

# Box Cricket

## Rules

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The beauty of Box Cricket is that EVERY player bats and bowls the same number of overs as their teammates, keeping everyone involved in the game.

### Playing Court

The length of Box cricket pitch is the same as a conventional cricket pitch- 22 yards, and has 3 stumps at each end. The arena is completely enclosed by tight netting, a few meters from each side and end of the pitch. The playing surface is artificial turf matting. Whilst the pitch is the same length, however, the batsmen don't have to run the entire length. The striker's crease is in the regulation place in front of the stumps, but the non-striker's crease is 3-quarter down the pitch.

### PLAYERS

- Box cricket is played between 2 teams of 6 players.
- Each player must bowl 2 overs, and bat in a partnership for 4 overs.
- An innings lasts for 12 overs.

### EQUIPMENT

The stumps used in box cricket are not, for obvious reasons, stuck in the ground. Instead, they are collapsible spring-loaded stumps that immediately spring back to the standing position when knocked over. The ball used in box cricket is a ball, with a softer center. The ball also differs in that it is pink in color to make it more obvious to see indoors against varied backgrounds. Both traditional outdoor cricket bats or more specialized lighter-weight indoor cricket bats may be used.

## SCORING

Scoring in Box cricket is split into 2 areas: physical runs and declaration runs. Physical runs are scored by both batsmen completing a run from one crease to the other. Declaration runs are scored when the ball hits certain areas or the ball goes out of play. Declaration scores for particular parts of the nets follow:

- Zone A(Batting end) - 1 run
  - a. Hit the roof and get stuck
  - b. Ball goes outside through the gaps in the nets
  - c. Ball hits the side net on the Batting end
- Zone B(Bowling end) - 2 runs
  - a. Hit the roof and get stuck
  - b. Ball goes outside through the gaps in the nets
  - c. Ball hits the side half of net on the Bowling end
- Zone C (back net – behind the bowler): 4 or 6 runs depending on the manner in which the ball hits the back net.
  - a. On the bounce: 4 runs
  - b. On the full: 6 runs
- Zone A or B onto Zone C: 3 runs

Note : Declaration(Bonus) runs are valid only if physical run is completed

## DISMISSALS

Batsmen bat in pairs for 4 overs at a time, irrespective of whether they are dismissed.

- A batsman can be dismissed in the same ways they can be in conventional cricket – **EXCEPT LBW.**
- 3 consecutive dots will be treated as dismissal and striker will change
- Wide or wicket reset the Dot counter
- NO LBWS and NO Legbyes and NO Byes
- For every dismissal five runs are deducted from their total and they continue to bat

## Umpires

Box cricket is officiated by 2 umpires,

- Main Umpire → situated at bowlers end
- Other Umpire → strike batsmen's end outside the nets.

## Misc

- Wide
  - First 3-overs of the set
    - Ball will be counted and
    - 3 Runs will added to the scorecard
    - Dot Counter will reset
  - 4th Over of the set
    - Ball needs to be re-bowled
    - 1 Run will be added to the scorecard
- No-ball → 3 Runs and Freehit
  - First 3-overs of the set
    - Ball will be counted and
    - 3 Runs will added to the scorecard
    - Dot Counter will reset
    - Following ball will be free-hit
  - 4th Over of the set
    - Ball needs to be re-bowled
    - 1 Run(+other runs) will be added to the scorecard
    - Following ball will be free-hit
- Bye
  - NO runs and NO Runouts
- Over throws are valid

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## RESULT

The team with the higher score at the conclusion of each innings is declared the winner of the match.

- The second innings continues for full 12 overs even if the batting side passes the first innings total due to the possibility of a side finishing behind a total even after they have surpassed it (see dismissals above).
- Winning team get 4 points
- Set(4-overs) winner gets 1 point. Comparison will be between
  - 1st set 1st innings batting Vs 1st set of 2nd innings batting
  - 2nd set of 1st innings batting Vs 2nd set of 2nd innings batting
  - 3rd set of 1st innings batting Vs 3rd set of 2nd innings batting

