



**SUMMER LEAGUE - 2022**  
**Rulebook V1.0**



## Summer 2022 Tournament Format & Structure

Below is how NACL Summer 2022 Tournament is structured

<b>Format</b>	<p>36 Teams</p> <p>Round Robin Grouping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 groups - A, B, C &amp; D</li><li>• Each groups has 9 teams</li><li>• Every team in a group plays with every other team in the same group</li><li>• In the RR phase, if the points are the same, the tie breaker will be NRR, number of Wins, then Ties, then Losses</li></ul> <p>Top Division Playoffs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Top 4 teams from each group qualifies for playoffs</li><li>• Cross group IPL format - Qualifier, Eliminator &amp; QF</li><li>• Cross group SF &amp; Finals</li></ul> <div data-bbox="310 982 1531 1675" data-label="Diagram"></div> <p>Bottom Division Playoffs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teams 5th to 8th from each group qualify for Single Eliminator Playoffs phase</li><li>• Cross group elimination format</li></ul>
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Ranking Games:

9th team from each group plays a ranking game. A9 vs D9 & B9 vs C9

<b>Matches</b>	8 matches per team in RR phase
<b>Phases</b>	RR: Jun 25th 2022 to Aug 28th 2022. Playoffs: Sep 10th to Oct 9th
<b>Innings</b>	20 over innings per side. Max 4 overs per bowler
<b>Boundary Length</b>	165 feet from the middle of the pitch in all directions
<b>Awards</b>	TBD
<b>Notes</b>	There will be a HOME/AWAY team concept. HOME teams will be responsible for setting up the ground prior to the start of the match  Each team will be assigned 4 home games & 4 away teams in the league phase. In the playoffs, the Committee will pick the home team.
<b>Off Weekends(no games)</b>	July 4th 2022 Sept 5th 2022
<b>Buffer weekend</b>	No Buffer weekends



## Rules and Regulations

1. A player is allowed to play only for one team for the entire tournament. **Disciplinary action will be taken against the player and the captain of the team involved in exploiting this rule at anytime during the duration of the tournament**
  - a. **The player will be suspended for the rest of the tournament. Will not be allowed to play any game further**
  - b. **Captain of the team in that match will be suspended for the next 2 games.**
  - c. **The game will be awarded to the opponents**
  
2. Each player must have a clear picture of their face view uploaded for their profile in CricClubs App/Website.
  
3. A player must play at least **2 games in RoundRobin phase** to be eligible to play for playoffs. Even though roster is open for league matches, only those players who have played at least 2 matches in the RoundRobin phase for their team will be allowed to play in playoffs. **Any exploitation of this rule will lead to**
  - a. **Suspension of the player for the rest of the tournament.**
  - b. **Captain of the team in that match will be suspended for the rest of the tournament.**
  - c. **The game will be awarded to the opponents.**

Only exception is that If a team faces 2+ forfeits in the RR phase, then they can add a max of 2 uncapped players for playoffs. However this will be treated case by case and the committee holds complete authority. Scorecards for forfeited games will be immediately locked.
  
4. All the matches will be played with **NACL League provided balls**. The balls will be provided to the teams prior to the start of the tournament or when they appear for their first game. Teams are responsible to bring League provided balls only. **NO other type of cricket balls will be allowed for playing. If teams do not have match balls it is their responsibility to either get 1 from their opponents or from a committee member or worst case buy it from ProCricShop. The time delayed for this process will result in teams losing overs as mentioned in rule 5g**
  
5. **Reporting time:**
  - a. Team should report at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled match start time.
  - b. **Games should be started on time. In case of a late arriving umpire, the batting team should be taking the main & leg umpiring duty until the main umpire arrives. Teams shouldn't wait for umpires to arrive to start the game. Umpires arriving 30 mins later(with or without prior intimation) the start time will be deemed as absent and are subject to losing the points under 'Umpire No Show' rule.**
  - c. Teams have to inform the committee if they cannot play the game before Thursday of the game week. We will mark the game as forfeit and award points to opponents. **Any communication after**



the Thursday of the game week will be deemed unnotified. If any team fails to inform the committee about missing the game and doesn't show up on the game day, additional 2 points will be deducted.

