

Indoor Cricket Rules

1. FIELDING A TEAM

- A game is played between two teams, each of a maximum of 8 players for seniors and 6 players for juniors.
- Each team must nominate a captain for each game.
- No team can play with less than 5 players on the court.
- A game must proceed when scheduled, if a minimum of 5 players for each team is present.
- To take part in a match, a player must be able to bat and bowl, except as in Rule 8 (Substitutes).

2. THE GAME.

- The game consists of 1 batting and 1 bowling innings per team.
- Each innings consists of 16 overs for seniors and 12 overs for juniors.
- Each over will be 6 balls
- Batting teams bat in pairs – The pair try to get as many runs as possible and bat for 4 Overs. There are no outs as such, every time the batter gets out (Dismissed) will be minus 5 runs.
- Batters must change ends at the completion of each over and no batter can bat more than once.
- Each player must bowl 2 overs
- Captains to meet at the start of a game for the toss.
- All teams are to be present at the court allocated for their match to do the toss 2 minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of their game.

3. UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT.

- Teams are encouraged to wear team uniforms
- Rubber soled sports shoes that will not mark the court surface.
- A batting glove (which completely covers the hand from the wrist) must be worn on both hands by each batter. Bring your own or we will supply.
- Wicket keeper wears gloves that will be supplied
- Fielders can wear protective equipment when fielding. All equipment must be placed outside the court until required.
- The centre will supply a recognised Indoor Cricket ball, stumps and base plate.
- Any ball tampering you will lose 10 runs. Don't mess the our balls please.

4. THE UMPIRE.

- Our umpires adjudicate the rules of the game with absolute impartiality. Teams will have no choice in the appointment of the umpire.
- The umpire's decision during a game is final. No dispute, written or otherwise, will alter the result. The umpire will be the sole judge of fair and unfair play.

- The captain of the fielding side or the batter at wicket may query an umpire's decision. Once the umpire has replied, any further talking to, at or about the umpire, or their decision, may be penalised.

5. PLAYER SHORT/SUBSTITUTES/INJURED PLAYERS.

PLAYER SHORT

If a team is 1 player short:

- When batting: after 12 overs (seniors) and 8 overs (juniors), the captain of the fielding side will nominate 1 player to bat again in the last 4 overs with the remaining batter.
- When fielding: after 14 overs (seniors) or 10 overs (juniors), the captain of the batting side must choose 2 players to bowl the remaining 2 overs. The non-consecutive over rule still applies.

If a team is 2 players short:

- When batting: after 12 overs, the captain of the fielding side will choose 2 players to bat again in the last 4 overs.

When fielding: after 12 overs (seniors) or 8 overs (juniors), the captain of the batting side must choose 2 players each to bowl 2 of the last 4 overs. The non-consecutive over rule still applies. If a selected player is not available to bat again, a 10 run penalty will apply and another player must be selected. This rule does not apply to a player who has to leave the game early for legitimate reasons provided both captains and the umpire had knowledge of the player's departure.

When a team is reduced to less than 5 players (seniors) and 4 players (juniors) irrespective of the reason - and a substitute is unavailable, the offending team will forfeit the game

INJURED PLAYERS

If a player gets injured;

When batting: The captain of the fielding side will nominate 1 player from the injured player's team to bat with the remaining batter. This must be done at the time of the injury.

When fielding: If the player is injured whilst bowling, the captain of the batting side will nominate 1 player, from the injured player's team, to complete the over. The non-consecutive over rule still applies.

6. FIELD PLACEMENT.

Fielders Per Half Court

- The court is divided into two halves with the dividing line being the non-striker's running crease. No more than 4 fielders may field in either half of the court for (seniors) and 3 fielders for (juniors) from the moment the bowler commences their run up until the ball leaves the bowler's hand. On the line is considered in the other half. If this rule is contravened, the umpire will call "No Ball".
- No Fielders on the Pitch
- An Exclusion Zone will be marked in an arc extending at a radius of 3 metres from the batting crease. No fielder can move on or extend over the Exclusion Zone
- Wicket Keeper: A fielder is classified as a wicket keeper if they take up position behind the stumps at the striker's end in the area designated for the wicket keeper. The area designated for the wicket keeper is between the imaginary lines extending along the extremities of the pitch to the back net and the line running at right angles through the stumps at the striker's end. (See diagram on court layout). The wicket keeper must take up a position with both feet wholly inside the designated area and cannot move out of that area until the ball leaves the bowler's hand

