

### Tournament Structure (League Games)

- Each team can field 8 players per game with 2 substitutes.
- Each inning will be of 12 overs in all matches.
- Time per over: 3<sup>1/2</sup> minutes, 42 min to complete their allotted overs before they are penalized for a slow over rate.
- A 5 minute break shall be taken between each innings in a match.
- Each game is scheduled to be completed in approx 100 mins.
- All team members to be present 15 minutes before the start of their game. Failing to do so will deem in loss of the toss.
- At start time, team with fewer players will be deemed to lose the toss.
- 1 run is awarded to the batting team for 'wides' and 'no balls' plus an extra delivery.
- A bowler can bowl a maximum of 3 overs in an inning.
- A minimum of 4 bowlers are required in every team.
- A keeper is compulsory.
- There will be a 15 yard fielding inner circle and only 5 fielders are allowed outside the circle at all times.**
- If there are more than 5 players outside the fielding circle, the umpire shall call a no-ball with no previous warning.
- Byes and overthrows are possible means of scoring runs.
- No runs can be scored off leg byes.**
- No Free hits for "No balls"**
- There will be no LBW decision.**
- Players are not allowed to represent more than one team and cannot be transferred.
- Bowlers are allowed to bowl one bouncer per over without being called a no ball. Unplayable bouncers will be declared wide and the rules pertaining to wides shall be followed.
- After group matches, all matches will be played on knock-out basis.

### Cricket Max Zone

- The field is marked with Trapezoidal "Max" zones, at bowlers end
- Any ball hit into the Max zone doubles the number of runs scored from that ball, whether running between wickets or a boundary four or six.
- Fielders may not be in the Max zone as the ball is bowled.
- If a catch is completed inside the Max Zone, the batsman is out.

### Wild Card

- After the fall of 4<sup>th</sup> wicket or upon completion of the 6<sup>th</sup> over, the batting team can recall one of their dismissed batsmen to the crease again at the cost of deducting 10 runs from their current score.
- One bowler can bowl additional one over above his quota of 3 overs after 9<sup>th</sup> over by adding 6 runs to opponent's score.

### Points system

- Top 4 teams of each group qualify for the knockout round of Cup.
- Second placed teams in each group qualify for the Plate.
- 2 points are awarded for a win and 0 for a loss. In case of a tie/draw both the teams get 1 point each.
- Winning team can earn an additional bonus point if they chase the runs at a run rate of 1.25 times the required run rate or restrict the team batting second to a total of 0.8 times the runs scored. (min/max)
- To conclude a match interrupted by rain, a minimum of 4 over should have been played by the team playing second. If not then both team will be awarded with 1 point each.
- In case of equal points in the league stage the team who won the head-to-head contest would proceed to the next stage.
- If during knockout stage any match is tied, then the team with less number of wickets down would be declared winners. In case the numbers of wickets for both the teams are same, then, the team with higher points in the league stage will be declared winner. If points are also same, the team with a higher net run rate will be declared winner.

### Penalization guidelines

- Penalization for players joining the team after the start of the game shall follow the following guidelines. If a player (hereafter named XYZ) comes [n] overs late inside the ground, then **if his team is batting**, XYZ cannot come to bat for another [n] overs unless there are no more batsmen left to play. **If bowling** then XYZ cannot bowl for other [n] overs.
- All teams are expected to bowl the first ball of their last (12<sup>th</sup>) over, within 42 minutes playing time. In the event of failing to do so, the full quota of overs will be completed, and the batting side will be credited with 6 runs for every whole over that was not bowled in specified time. This will apply to both innings of the match. If the side batting second is credited with runs in this way and this consequently takes their score past that of the side batting first then the match shall be deemed to be won by the side batting second. All penalties in this regard will be imposed immediately once the ball first becomes dead after the scheduled or rescheduled cessation time for the innings. If the innings is terminated before the scheduled or rescheduled cut-off time, no over-rate penalty shall apply. Umpires decision in this regard will be final and binding.
- Deliberate slowing down of the pace of an innings by the batting side is strongly discouraged and extra time taken by them shall be counted towards the slow over rate.

### Guidelines for match officials

- Tournament will be played by yellow "VICKY-Tennis" soft ball
- All teams will be divided in different groups and the tournament will be played on league cum knockout format. After the group stage, teams will be segregated into "Cup" and "Plate" categories (depending on the number of teams).
- Umpires will be chosen by the organizing committee and their decision regarding the choice of umpires is final.
- Decision to change the ball being used lies solely with the umpire officiating in the match.
- The umpire's decision is final and must be respected.**
- Excessive sledging** may result in the player being disqualified from the remainder of the games. The call for excessive sledging can only be made by the umpire officiating in the game who will issue a first and final warning before making the decision of disqualification after repetition of such an event.
- Umpire has the right to call a bowler for chucking and doing so would result in the particular ball being declared a no-ball. Two warnings will be given to the bowler and captain. The third such call against a bowler in the entire series will disqualify the bowler from bowling another ball in the entire series.
- Bowling more than one beamer in a game disqualifies the bowler from continuing to bowl in that particular game. All beamers bowled shall be treated as no balls and the rules pertaining to no-balls shall be followed.
- Submission of Entry Form with all the required details must be given before the 1<sup>st</sup> match – this is compulsory.
- A team's participation will be considered as confirmed only after receipt of payment.
- Uniformity of dress – All players have to wear same colour jersey. **Shorts are not allowed under any circumstances.**
- Using mobile phone on field during the match is strictly prohibited. In case any player uses the mobile, 6 runs shall be reduced from the team's score.

### Unavoidable Circumstances (like Rain):

- To conclude the match, in the second innings four overs should be completed.
- In such a case, if in the first innings of the match, the game cannot be continued then the decision on the number of overs to be played will be taken by the chief umpire.
- In case of unforeseen circumstances if the match time is reduced, umpires decision shall be final and binding for the number of overs to be bowled or any other decision regarding the match.
- Team captains are supposed to have read all these rules and inform all players of the same.
- The organizing committee have the right to change any of the above rules without any prior notice.
- In matters of doubt not covered in the tournament rules, the decision of the Tournament Committee (SPT Sports) shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- Decisions of Tournament Committee in all points related to enforcing rules of the tournament are final and binding.
- Organizer has full authority to disqualify any team for improper official ID proof and indiscipline.
- FIRST AID:** Organizer or Tournament Committee will provide for basic first aid kit on the ground only. In case a player gets injured and needs medical attention, all the medical expenses have to be borne by the player. Under no circumstances, Tournament Committee can be held liable for any such expenses. Player(s) having a history of cardiac/respiratory illness or any recurrent injury must inform the HR team and it is also advisable not to be part of any sports. Under any circumstances, organizer or tournament committee or referee will not be responsible for any unforeseen accident. Upon agreeing to participate in the event, the participant agrees that he/she/they are doing so by their free will and waives SPT Sports, its employees, the sponsors and all associates of the event, from any liability or claims arising from any loss, injury, untoward incident during the course of the event.

### Honours and Awards

- Cup Winner
- Cup Runners-up
- Plate Winner
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- Fair-play team
- Highest Scorer
- Highest Wicket-taker
- Man of the tournament

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