- d. Every team shall provide the list of their playing 11 to opponents/umpires before toss. The teams/umpires should verify the playing XI against each other with profile pics on the website before the game starts. Any complaints (such as opponent players playing with proxy names) raised after the game start will not be resolved & the committee will not consider resolution for such disputes.
- e. Toss will be done 15 minutes before the start of the scheduled time. Captains must be present for the toss.
- f. No intra-innings breaks (after 10 overs). 5 mins break between innings
- g. Minimum of 8 players are required from a team to start a match.
  - i. All games get a grace period of 10 mins start time.
  - ii. For every 5 mins after that, an over will be deducted for a team who doesn't have min of 8 players until the next 30 mins. 45 mins after scheduled start time the game will be awarded to opponents.
  - iii. If both teams don't have 8 players, every 10 mins, both sides lose 1 over each. After 1hr 15mins, the game will be void and both teams will be eliminated.
  - iv. There shouldn't be any negotiations between teams & no one has authority to modify this including umpires.
- h. Matches can commence if both teams have more than or equal to 8 players.
  - i. Remaining players can join the team before the start of the 9th over of the first innings. The players who are joining late must be from the Playing 11 shared by Captains before Toss.
  - ii. No player will be allowed to join the team after the end of the 8th over of the first innings. Team shall play the rest of the game with only those players who join the team before the 9th over of first innings.
  - iii. Teams have to inform the umpires & opponents about absence of remaining players during the toss time
- i. Umpires must verify the roster and take group photographs of both teams before (preferred) or after the match.

#### 6. **Points Distribution & Match Result:**

- Points system - win - 4, tie - 2 (super over), loose - 0
- If a team cannot play for any reason - covid fear, covid cases, less players - then it's a forfeit and points awarded to the opponent. No sharing of points.
- If any match cannot be continued due to bad light or rain or unplayable conditions, result is decided based on
  - If the match is played for more than 6 overs in the 2nd innings, then D/L method is used to decide the winner.
  - Else, points will be shared to both the teams



## 7. **Super-Over**

- a. In case of a tie, a super over will be played
- b. Maximum 2 wickets for batting side.
- c. Team batting 2<sup>nd</sup> in the match will play first batting in super over.
- d. If super over is unplayable due to weather or bad light(umpires will take a decision on whether super over can be played or not)
  - i. RR Phase: The game declared tie & points are shared.
  - ii. Playoffs/Rankings: Winner will be decided based on total number of boundaries(Combined count of 4's & 6's)

## 8. **Scorecard Updates**

- a. Scorecards will be locked EOD the following Tuesday after the game day. Any updates required should be done before that. Upon any questions/issues, tickets should be raised before Tuesday. No exceptions. Once the scorecard is locked, no changes will be allowed
- b. All the players should be registered/registration requests sent before the game start day to play the game. If any player misses registration before game time, they have to inform the opponents & umpires about the actual player name and the proxy name being used. Following this, it's the team's responsibility to get the player registered and update the scorecard before Tuesday. Scorecards cannot be updated after the following Tuesday. The committee may verify the same with opponents and umpires before agreeing for the change.

## 9. **No ball**

- a. If the bowler over-steps the popping crease while bowling, it will be declared as a no-ball. A free hit is awarded to the batting team.
- b. If the bowler's back foot in the delivery stride touches the return crease while landing, it will be declared as a no ball. A free hit is awarded to the batting team
- c. Full toss ball above waist will be declared as a no ball. No free hit.
- d. Bouncer above the shoulder – 1<sup>st</sup> warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> bouncer will be wide.
- e. **Bouncer above the batsman head**
  - i. if hit, it is considered a no ball
  - ii. If batsman misses it, it is a wide
- f. **A bowler bowling two beamers in a game (i.e. full toss above waist) should be suspended after the 2nd beamer from bowling for the rest of the game. A warning will be issued after the 1st beamer and the bowler will have to be removed and cannot bowl anymore for the rest of the game after the 2nd beamer. Other bowler should finish the remaining over**
- g. While bowling, if the bowler's foot hits the stumps and bails fall off (bowling side), then it will be a No-ball. No free hit.
- h. Umpires can call 'No ball' at any time before the next ball is bowled, if any field restrictions are violated.
- i. **While bowling, if the umpire deems the bowler has thrown the ball it will be considered a No-ball. No Free Hit. In instances where there is only 1 neutral umpire the main umpire can ask the leg umpire to take a video of the bowler to help deem the legality of the action**