7. PLAY BALL/LIVE BALL/DEAD BALL.

PLAY BALL/LIVE BALL

- The game commences once the players take up their positions and the umpire calls "Play". The ball remains "live" throughout the over unless the umpire calls "Dead Ball", "Over" or a wicket falls.
- Play cannot recommence after the fall of a wicket or a call of "Dead Ball" or before the start of a new over, until the umpire calls "Play".
- It is the batter's responsibility to have taken strike when the bowler is ready to bowl provided the batter has been given reasonable time to do so. The umpire will be the sole judge of what is "reasonable time".

DEAD BALL

There are several types of Dead Balls. Each type has different qualities. These are "Automatic" Dead Balls. No runs can be scored or wickets lost. The ball must be re bowled. The bails are off either set of stumps when the bowler commences their run up.

Any ball that leaves the court, other than a ball leaving the court as a result of an attempted run out by a fielder. Any ball, after being struck by the batter, that lodges in the net or corner conduit. The original batter must face the re bowled delivery. The bowler attempts an illegal maenad. [See Rule 17F(iii) and (iv) - Dismissals]. The batting side will receive 2 runs for the "No Ball". These are "Discretionary" Dead Balls. The decision to have the ball re bowled or to allow runs scored or to apply penalties for wickets taken will be at the discretion of the umpire. An injury to a player. The batter did not have enough time to take strike before the bowler delivers the ball. The bat accidentally leaves the batter's hands as a result of playing a shot at the ball. These are "Special Case" Dead Balls. The ball is not re bowled. The ball after being bowled hits a fielder. A special call of "No Ball, Dead Ball" is made and the batters will receive 2 runs. The ball leaves the court as a result of an attempted run out by a fielder. The score (net zone and physical runs) made up until when the ball leaves the court will count. A ball, when bowled, hits the top or side net. The umpire will call "No Ball, Dead Ball" and the batters will receive 2 runs. A wicket falls, excluding a mankad. The umpire calls "Over". The captain of the fielding team or the batters at the wicket are permitted to request a "Dead Ball" under the following conditions: Player injury; ruling or score clarification; clothing adjustment. Requests may be made verbally or by signal, as per the umpire's signal. Note: If the umpire is required to intervene during a dispute for unfair play, the ball is automatically dead from the time of intervention until "Play" is called. The ball is dead whether the umpire calls "Dead Ball" or forgets to. No runs can be scored or wickets taken during the intervention. However, the result prior to the intervention will stand.

8. SCORING.

Runs may be scored as follows:

- When both batters cross between the batting crease and the non-striker's crease and make good their ground. One run is scored (called a "physical" run). Bonus runs as defined in Rule 11A(iii), B(i), B(iv) and E will only be scored if the batters successfully make a physical run as described in Rule 11A(i).
- When a batter hits the ball with the bat or the hand(s) holding the bat, into a perimeter netting, this includes balls unintentionally deflected by the batter's protective equipment, deflected by fielders and unintentionally deflected from the non-striker's person or equipment, the following bonus runs will apply:

ZONE A (FRONT NET)	0 RUNS
ZONE B (SIDE NET)	1 RUN
ZONE C (SIDE NET)	2 RUNS
ZONE D (BACK NET)	4 RUNS ON BOUNCE
ZONE D (BACK NET)	6 RUNS ON FULL
ZONE B OR C ONTO ZONE D)	3 RUNS

- The top net is neutral. A ball hit via the top net onto the Zone D net on the full scores 6 bonus runs for the batting side.
- When a fielder causes an overthrow, physical runs will be scored when the batters cross between the batting crease and the non-striker's crease and make good their ground. An "overthrow" results from the deliberate effort of a fielder throwing, flicking, slapping or kicking the ball in an attempt to strike the wicket and cause a run out, or at any other time the ball is live.
- The batting team will be credited with a 2 run penalty when the umpire calls a delivery "No Ball", "Wide" or "Leg side". If the batter plays a "No Ball" into a scoring zone, the zone score and the physical runs made will be added to the 2 run penalty. Any physical runs made off a "Wide" or "Leg side" will be added to the 2 run penalty.
- Any net zones struck as a result of a reasonably controlled attempt will not result in bonus runs being scored. If the umpire is uncertain that the ball was reasonably controlled, the bonus net score will count.
- Balls deflected into scoring zones off the batter's person (eg. leg) where no contact has been made with the bat will not score bonus runs. Only physical runs may be scored.
- If a batter is given "Out", the batting team will lose 5 runs. All previous runs scored off that delivery will not count.
- Where a ball strikes a zone scoring tape or corner conduit, the higher zone score will count.
- In case of a scoreboard error, unless the captain of the fielding team or the batters at the wicket appeal about the score before the commencement of a new over, or before the players leave the court in the case of the last over of each innings, the scoreboard will be assumed to be correct.

