individual is expected to abide by all these rules. Committee expects all the individuals to know the rules before taking the field. No exceptions to any playing Teams !!!

**1. GENERAL**

* Each Team is allowed to have 10 players max in the Roster.
* Only 7 Players will be fielding in a match. Any 7 can bowl, Any 7 can bat and Any 7 can field.
* The toss will happen 15 minutes prior to the schedule time. The match will start at the schedule time sharp. No exceptions to any on the scheduled start times.
* We urge the players to involve in fair-play under all circumstances.
* By-Runner only allowed for physically challenged player throughout the tournament.
* No breaks allowed in any innings.
* 5 minutes break b/w the innings in a match.
* **Retired\*\*** - A Batswomen can retire any time with the umpire's notification, and can resume at any time with umpire’s notification. If more than one Batswomen gets retired, same should be followed in sequence.
* Any Player is allowed to be part of only one team.
* The Age limit for playing MTBC Women’s tournament is >= 12 years.
* Violation of the rule, makes the player eliminated from the Tournament and the opponent team will be declared victorious for that match.
* Playing ten players should be from registered 10 member team, no exception on the rule.
* Any team playing with unregistered players will be terminated from the tournament.

**2. FIELDING RESTRICTION**

* 2.1 – First Over is mandatory power play over and Batting team can avail one more power Play any time during the game. If not availed, 7th over will be another mandatory power plays.

* 2.2 - At any instant, a team can't have more than 2 fielders outside 20 yard circle during Power Plays. Otherwise it’s a NO BALL.
* 2.3 - Two Runs declare if ball goes on top of the fences in offside and one run declared if it goes on top of the fence from behind in any ground. Out of the fences, scoring is normal. Umpires decision will be the final decision on the declared runs if it is one run or two runs.
* 2.4 - No catch out in case of Tree bump or objectionable object in the game. Umpires decision is final.
* **2.5 - Max 3 fielders are allowed outside the inner circle in non power play overs.**
* 2.6– Cones will be placed to mark boundaries.

**3. UMPIRING**

* 3.1 – Each team is expected to do the umpiring in the league stage. Knock teams are expected to umpiring for the knock out stages. Umpiring schedule will be communicated as part of the schedule. If any team is missed to do umpiring then that team will lose 1 point from their points table.
* 3.2 - The decisions of the umpires would be final and binding. No dispute would be taken out of the ground to the organizing committee. Any concerns that a team may have should be resolved with the officiating umpires and he will in turn discuss the same with the Organizing Committee if needed. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to a final decision.
* 3.3 - In case of any dispute or conflict, only the Captains will be allowed to speak to the Umpires. At any time, Umpires are answerable to the Captains and Committee only. Each ground will be having a committee member and any disputes can be solved with the help of committee member only by both team captains and umpires. Umpire decision is finial and Committee won’t be involved unless umpires reaches to committee for resolution. No one is perfect in the cricket world and umpires should be given utmost respect.
* 3.4 - There will be no LBW and hence no leg byes. There is no run out on a LEG BYE.
* 3.5 - Each Team Captains are responsible to check the scores and clarify on the disputes as the score sheets are maintained by manual scoring/live scoring.
* 3.6 - No Alteration of the scores is allowed after last ball being bowled and Umpires call it “Game Over”.
* 3.7 - ONLY the Committee have the right to declare if a match cannot be continued. The batswomen can only appeal if he thinks he cannot see the ball or appeal for other unplayable conditions and Umpire suggestions will be duly considered while making the decision but Committee holds the final decision. Even after the committee decision, if teams thinks otherwise and feel that play shall be continued or discontinued, the team who doesn’t want to play still will forfeit the match and will be declared to have lost the match.
* 3.8 - Any delay by the Teams on reporting will be considered as absence and game status will be decided by the committee based on the situation. Grace period for any team to report is five minutes from the scheduled time of the game only in case unavoidable situations which cannot be personal.

**4. SCORING**

* 4.1 - All the matches are scored by manual scoring/manual scoring. Scorecards will be supervised by committee for all the matches.
* 4.2 – Each ground will have a committee member to get latest updates on the matches or schedules.
* 4.3 - Scorecards (signed by the two captains) must be submitted to main umpire. It's the responsibility of the two captains to ensure the correctness of the scorecards along with names of their players, runs scored, wickets & catches taken by their team mates. If not signed by the captains, MIPL committee decision is final. It’s opposition team responsibility to check each and every ball and bring to Umpires notice then and there itself.
* 4.4 - The concerned umpire will then submit it to one of the organizing committee member for records.
* 4.5 - Once the scorecards are officially submitted, any requests to change in the scorecard will not be entertained.