10. There is no dead ball rule pertaining to the ball landing on the edge or outside of the matted pitch. Ball that is pitched outside the mat will be deemed as a wide ball. Similarly, a ball pitching on the edge of the pitch will be when considered as a wide with all wide rules as applicable. Umpires will take a final decision on a ball hitting the edge of the mat and coming into the batsman. Ball hitting the edge of the pitch and deviating while overthrowing is considered a ball in play.
11. Pitch is 66 ft by default for all matches which are being played throughout the tournament. (All the grounds for season have a default matt length of the pitch)
12. Byes
  - a. Byes runs are allowed
  - b. Runs allowed on Over throws
  - c. No Leg-byes. **Batsman can get run out upon trying to take a run on a leg-bye.**
13. Mankad
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> warning is required.
  - b. After warning, Mankad is valid for all the remaining batsmen of the innings and will be given OUT.
14. Help Runner/Substitute Fielder  
Substitute players should be from the team squad. The Opponent captain must verify the substituting players with the on-field umpires.
  - a. **For batting**
    - i. **By-Runner will only be allowed if a batsman is injured during the course of playing the game upon umpires permission. The opponent team cannot oppose the umpire's decision.**
    - ii. **By-Runner should be one of the already dismissed batsmen in that innings unless no wickets fell.**
  - b. **For bowling**
    - i. **If a bowler takes a break (due to injury) and decides to come back after a break, then he can bowl only after 2 overs of fielding.**
  - c. **For fielding**
    - i. **Substitute fielders are NOT allowed for fielding on behalf of players who haven't joined the game yet**
    - ii. **A fielder can be substituted for a certain period(can be for rest of the game) of the game if that player is injured during the course of playing the game. Umpires take a call on length of the break period based on the injury**
    - iii. **Fielder can be substituted for a max of 1 over break in case if a player has to attend an emergency call or need a biological break**
    - iv. **Incase of a fielder leaving the field/game citing other commitments or unapproved injuries, the team has to play the rest of the game with remaining players. No substitutes are allowed in such cases**
  - d. **For wicketkeeping**
    - i. **Substitute fielders are not allowed to do wicket keeping if the fielding team has atleast one other player who can do keeping.**
15. Delayed Stumping





- a. After a batsman plays the ball, it is his responsibility to notify the umpire that he is safe within the crease.

#### 16. **Power Play rules:**

- a. Batting PP - 3 overs (can be taken between 1 – 15 overs inclusive; back-to-back)
- b. Bowling PP – 3 overs (can be taken between 1 – 15 overs inclusive; back-to-back)
- c. Teams have to inform the umpires (and umpires have to inform the opponents) before taking powerplay before the start of the over. Over will continue with non-powerplay rules if team fail to inform umpires before the start of the over.
- d. In case of no powerplay taken until 9th over, next 6 overs will be powerplay overs.
- e. In case of a team not taking a powerplay until the 12th over, the next 3 overs will be powerplay overs.
- f. **ONLY 2 bowlers can bowl 2 Power Play overs each.** Other 2 power play overs should be bowled by 2 different bowlers. [i.e., 2+2+1+1]
- g. During PP, only 2 fielders can field outside the inner circle upon having a minimum 4 fielders inside the inner circle apart from WK and bowler.

#### 17. **Non-Power Play rules**

- a. Minimum 4 players inside the inner circle (apart from WK and bowler) at all times irrespective of the number of players playing the game for that team.
- b. Maximum 5 players on the leg side

#### 18. **Scoring**

- a. Leg umpires or the batting side will be responsible to maintain score on the Cricclubs app. Refer <https://cricclubs.com/scoringGuide.do> for scoring in the app
- b. Scorer & umpires should tally the scores at regular intervals, typically after every over.
- c. Any differences in scores needs to be resolved within and during game time. Scorecards cannot be updated or game result will not be changed if score disputes post completion of the game