9. NO BALLS.

"No Ball" will be called when:

- The ball is thrown, not bowled. If the umpire is not totally satisfied with the fairness of the delivery,
- If the elbow remains bent throughout the delivery, it may be a fair delivery). Any part of the bowler's front foot is not grounded inside the return crease and behind the popping crease at the moment of delivery. (Note: Any part of the front foot on the line is a "No Ball"). If any part of the ball, when bowled underarm, pitches on or before the underarm line it will be a "No Ball"

- There are more than 4 fielders in either half of the court at the commencement of the bowler's run up.
- A wicket keeper moves outside their designated area before the ball leaves the bowler's hand or takes the ball in front or from the side of the stumps.
- A fielder, other than the wicket keeper, has any part of their body in the wicket keeper's area or exclusion zone until the ball is played at by the striker or passes the striker's wickets.
- . A bowler changes style of bowling (ie. over arm to underarm, left arm to right arm or vice versa) or changes sides of the wicket (ie. from over to around or vice versa) without first informing the umpire [See Rule 14].
- The bowler depresses the net and/or the net protection in Zones D or C with any part of their body during the course of their run up.
- The ball, when bowled, passes over or would have passed over the striker's front shoulder, either on the full or bounce, when the striker is in a normal stationary batting stance at the time of the bowler's delivery stride. This is regardless of the ball hitting the striker's bat or person. A striker must have part of their back foot behind the batting crease when the ball passes or would have passed the batting crease to be entitled to the call of "No Ball" under this rule.
- A mankad is illegally attempted. The umpire will call "No Ball, Dead Ball". The ball will not count as part of the over and 2 runs will be added to the batting team's score. When a bowler makes more than 2 unsuccessful mankad attempts in any one over, the 3rd unsuccessful attempt will be called "No Ball, Dead Ball". The ball will not be counted as part of the over and 2 runs will be credited to the batting team's score. [)]. The ball, after being bowled, hits the top or side net before reaching the batter. The umpire will call "No Ball, Dead Ball". The ball will not be re bowled and 2 runs will be credited to the batting team's score.
- A fielder, or part of a fielder (with the exception of the bowler) moves onto or extends over the pitch from the commencement of the bowler's run up until the ball is played at by the striker or passes the striker's wickets. [See Rule 9B] A batter can be given "Out" off a "No Ball" in any of the four following ways:
 - Any batter dismissed off a "No Ball" will be penalised 5 runs. The 2 run bonus for the "No Ball" is negated by the dismissal. A "No Ball" is included as part of an over except in the last over of the innings. Any "No Ball" bowled in the last over of an innings may be re bowled at the batter's discretion. The umpire must ask the batters immediately if the ball is to be re bowled. The batters must decide before the next ball is bowled. Any penalties, runs or wickets resulting from the "No Ball" delivery will count regardless of whether the ball is re bowled or not. A "No Ball" incurs a penalty of 2 runs, which is added to the batting pair's score. Runs scored by hitting any net zone and/or physical runs are also added to the score.

10. WIDE AND LEGSIDE WIDE BALLS

A "Wide" will be called when: any part of the ball passes on the striker's off-side, outside the intersection of the batting crease and the edge of the pitch, without being touched by the striker's person or equipment. Any part of the ball passing on the line will be deemed "Wide".

A "Leg side" wide will be called when: any part of the ball passes outside the intersection of the batting crease and the leg side line without being touched by the striker's person or equipment. A ball passing between the batter and the stumps is not a leg side wide. Any part of the ball passing on the line will be deemed Leg side".

For the purpose of identification, the edge of the pitch will be taken as the offside line, and the point 45cm from the centre stump will be taken as the leg side line.

Batters may be dismissed by all forms of dismissal when a "Wide" is bowled, bearing in mind that if a ball is struck by the striker's person or equipment, it is no longer a "Wide".