**5. CODE OF CONDUCT / DISCIPLINE**

* 5.1 – Each Team should follow the rules and regulations of appropriate conduct on the field.
* 5.2 - As far as the cricketing code of conduct is concerned; the teams are here to have fun and game should be played in right spirit. So we expect to see a sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship. Sledging is strictly prohibited. But the difference between encouraging one’s own teammate and sledging can sometimes get unclear. Under such circumstances, the umpire will have the say in deciding what a tolerable limit is. If the umpires find things exceeding the limit, they might recommend expulsion of player(s) or disqualification of the team. The final decision will lie with the organizers.
* 5.3 - We encourage the participating teams to play in line with the laws and spirit of the game.
* 5.4 - We strongly discourage any physical or verbal (direct or implied) attack by a player(s) against: A) The umpire B) Other cricketers C) The stumps, ball or other cricket gear D) Spectators.
* 5.5 - Unruly and un-sportsman like behavior will not be tolerated. Guilty players will be ejected. If the player refuses to leave the field, the team will be penalized with forfeiture of the match. No substitutes will be allowed for the ejected player.
* 5.6 - Determination of what constitutes unruly or unsportsmanlike behavior will be based on the umpire and adjudicators combined opinion. For example, , if a team or team member misbehaves on the field such as abuse a player/ umpire or indulge in any activities that may cause unnecessary problems, Player will be suspended from the remaining matches and if it repeats for the second time, team will be suspended for remaining part of the tournament. Captains are responsible not to have these incidents happening during the games.
* 5.7 - Players abusing or threatening either umpires or opponent team members will be suspended for remaining matches.
* 5.8 – It’s the duty of the captain to maintain discipline and decorum on the field.

**6. ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

* 6.1 - If any fielder changes fielding position (e.g. moves sideways or move backwards) after the bowler starts his run up, then the umpire can signal a No Ball.
* 6.2 - The Leg umpire will declare a No Ball if the bowler chucks the ball. It is not necessary for the batting team to appeal for chucking. This is solely the umpire’s decision and the appeal can be over ruled.
* 6.3 - One Bowler can bowl a maximum of 2 overs in a 7 over match. No restriction on how many bowlers can bowl in a match, including keeper.
* 6.4 - New ball would be used in each innings. The organizing committee takes the responsibility of providing similar balls for a match. Balls should be handover to the committee.
* 6.5 - No By Runner allowed for any player.
* 6.6 - Innings is considered closed at the fall of any wicket of the last pair. The last man cannot bat alone.
* 6.7 - A team gets 2 points for a win.
* 6.8 - If the match is washed out or abandoned, then both the teams get 1 point each.
* 6.9 - If a complete day washout then only matches will be rescheduled.

**7. COMMON AND CONFUSING RULES CLARIFIED**

* 7.1 - Any short-pitched ball, which passes over the shoulder of the striker in his upright position, is a NO BALL.
* 7.2 - Any delivery, which passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease is deemed dangerous and unfair. This is a NO BALL.
* 7.3 - No reviews for Wides, or No Balls or Run outs. No offensive language or un acceptable gestures towards umpires will result in 1 point deduction for the team on the match result.
* 7.4 - The umpire shall ascertain whether the bowler intends to bowl right handed or left handed, over or round the wicket, and shall so inform the striker. It is unfair if the bowler fails to notify the umpire of a change in his mode of delivery. In this case the umpire shall call and signal No ball.
* 7.5 - One run will be added in case of Wide or No ball. If runs are taken of a wide or no-ball, these are ADDITIONAL to the 1 run and the ball will have to be re-bowled in either case.
* 7.6 - The bowler is permitted, before entering his delivery stride, to attempt to run out the non-striker. The ball shall not count in the over. The umpire shall call and signal Dead ball as soon as possible if the bowler fails in the attempt to run out the non-striker.
* 7.8 - Should a bowler deliver a no ball by overstepping the crease or bowling waist height or above the shoulder, his next delivery is designated as free-hit, from which the batswomen can only be dismissed through a run-out.
* 7.9 - No changes in the field placement are permitted on a free-hit ball unless the batswomen changed ends.
* 7.10 – If a overthrow goes into the declared area, then the declared runs would be offered to the batting team along with the runs batsmen took . Ex : If a batsmen runs 2 runs and fielder overthrows the ball in 1 run declared area , then batting team gets 3 runs .
* 7.11 -Mankading Rules : If runner is out of the crease, the bowler can run him out without any warning

**8. BAD WEATHER**

* 8.1 - In case of bad weather during the tournament it’s Committee call for further decision.

* 8.2 – There is no rematch for any disrupted game in league matches. If a match is not possible then there will be no replay and points will be divided. There will be no exceptions to this rule whatsoever.
* 8.3 - No usage of Duck Worth Lewis system in the Tournament.
* 8.4 – All decisions regarding the tournament and schedules are made by committee team with due consideration of teams and umpires suggestions. Committee decision is final.