#### 19. **Umpiring**

- a. **Assignment**
  - i. The umpire(s) shall be appointed before the match, to conduct and control the game as required by the Laws, with absolute impartiality. The umpire(s) shall be present on the ground at least 15 minutes before the commencement of the play.
  - ii. NACL shall appoint a panel of umpires, when possible to officiate matches. Neither team will have any objection to an umpire's appointment in case of matches organized by NACL
  - iii. Umpiring assignments are subject to change and NACL reserves rights to do that
  - iv. Each team will be assigned 4 umpiring duties in the RR phase & 1 duty per game played in playoffs phase
  - v. In the RR phase, each game will have one neutral umpire and he will be main straight umpire. Batting team shall do the leg umpiring.
  - vi. Playing teams can get paid umpires to umpire their game in which case, paid umpire will be the main straight umpire and assigned umpire will do leg umpiring





- vii. For all round-robin matches, umpiring duty will be assigned to a team from another group.
  - viii. Teams who are appointed for umpiring assignments need to submit the umpire information on or before Thursday of game week. Check the [faq](#) on how to submit umpiring duties.
  - ix. It can happen that a team can get umpiring and a game on the same weekend in the RR phase. This won't happen in general but sometimes when more number of games need to schedule we may ask teams to play games on one day and umpiring another day
  - x. Committee can assign umpiring duties to teams if there are any schedule changes related to weather, ground, or other unforeseen circumstances. These changes can be during the RR phase or during the playoffs
- b. **No Show**
- i. If any team misses the umpiring assignment altogether or if an umpire is late by 30 mins, it is deemed as 'Umpire No Show' & the team responsible for the umpiring will be penalized as below:
    - **In RR Phase** - points will be deducted for the team on missed umpiring duties - **2 points per 1 missed duty + \$100 fine**. Team will be assumed to forfeit the match if the fine is not paid in full before their next match
    - **In Playoffs** - **their next game is deemed forfeit and hence they are out of the tournament.**
  - ii. We encourage teams to talk & appoint paid league umpires if required.
  - iii. Either of the team management has to report umpire no show/late show to the committee by opening a ticket
- c. **Decision Making**
- i. On-field umpires' decision will be the final decision. The neutral straight umpire will have complete authority to override leg umpire's decision for height no balls and clean collection of balls during runouts.
  - ii. **In case of a single neutral umpire affiliating the game, he has authority to replace the leg umpire(from batting side) with a different player if he is not confident on leg umpiring decision making.**
  - iii. In case of both neutral umpires, the main umpire can consult with a leg umpire before making a final decision
  - iv. An umpire may alter any decision provided that such alteration is made promptly. This apart, an umpire's decision, once made, is final.
  - v. **Umpires are allowed to refer to any live recording of the game if available for a decision making. However, it is completely up to the umpire's discretion to use this video source. Umpires cannot be forced on any kind of decision making**
- d. **Umpires changing ends**
- i. The umpires can change ends once after every 5 overs if required.
  - ii. In case of a single neutral umpire, the second must assume responsibility of the leg-umpire. No rotation is permitted in this case.
- e. **Informing the umpires**
- i. Wherever the umpires are to receive information from captains or other players, it will be sufficient for one umpire to be so informed and for him/her to inform the other umpire
- f. **Team Swapping Umpiring Assignments**
- i. Umpiring assignment swapping is okay provided swapping doesn't violate the rule that Umpire's for a game shouldn't be from any of the playing team's groups.



- ii. Committee will reject such swapping if playing teams raised the issue or it came to the committee's knowledge.
- iii. Swapping is mutual understanding between teams and the committee has no role to track it so the originally scheduled umpiring team will be held responsible for late or no show of umpires

### **The wickets, creases, and boundaries**

Before the toss and during the match, the umpires shall satisfy themselves that

- the wickets are properly pitched
- the creases are correctly marked

### **Fitness for play**

- It is solely for the umpires together to decide whether either condition of the ground, weather or light or exceptional circumstances mean that it would be dangerous or unreasonable for play to take place.
- Conditions shall not be regarded as either dangerous or unreasonable merely because they are not ideal.
- The fact that the grass and the ball are wet does not warrant the ground conditions being regarded as unreasonable or dangerous.
- Conditions shall be regarded as dangerous if there is actual and foreseeable risk to the safety of any player or umpire.
- Conditions shall be regarded as unreasonable if, although posing no risk to safety, it would not be sensible for play to proceed.
- If the umpires consider the ground is so wet or slippery as to deprive the bowler of a reasonable foothold, the fielders of the power of free movement, or the batsmen of the ability to play their strokes or to run between the wickets, then these conditions shall be regarded as so bad that it would be dangerous and unreasonable for play to take place.