A batter dismissed off a "Wide" will be penalised 5 runs. The 2 run bonus for the wide is negated by the dismissal.

A "Wide" counts as part of the over, except in the last over of either innings.

All "Wide's" bowled in the last over of an innings may be re bowled at the batter's discretion. The umpire must immediately ask the batters if the ball is to be re bowled. The batters must decide before the next delivery is bowled. All scores, penalties or wickets from the "Wide" or "Leg side" delivery will count regardless of whether the ball is re bowled or not.

The penalty for a "Wide" is 2 runs, which will be added to the batting pair's score, plus any additional physical runs scored.

11. BOWLER CHANGING DIRECTION/STYLE

A bowler must advise the umpire if they intend to change their bowling style (ie. over arm to underarm, left arm to right arm or vice versa) or sides of the wicket (ie. over the wicket to around the wicket or vice versa).

The umpire must use the correct hand signal to indicate to the bowler that their change of bowling style has been noticed. The onus is on the fielding team to ensure that the umpire is aware of the bowling change.

When a bowler changes direction or style, the change is to both batters unless a difference is advised.

The umpire must advise both batters of the change and only one advice need be given unless there is a further change.

"No Ball" will be called if a bowler contravenes this rule.

If the batters believe the umpire has overlooked a change they may appeal for a "No Ball", however the umpire's decision is final.

12. BALL LEAVING PLAYING AREA

Any ball, when bowled, that leaves the playing area or lodges in the net or corner conduit as a result of being hit by the striker, will be called "Dead Ball" by the umpire and will be re bowled. This includes balls coming off the striker's bat onto the non-striker or fielders prior to leaving the playing area. No runs will count and the original striker must face the ball again.

Any ball, when bowled, that leaves the playing area without being touched by the batter or the fielding side will be called "Dead Ball" by the umpire and re bowled.

Any ball that leaves the playing area as a result of an attempted run out by a fielder will be called "Dead Ball" by the umpire. All runs made off the ball, prior to it leaving the court, will count. Batters must have crossed to be eligible to score a physical run. Under these circumstances the ball will not be re bowled.

13. APPEALS FOR DISMISSALS.

The umpire will not give a batter out unless appealed to by the opposing team. An appeal must be made prior to the next ball being bowled.

An appeal will cover all ways of a dismissal.

The umpire will have final jurisdiction on all appeals and retains the right to alter their decision provided it is done promptly.

14. DISMISSALS

The striking batter will retain the strike, after being dismissed, unless the batters have crossed prior to the dismissal. A batter who is dismissed "bowled" or "leg before wicket" will retain the strike irrespective of the batters crossing.

A batter can be given "Out" for any of the following dismissals:

Bowled: If the wickets are struck by the ball, including coming from the batter's person or equipment, and at least one of the bails is completely and permanently removed. Note: The base plate of the stumps is considered to be part of the wickets.

Caught: If a ball, coming from the striker's bat or their hand(s) holding the bat, is caught before it touches the ground. The striker will be out "caught" should the ball pass from the bat onto the striker's body, or vice versa, before being caught.

A catch may be taken off all boundary netting except a direct hit on the full to the 6 net (Zone D). A ball passing from a fielder's hand or body directly onto the 6 net, on the full, and then caught, will result in the striker being not out and the bonus runs will count. The striker will be out "caught" if a ball is hit into the side netting (Zones B or C) before passing onto the back net (Zone D) and is caught without touching the ground.

Should a ball hit the non-striker and then be caught before touching the ground, the striker will be out.

The striker will be given out if the ball is caught after it has come from their bat or the hand(s) holding the bat and then deflected onto their protective equipment.

A batter will not be out "caught" if the ball came from the bottom wire supporting the net.

Stumped & Run Out: The difference between "run out" and "stumped" is that in the former a batter is attempting to make a run, whilst in the latter, the batter is stranded out of their crease after playing a shot and is attempting to regain their batting crease.

i. Stumped.

A batter is stumped when the wicket keeper legally removes the bail(s) before the striker (who has advanced down the pitch) is able to get any part of their bat or body grounded inside their crease. The wicket keeper may use the hand(s), or the forearm of the hand(s), holding the ball or as a result of the ball rebounding directly from the keeper's body onto the stumps.

If the wicket keeper attempts to take the ball either in front of, or from the side of the wickets, with the exception of the ball striking the batter's person or equipment, the umpire will call "No Ball". [See Rule 9D(v)].

