



Oyster Box CC Beach Cricket Rules

1. Rules of the game

- 1.1. There will be 6 players in a Beach Cricket team plus an umpire.
- 1.2. There will be eight overs per team. Each game will be one innings per team.
- 1.3. All six members of the fielding side will bowl one over each. The captains will decide which pair bat and bowl last two overs.
- 1.4. The six members of the batting side will bat in pairs, batting for two overs per pair.
- 1.5. If a batsman is out, he will swap ends with the non-striker and five runs will be deducted from the batting team's score. However, if the batsman has been caught out by a one-handed catch from the fielding side, seven runs will be deducted from the batting team's score.
- 1.6. Bowling must be over arm at all times - no underarm bowling is allowed at any time.
- 1.7. The batsman facing the first ball of the second over in each pairing cannot be the same as the batsman facing the last ball of the first over. This may require batsmen to swap ends between overs.

2. Scoring methods

- 2.1. Runs are scored by both batsman running successfully between the wickets or by hitting the ball over the boundary.
- 2.2. Four runs are scored if the ball crosses any boundary, having first been in contact with the sand within the boundary.
- 2.3. Six runs are scored if the ball crosses the boundary on the full.
- 2.4. Runs can only be scored by the batsman hitting the ball or through Extras (as set out below).

3. Extras

- 3.1. Wides.
 - 3.1.1. A ball will be considered a wide if, delivered on either side of the stumps, it is not within the batsman's reasonable reach as decided by the umpire. These standards should be applied closely to discourage deliberate wide bowling.
 - 3.1.2. A penalty of one run is added to the batting team's total when a wide is called. An extra ball will be bowled for each wide ball. This penalty shall stand in addition to any other runs scored or awarded from the wide ball (i.e. byes run).
- 3.2. No balls
 - 3.2.1. A no ball will be called if the bowler oversteps the popping crease with his front foot
 - 3.2.2. A no ball will be called if the ball is bowled above waist height without bouncing (a "full toss").
 - 3.2.3. A no ball will be called if the ball is bowled under arm.
 - 3.2.4. A no ball will be called if the wicket keeper receives the ball in front of the line of the batsman's stumps.

3.2.5. A penalty of one run will be added to the batting team's total when a no ball is called. An extra ball will be bowled for each no ball called. This penalty shall stand in addition to any other runs scored.

3.3. Leg byes. Leg byes can be run and added to the batting team's total (as long as a legitimate shot has been played).

3.4. Byes. Byes can be run and added to the batting teams total

4. Methods of dismissal

4.1. The following methods of dismissal are valid in Beach Cricket

4.1.1. Bowled

4.1.2. Caught

4.1.3. Run out

4.1.4. Hit own wicket

4.1.5. Stumped

4.1.6. Hit the ball twice

4.1.7. Obstructing a fielder

4.1.8. Handling the ball

4.2. The following methods of dismissal are not valid in Beach Cricket

4.2.1. LBW (unless no shot is being played)

5. The Result

5.1. Win. The team with the highest score will win the game

5.2. Tie. If the scores are tied at the end of the game, the winning team will be:

5.2.1. The team that has hit the most number of sixes in their innings

5.2.2. The team that has lost the least number of wickets

5.2.3. Should both teams have hit the same number of sixes and lost the same number of wickets, the winning team will be the team that has had the least number of runs deducted due to loss of wickets

5.3. No draws can occur in Beach Cricket

6. The Ball

6.1 Inter Cricket Balls will be provided and must be used at all times throughout the games.

6.2. A new ball will be issued if:

6.2.1. the ball is hit into the sea

6.2.2. the ball is damaged in any way and deemed unsuitable by the umpires.

7. Equipment

7.1. Bats - normal wooden cricket bats to be used

7.2. Stumps - Kwik Cricket Stumps will be used

7.3. Pitch - A Flicx cricket mat will be used. Players may decide whether or not to adopt footwear on the surface. The pitch will be maintained by the ground staff throughout the tournament

8. The Playing Arena

8.1. The wicket will be 18 yards in length from wicket to wicket

8.2. Bowlers will all bowl from one designated end of the wicket.

8.3. A batting and bowling crease will be marked on the artificial wicket.

8.4. The size of the outfield will vary with beach location.

8.5. The boundary will be marked by boundary markers on the sand

8.6. The outfield may be groomed in between matches if instruction to do so is received from the Beach Cricket event organizers.