

# Modified Cricket

Modified Cricket is an entry level game, best suited to boys and girls from 5-12 year olds. It is designed to help participants learn the basics of cricket in an inclusive, enjoyable and safe environment, where all children receive equal turns at batting, bowling and fielding. Games are played on smaller fields.

The compact format of modified cricket means the game is short and sharp and can be finished in 60-90 minutes. The length of games can be flexible, with options on the number of overs per side, such as (times approximate):

8 Overs	10 Overs	12 Overs	14 Overs	16 Overs
45-60 mins	45-60 mins	60-70 mins	70-90 mins	70-90 mins

## The format

- The game is played by two evenly numbered teams, with players batting in pairs. Each pair receives a certain number of overs, no matter how many times they are out.
- Each time a batter is out the batter changes ends, unless it happens on the last ball of an over, (or in the event of a run out and the batters have already changed ends).
- There are five ways in which a batter can be dismissed – bowled, caught, hit wicket, stumped or run out. There are no LBWs in this format.
- Each bowler bowls a certain number of overs, so that everyone gets to bowl (the maximum balls in an over is six).
- When one side has finished batting, its net total is calculated by deducting five runs for each batter dismissed from the total number of runs scored. This determines the teams score. The team with the highest team score is declared the winner.
- In the unlikely event that teams finish on equal score, then the winner will be decided the team that lost the least number of wickets.



# Modified Cricket Playing Regulations

## Pitch Type Length

- Grass or artificial surface can be used.
- 10 metres – 14 metres / 11 yards – 15 yards.

## Player Numbers

- Evenly numbered teams (8 players per team recommended).

## Overs Per Team

- 8 to 16 overs per side.

## Time

- 45 to 90 minutes.

## Boundaries

- Minimum 30 metres / 32 yards maximum of 40 metres / 43 yards, taking the measurement from the batter's end stumps.

## Batting

- Pairs batting rules apply. Each batting pair face an allotted number of overs, irrespective of the number of times they are dismissed. The batters only finish batting once they've completed their allotted number of overs.
- All balls, including wides and no balls will be added into the batters ball count.
- If a batter gets out, the batter change ends, -5 is then deducted from the overall total.



## Bowling

- All players should have an equal turn bowling (where the number of overs allow all players having to bowl a minimum of one over).
- All overs are 6 ball overs.



## Fielding

- No fielder is to be within 10 metres of the striking batter or another fielder to encourage more singles and safety.

## Dismissals

- There are five possible ways in which penalty runs are deducted:
  - Bowled • Caught • Hit Wicket • Stumped • Run OutIf a batter gets out, the batters simply change ends.
- For each dismissal -5 runs should be deducted from the overall total.



# Equipment



## Bat & ball:

Plastic bat and modified soft ball.



## Protective Equipment:

No protective equipment required if playing with a soft ball.



## Additional:

2 sets of stumps with bails, ideally  
1 set of portable stumps is required (to ensure pitch length requirements are met).

Cones – to mark reduced boundary.

Chalk / Tape to mark reduced pitch length and crease marks.

Tape measure or a pre-measured string maybe required.