A batter can not be stumped off a No Ball.

The striker can be given "Run Out" off a No Ball, by the wicket keeper, if in the opinion of the umpire the striker did not make an immediate and deliberate attempt to regain their crease.

On the line is out and Only a wicket keeper can "Stump" a batter.

ii. Run Out.

A batter is run out when either batter has left their crease, while the ball is "live", and the bails are dislodged by the ball held by or coming directly from a fielder, before any part of the batter's person or equipment is grounded behind the line of the appropriate crease. Once a batter is safely behind the line of the crease they cannot be given out.

A fielder is able to "Run Out" a batter with either their hand(s) or the forearm of their hand(s) holding the ball, provided the ball is retained in the hand when they completely remove the bail(s) from the top of the wickets.

Either batter can be run out off a No Ball as per the conditions described in Rule 17C(ii(a)).

If a batter is attempting to regain the crease and the bail(s) are not completely removed until after the batter makes good their crease, the batter is not out.

No batter may be out if the ball breaks the wicket after coming directly from a net. Conversely, a batter will be out should the ball, having come from a net, be touched by a member of the fielding side before breaking the wicket.

The stumps, when standing, are always live irrespective of the bail(s) having been removed during play. If the wickets, whilst standing, have had the bail(s) removed but the ball is "live", the fielding side need only hit an upright stump again with the ball or the hand(s) holding the ball to constitute an appeal for a run out.

The stumps, when standing, must have some part of their base in the normal position to enable a wicket to be taken.

If the stumps are lying off their base on the ground, the fielding side must re stand the stumps upright with some part of the base in its normal position. The fielder need only hit an upright stump with the ball or the hand(s) holding the ball and appeal to enable a wicket to be taken.

On the line is out.

The base plate is considered to be part of the stumps. A batter will be adjudged out if the bail(s) are dislodged as a result of the ball hitting the base plate.

L.B.W.: If the ball hits the striker's body and the striker has made no attempt to hit the ball, the batter will be adjudged LBW if, in the opinion of the umpire, the ball would have struck the stumps.

Hit Wicket: The striker will be out "Hit Wicket" if their person or equipment breaks the stumps whilst either playing the ball or immediately setting off for the first run after playing at the ball. The base plate of the stumps is considered to be part of the stumps. A batter is not out should they break the stumps trying to regain their crease or complete a run.

Mankad: If the non-striker leaves the crease prior to the delivery of the ball and the bowler completes a delivery action then breaks the stumps with the hand holding the ball, the non-striker will be out "Mankad". A mankad attempt does not have to be in one continuous motion but the ball must remain in the bowler's delivery hand throughout the mankad attempt.

The bowler must have had the ball at the commencement of the delivery stride.

A legitimate mankad dismissal or attempt does not count as part of the over.

If a bowler whilst attempting a mankad, releases the ball during the delivery action and breaks the stumps at the non-striker's end, the umpire will call "No Ball, Dead Ball". This delivery will not count as part of the over and incurs the "No Ball" penalty. The umpire must call "Play" to re-commence the game.

When a bowler makes more than 2 unsuccessful mankad attempts in any one over, the third unsuccessful attempt (without releasing the ball) will be called "No Ball, Dead Ball". The ball will not be counted as part of the over and 2 runs will be credited to the batting team's score.

Any mankad attempt where the bails are not removed is still considered an unsuccessful mankad attempt.

Where an umpire considers the bowler is wasting time rather than attempting a legitimate mankad, the bowler may be warned for time wasting and subsequently penalised 5 runs for misconduct if the action is repeated.

If the mankad attempt is successful, the ball does not count as part of the over and does not affect the score off the previous or following delivery.

Interference:

A batter can be given out for interference:

If either batter deliberately interferes with the ball whilst it is in play.

If either batter deliberately obstructs or interferes with any member of the fielding team, bearing in mind that the fielder has the right of way provided they are legitimately fielding the ball. Note: Even if they are running in a "straight line" between the batting creases, it is the batter's responsibility to avoid fielders.

If the ball is struck or stopped by the striker more than once except when preventing the ball from hitting the stumps. This may only be done with the bat or body but not with the hands. No runs may be scored as a direct result of such action. Any attempt to do so would be interference.