### **Suspension of play in dangerous or unreasonable circumstances**

- All references to ground include the pitch
- The Umpires shall immediately suspend play, or not allow play to start or to recommence if either umpire considers that the conditions of ground, weather or light, or any other circumstances are either dangerous or unreasonable.
- When there is a suspension of play it is the responsibility of the umpires to monitor conditions. They shall make inspections as often as appropriate, unaccompanied by any players or officials. Immediately the umpires together agree that the conditions are no longer dangerous or unreasonable they shall call upon the players to resume play.

## **20. Teams Changing Game Day/Time**

### **RoundRobin Phase:**

Teams CAN **request to** change game day or time if

- Both the teams agree to the switch.
- Committee can provide a reserved field for that game.



- Change within the same week.

The above-mentioned criteria must be met to have the game officially rescheduled to another date and/or time within the same week. **Umpiring teams should send the umpires if the change is approved by the committee before the Tuesday of the game playing week. For any requests from teams or approval by committee made on this after the Monday of the game week, Umpiring teams (if they choose to) can send umpires at their discretion and will not be mandatory.** However, if the game is officially rescheduled (due to logistics) by the discretion of the Committee (and not requested by teams) then the teams will be required to play the game at the scheduled time and umpiring teams will be required to send the umpires at the scheduled time.

### **Playoff Phase:**

Teams CANNOT change game day or time for playoff games. Committee reserves the right to make changes due to logistics issues. In such cases, all rescheduled games will fall under regularly scheduled games and all the rules must be followed by the playing and umpiring teams. However, exceptions can be made by the Committee if both the teams and Committee agree for the switch (not recommended).

### **21. Code of Conduct**

- a. It is the captain's responsibility to uphold the spirit of the game for his team.
- b. Any prolonged argument by a team, will yield a walkover to the opposition team based on the decision by umpires and organizers.
- c. If any team walks out of the ground or protests during the playtime, the team will be disqualified from the tournament.
- d. If any team misbehaves or abuses the umpires inside the field or outside the field during the match, the team will be disqualified from the tournament.
- e. Teams should clean the area they used during the match before leaving. If any team does not follow the ground cleaning regulations. Home team captain should report it to the committee and serious action will be taken against the responsible team.

### **22. Attire**

- a. All players/umpires should be in proper attire. NO SHORTS.
- b. If umpires don't have proper attire, their duty is deemed as "No Show".
- c. **Umpires should check for any player without proper attire & stop their participation in the game. They will be only allowed to join the team after having proper attire. However, the player will be counted towards min eligible players to start the game. No penalties for the time missed to get back in proper attire**

### **23. Ground measurement & Kit bags**

- a. All teams are required to bring their own kit bags
  - i. Every team shall at least bring one Stumps (wicket) + bails
  - ii. Balls will be provided to the teams prior to the start of the league. Teams are responsible to bring League provided balls (ONLY). NO other cricket balls will be allowed for playing



- iii. Every match - one team will be assigned as home team – home team shall bring the cones and other required equipment and do the setup and pick up the cones after the match.
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- b. All matches will be played on 360-degree grounds
    - i. Outside Circle - 165 feet from the center of the pitch.
    - ii. Inner circle - 65 feet from the center of the pitch.
    - iii. The batting crease is four feet in front of and parallel to the bowling crease. This should be marked at both ends i.e. the batting and bowling ends.
    - iv. The return crease is drawn perpendicular to the bowling crease and should extend 4 ft in front and 4 feet behind the bowling crease.
    - v. Wide markers are set 3 feet from the middle stump on the bowling crease at the batting end.

**The rules and regulations mentioned in the rulebook will be followed at any point in the game and are applicable for only this season. If any rule is mentioned in our rulebook, it can overrule the ICC rules. In matters of doubts not covered by the above tournament rules, the decision of the league committee will be final and binding upon all concerned as per the standard ICC rules.**