

MATCH REGULATIONS

(2022 changes shown in bold type)

1. Match starting times shall be:

All Saturday Divisions

April to the penultimate Saturday in August 12:00 p.m.

The last Saturday in August and in September 11:30 a.m.

Sunday 3rd XI Cricket

April to the end of July 2 p.m.

In August and September 1 p.m.

2. The tea interval will normally be taken between innings and shall not exceed 30 minutes. If tea has been taken at some other time, such as during a stoppage for rain, the interval between innings shall not exceed ten minutes. No overs shall be lost either for the time taken for tea or the interval between the innings.
3. When both clubs are in agreement, then starting times for matches may be adjusted to an earlier time by up to 1 hour. The home club is responsible for informing the relevant Competition Secretary, and at 1st XI level, the Umpires appointment Secretary.
4. Once the start time of a game has been changed it cannot subsequently be changed again without the approval of the Competition Secretary. Any variation in starting time greater than this, or any to a later start time, or any to a different date must be by agreement with the relevant Competition Secretary. To foster good administration and publicity within the League changes cannot be made within seven days of the fixture.
5. The duration of all matches (weather permitting) shall be:

Premier League	Max. 110 overs
1st, 2nd and 3rd XI Saturday Division 1	Max. 100 overs
Sunday Premier	Max. 90 overs
All other 3rd XI Sunday divisions	Max. 80 overs

6. Before the scheduled starting time, matches may only be cancelled by the mutual agreement of the two Captains.
7. The longest possible delays before a match must be abandoned are as follows based on the original match duration;

If tea is taken

110 over matches - 3 hours 25 minutes
100 over matches - 2 hours 50 minutes
90 over matches - 2 hours 15 minutes

If tea is not taken

110 over matches - 2 hours 55 minutes
100 over matches - 2 hours 20 minutes
90 over matches - 1 hour 45 minutes

8. The home team is responsible for the protection of the pitch and immediate surrounds during inclement weather and shall carry out such duties without delay when play has been suspended, as directed by the Umpires.
9. It is expected that the home side will ensure full access to all equipment needed to clean up in the advent of adverse weather and use it as soon as the rain has ceased, or as directed by the Umpires (See Ground Criteria re availability of rolling and mopping up equipment etc.)
10. Umpires will sound the bell five minutes before the start of play in all games, when the field shall be cleared. They will also sound the bell five minutes before the start of each subsequent session of play.
11. At least one drinks interval shall be allowed in each innings as agreed by the Umpires and Captains before the game. These shall normally not exceed 5 minutes, but intervals of up to 10 minutes in each innings may be taken if the Umpires so direct.

12. The result of a match shall be decided by one innings only and points will be awarded as follows:

1st, 2nd & 3rd XI Premier Cricket

- (a) For a win - 25 points
- (b) For a tie - Maximum points attainable in a drawn game +1
- (c) For a draw (equal overs)

For the team batting first in a drawn match - 3 points

For the team batting second in a drawn match - 1 point

- (d) For a draw (unequal overs)

In a match where interruptions cause an uneven split of points resulting in the team batting second batting for fewer overs than the team batting first - 2 points each

- (e) For matches cancelled - 7 points
- (f) For abandoned matches, sides shall be awarded either bonus points-gained plus draw points as defined in 7 (c/d) or 7 points, whichever is greater.

3rd XI Cricket below Premier Division

- (a) For a win - 4 points
- (b) For a tie - 2 points
- (c) For matches cancelled - 2 points
- (d) For matches abandoned - 2 points

(e) In 3rd XI **non-Premier** matches if the second team have at least half the overs of the first team then a result is based on average run rate otherwise it is an abandoned match.

13. When a match is reduced to 80 overs or less in 1st or 2nd XI games, or 70 or less in 3rd XI **Premier** games then both sides are guaranteed to receive at least the equivalent points as awarded for an abandoned match as an underpin
14. When the team batting second in a reduced overs drawn match receives

ten (or more) overs less than their opponents batted they are guaranteed to receive at least the equivalent points as awarded for an abandoned match as an underpin. (n/a in 3rd **non-Premier** cricket)

8. In 1st XI cricket when a match is being officiated by two Panel Umpires normal fielding circles at a radius of 30 yards centred on the two middle stumps will be applied. At the instant of delivery, a minimum of four fielders plus the bowler and wicket-keeper must be within the fielding circle. In the event of an infringement, the striker's end umpire shall call and signal no ball.
9. In 1st XI cricket when a match is being officiated by two Panel Umpires bowlers are limited to a maximum of two short pitched deliveries in each over. The 3rd occurrence of a ball that did, or would have passed a batsman above shoulder height in an over will be called as a no ball by the bowling end umpire. Any subsequent similarly short pitched balls in the over will also be called as no balls.

IN UNINTERRUPTED GAMES OR DELAYED START GAMES

- (a) Batting bonus points will be earned as per the Match Format table and will be available for the whole innings except when a declaration or dismissal of the team batting first has given the side batting second surplus overs. In this case, batting points will be available for only half the original overs.
- (b) Sides batting first will receive double batting bonus points
- (c) Bowling points will be available throughout the game, with points awarded at the fall of the 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th wickets.
- (d) Where a team fielding less than 11 players is bowled out, then four bowling points will be awarded when appropriate.

GAMES THAT ARE INTERRUPTED AFTER THE START

- (a) Bonus points shall be earned as in an uninterrupted game
- (b) Whatever happens subsequent to the start of the match in terms of time lost, the side batting first will be entitled to bat for half of the starting overs in the match.