The non-striker can not impede the line of delivery of a bowler. This will be deemed interference and the umpire will warn the non-striker to move. Refusal to heed the warning will result in a 5 run penalty.

Note: Should any player deliberately endanger an opponent, irrespective of the right of way provisions, they will be dealt with under the Misconduct Rule. [See Rule 19].

Third Ball:

Should the score remain unchanged after two deliveries, the umpire will call "Third Ball". This call must be made prior to the commencement of the next delivery. On the next delivery, the score must change or a dismissal will be recorded against the striker. Should the score be advanced in any way, or a dismissal occurs (including a Mankad), the Third Ball count will restart from the commencement of the next delivery.

In the event an umpire fails to call "Third Ball", it will be the responsibility of the captain of the fielding side to clarify the situation prior to the commencement of the next delivery. Should both the umpire and the fielding team fail to recognize the Third Ball call, the following ball (ie the fourth ball) will then be called Third Ball if the score did not change from the delivery just completed.

Regardless of when they occur in a batting partnership (of four overs), if two consecutive deliveries are scoreless, the Third Ball rule will apply to the next delivery. However, the Third Ball rule will not carry over from one batting partnership to the next.

After a call of "Third Ball", once the non-striker leaves their crease, unless a leg side, wide or a no-ball is bowled, or the striker is dismissed, they must continue to the batter's crease. Note: The non-striker is not required to run at the instant that the ball is released by the bowler.

If the non-striker stops and/or attempts to return to their original crease, the umpire will give the striker out, "Third Ball".

If the non-striker makes no clear attempt to make a physical run, the umpire will give the striker out, "Third Ball".

If the non-striker does not hesitate and completes a physical run, the onus will be on the fielding team to affect a run out.

Notes:

1. Once the "Third Ball" dismissal is given, the ball is dead.
2. The dismissal is recorded against the striker.

3. A striker can not be given out on a "Third Ball" dismissal if the umpire does not call "Third Ball" prior to the delivery.

15. INTERFERENCE.

Batters must not have their running path unfairly impeded. If in the umpire's opinion this constitutes unfair play, the batters are not to be given out and all runs will count. The fielding team will be issued a warning. A 5 run penalty will be issued to the fielding team for a second occurrence. Note: A player may not be guilty of obstruction if they do not move.

The fielder has right of way provided they are legitimately fielding the ball.

If the ball is bowled, then deliberately fielded prior to the batter having the opportunity to hit the ball, the fielding team will be penalised 5 runs for unfair play and the ball will be re-bowled.

16. MISCONDUCT.

Any misconduct may incur a run penalty at the discretion of the umpire. No warning need precede the application of this penalty. Any act of misconduct may result in the player(s) being ordered off the court by the umpire. The maximum penalty for any single rule violation is 5 runs. In the case of misconduct related violations, the penalties can range in multiples of 5 to a maximum of 20, depending on the severity of the violation. Umpires must use their discretion when determining if run penalties are warranted for misconduct. Players may be warned prior to being penalised, but this is not a prerequisite. Any of the following may constitute misconduct: Dangerous or unduly rough play. Swearing or making obscene gestures. Deliberate physical contact or fighting. Unfair play. (See Rule 19F) Spitting. Sledging (eg. any baiting, harassment, gestures, words or actions which may interrupt the concentration of an opponent). Mistreatment of equipment (eg. bats, nets, carpets, stumps or balls). Deliberate time wasting. Any player deliberately stepping on the nets. Disputing or arguing with the umpire.

Note: The captain of the fielding side or the batter at the wicket may query an umpire's decision. Once the umpire has replied, any further talking to, at or about the umpire, or their decision, may be penalised. Any person or team found substituting or deliberately scuffing, gouging or attempting to reshape the ball will be penalised 10 runs for ball tampering. Unfair Play can be defined as actions taken outside the spirit of the rules of the game to create an unfair advantage over an opponent. Any of the following would be considered unfair play: A fielder pretending to have the ball in order for the wicket keeper to run out a batter who may stray outside their crease. A wicket keeper clicking their fingers to

simulate a ball striking the edge of a bat. Undue noise and movement during a bowler's delivery. Unnecessarily slowing down play. After missing a delivery, the batter lifting the bat in front of the wicket keeper to prevent the ball being thrown to the receiver. Ball tampering. Any game may be stopped and awarded to the opposition, or cancelled, should infringements of the above nature escalate to the point where the captains have lost control of their players. No game may be called off without consultation with the duty manager or tournament organiser. Any player incurring 2 misconduct penalties for any reason must be ordered off for the rest of the game by the umpire.