**9. Tournament FORMAT:**

* + 9.1 -Tournament consists of League games and Knock Outs**.**

**10. DELAY IN GAME**

* + 10.1 - All players from both playing teams should be present at ground 15 minutes before scheduled start time.
	+ 10.2 - Both umpires should be present 15 minutes before or before scheduled start time.
	+ 10.3 - Toss should be done 15 minutes before or before scheduled start time.
	+ 10.4 - At the time of toss if any team doesn’t have 5 players then opponent team qualifies to win the toss.
	+ 10.5 - If both teams have less than 7 players, only match can be played with minimum 5 players.
	+ 10.6 If any team doesn’t meet minimum player’s (5) requirement, other team will be declared victorious.
	+ 10.7 - Game should start at scheduled time and umpires are responsible for starting the game at schedule time. Otherwise match will be declared by the teams presence by the committee and no replay for these kind of decided matches.

**11. POWER PLAYS**

* + 11.1 - First Over is mandatory power play over and Batting team can avail one more power Play any time during the game. If not availed, 7th over will be another mandatory power play.
	+ 11.2 - During mandatory power play only 2 players can be out of 20 yard circle.
	+ 11.3 - Maximum 3 players can field outside the inner circle during batting and bowling power plays
	+ 11.4 – Power plays will remain same even if the game is reduced in overs due to rain.

 **12. Giving Guard:**

* + The bowler must announce his guard to the umpire at the start of a new spell and whenever he changes his arm or changes the side of the stumps from which he is bowling, otherwise no-ball can be called by umpire. The bowler does not need to say ‘continue’ when bowling a continuing over in a spell. But when the bowler comes back after a break, he does need to say 'continue or give guard'.

**13. Pitch and Ground dimensions:**

* + Pitch length: 48 feet or 16 yards from stump to stump
	+ Wide crease at the striker end : 1.5 times the bat length from the middle stump on both sides of the stump
	+ Return crease at the non-striker or bowling end : 1.5 times the bat length from the middle stump on both sides of the stump
	+ Popping crease: 1.5 times the bat length from the middle stump
	+ The boundaries will be 105 ft (35 yards) from the center of the pitch.

**14. Rules for Tied Matches:**

* + a. In case of a Tie, match will be decided using a super over.
	+ b. Rules for a super over are the same as in international cricket.
	+ c. Each team will decide a bowler to bowl and three batswomen to bat during one over.
	+ d. The same ball used in the match will be used in super over.
	+ e. The team batting second in the match will bat first in the super over.
	+ f. Team A will score some runs in the first over and team B needs to chase it successfully to win the match.
	+ g. In case, it is unable to chase, team A wins.
	+ h. In case scores are level, the team hitting maximum sixes in the match will win.
	+ i. If it’s also same, the teams with maximum fours win the match.

 **15. No-Ball & Wide:**

* + a. There will be runs for wide and No-Ball. Neutral umpire can overrule the decision made by batting team’s leg umpire.
	+ b. No Ball will be called only if the bowler oversteps his foot completely over the front part of the popping crease or if bowler’s foot lands completely outside the side of the popping crease. It will not be considered a No Ball if the bowler bowls from behind the back part of the popping crease.
	+ c. Bouncer above shoulder high is considered a No-Ball. There is no one bouncer allowed rule. First bouncer in an over is considered as No-Ball.
	+ d. Full-toss balls that are waist high or more of the batsman’s normal batting stance will be considered No-Balls.
	+ e. Balls that bounce more than once in front of the batting crease after leaving the bowler’s hand will be considered dead balls.
	+ f. If fielders talk while the bowler is running in to bowl, the umpire can call it a no-ball since this can cause distraction to the batsmen and fuel controversy.

 **16. Byes/Leg-Byes/Stumping:**

* + a. Byes are allowed (Batsmen are allowed to take runs for Byes).
	+ b. To prevent controversy, leg-byes will not be allowed.
	+ c. Stumping on a No-Ball is not out.
	+ d. Run out on No-Ball is out.
	+ e. To prevent controversy, there will not be Leg-before wicket out.

 **17. Uniforms:**

* + a. Shorts – Are NOT allowed as attire on the field of play. This rule is applicable to players and umpires.
	+ b. Jeans – Are NOT allowed as attire on the field of play. This rule is applicable to players only
	+ c. Skirts, Salwars, and Sarees - Are NOT allowed as attire on the field of play.
	+ d. No player will be allowed to play if they do not have the appropriate attire. Match will be forfeited if they do.

**18. Instructions:**

* + Car-pooling is highly recommended.

**19. Final Note:**

* + 19.1 - All teams and their players must abide by the rules and regulations of the Park they are playing in; **like no alcoholic drinks**, no public indecent exposure.
	+ 19.2 - The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend the Rules at any time if it considers such action to be in the best interests of the competition.

THE ORGANIZERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE TEAMS RESPECT THE RULES AND PARTICIPATE IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF SPORTSMANSHIP.