

URBAN STREET CRICKET RULES

Introduction

Welcome to Active Melbourne City Sports' newest sport – Urban Street Cricket!

Our modified social sport caters for all abilities. The team size, low bounce ball and modified rules are perfect for our pitch at Flagstaff Gardens Sports Courts.

Teams

Teams can have a maximum of six (6) players/team members for each game. Teams cannot take to the field with any less than four (4) players (if this is the case when batting, two players will each bat twice). There is only one division, which is Open, meaning teams can have any combination of female and male players.

Format – Batting and Bowling

Our games will run for approximately 30-40 minutes, with each player getting a bat & bowl. Overs consist of six balls. Each team's innings will consist of 6 overs.

Each batting pair will face a maximum of two overs (totaling a maximum of 6 overs per team). Each bowler is to bowl one over each. If a fielding side only has 4 players, no player can bowl more than two overs. Once the batting pair has faced two overs, they must retire and the next batting pair will take to the crease. Batters are more than welcome to switch ends so that the other is facing the bowler throughout their two overs to ensure each participant gets a fair bat.

There are deductions for every out. For every out, the batting team will lose 2 runs, however, the batting team will continue to bat through the 6 overs.

There will be one run awarded for each successful run, along with multiple runs for hitting the boundaries/fences around the perimeter of the pitch – 2 runs for the side fences (3 on the full) and 4 runs for the back fence (5 on the full). Please note, if the fences are hit, batters can still make additional runs on top of the runs scored (i.e. If Batter A hits the back fence and also makes 1 run, a score of 5 for that ball will be recorded). Six and out also applies for any ball that is hit over the fence!

*Note: Each batting team will bat until they have reached the maximum limit of 6 overs, despite how many times they go out. The only exception to this is for six and out – once a batter hits the ball over the fence they are automatically out – and the other batsman if left to bat out their overs – a replacement batter is not allowed. They will also need to go collect the ball.

Wickets can be taken in three forms – run outs, catches, and getting bowled-out. There is no LBW rule. As they're everyone's favourite backyard cricket rules, we have decided to include the one-hand one-bounce rule and automatic wicket keeper for Urban Street Cricket. Automatic wicket keeper refers to the two panels of fences behind the wickets (no matter how low or high it hits the fence).

Wide- and no-balls will be managed accordingly by the umpire, and one run will be recorded accordingly if deemed appropriate. If it is decided the bowler is bowling these balls on purpose, they will receive a warning.

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