17. ORDER OFF

Umpires must order off: Any player whose conduct is extreme (eg. striking or threatening behavior). Any player who has been the cause of 2 separate penalties for misconduct being awarded against their team. The umpire is the sole judge of what constitutes extreme misconduct. A player ordered off the court will take no further part in the game. A player ordered off will not be replaced. Teams are to revert to the Player Short Rule [Rule 8] for the batting and bowling.

18. RUNNERS

Runners are not permitted except for persons with a permanent disability, and only with the consent and at the discretion of the duty manager or tournament organiser.

Where a runner has been permitted, they must:

- Wear 2 gloves and carry a bat;
- Stand behind the batting crease until the striker has either played at the ball or the ball has passed the batting crease.

If this rule is infringed, no runs will be scored and the batter will be penalised 5 runs for unfair play. This violation is not subject to the order off rule [Rule 20].

The 'disabled batter' should, where possible:

- Stand near Zone A to the leg side of the facing batter when not on strike;
- Having struck the ball, make a reasonable effort to get out of the line of play of the fielders.

The disabled batter will be given out "Stumped" or "Run Out" if either they or their runner are out of their crease.

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19. END OF OVER/GAME

An over is completed when off the last delivery:

The ball is fielded and held over the stumps at either end whilst at least 1 batter is in their crease and the umpire calls "Over".

All players on the court regard the ball as being "Dead" (ie. no further play is possible).

A wicket falls, excluding a mankad (subject to it being a legal delivery) and the umpire calls "Over".

The umpire will end the match by calling "Game" after all of the prescribed overs have been bowled.

No run penalties may be imposed after the umpire calls "Game".

Any misconduct occurring after "Game" has been called should be referred to the duty manager or tournament organiser for possible further action.

MIXED GAMES.

All rules as already set down above apply to Mixed Games except where they conflict with the following By-Rules. These rules should be read in conjunction with the previous Rule descriptions.

BY-RULE 1 - Fielding a Team [Rule 1]

There can be no more than 4 males or 4 females in any one team. A team must have a minimum of 2 males and 2 females, and have at least 6 players in the team, to start a game.

BY-RULE 2 - The Game [Rule 2]

Bowling sequence: the captain must bowl male and female players alternately. The fielding captain will determine whether a male or female bowler commences the 1st over.

Batting pairs: A male and female must bat together.

BY-RULE 3 - Player Short [Rule 8]

If a team is player(s) short, they can only be replaced by other player(s) of the same sex. Females are not permitted to fill in for males and vice versa. When a team plays short, the male/female batting pairs and bowling sequence must be maintained. If a team is 1 player short, a player of the missing sex must be selected by the opposition captain after the 12th over to bat for the remaining 4 overs, or bowl 2 of the remaining 4 overs. If a team is both a male and a female player short, the opposition captain must select a male and a female player after the 12th over to bat the last 4 overs, or bowl 2 overs each of the last 4

overs. If a team is 2 players short of the same sex, the remaining pair of the same sex must alternate their respective batting and bowling overs.

BY-RULE 4 - Field Placement/Intimidatory Play[Rule 9]

A. Fielding

Excessively close-in fielding and rushing tactics that in the umpire's opinion intimidate the female striker, will be penalised by the call of "No Ball". No warning is required.

There are no restrictions on the court placement of males or females when fielding provided the conditions of Rule 9A are satisfied.

B. Bowling

Males are not permitted to bowl in a manner that intimidates the female striker. This includes fast bowling, short pitch bowling and any delivery that spins excessively and which, in the umpire's opinion, is beyond the capabilities of the female striker.

C. Batting

The umpire is to call "No Score", at the completion of play on that delivery, against strikers who hit the ball excessively hard thereby endangering the safety of a fielder. The delivery will not be re bowled. All forms of dismissal will still count.

BY-RULE 5

Either batter (male or female) will be given "out" if they are caught from a direct hit (on the full) to the "6" net (Zone D).

BY-RULE 6 - Substitutes [Rule 8]

When a team utilizes the Substitute Rule or Player Short Rule during a mixed game, the replacement must be a player of the same sex.

BY RULE 7 - Equipment

All mixed games will be played using indoor cricket bats approved by the AICF.