



# ROUNDERS RULES & REGULATIONS FOR 2024

## **FORMAT:**

- Only female participants are allowed to play this sport.
- A Team must consist of a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 9 players of any age on the pitch at any given time. A maximum of 12 players can be registered for this sport (3 substitutes).
- Depending on the number of teams, teams will be placed in pools in a League/ Round Robin format.
- To avoid a forfeit, the team must have at least 6 players on the field. Once the game has started, you cannot add more players - for bowling or batting.
- Runners will not be allowed at any point during the games, with no exceptions.

## **TOSS:**

- The Toss must take place at the time of submitting the team list.

## **BATTING:**

- The batter must wait in the backward area well away from the 4<sup>th</sup> Post.
- If the batter is out, she must wait in the backward area well away from the 1<sup>st</sup> post.
- Each batter will have one good ball bowled to them.
- If the ball is hit behind the batting square, the batter can only run to first base.
- If the ball is not hit at all, the batter can run all the way to the fourth post, provided the batter is not tipped out.
- Otherwise, the batter runs around as many of the bases as possible and stops at a post only when the batter thinks there is a danger of the next post being 'stumped'.

- The batter is out if:
  - The batter hits the ball, and it is caught without first hitting the ground.
  - The post being run to is 'stumped' - a fielder touches it with the ball.
  - the batter runs inside a post.
  - The batter loses contact with a post when the bowler has the ball inside the bowler's square.
  - The batter overtakes a fellow batter when running around the posts.
  - The batter's foot is outside the batter's square when the ball is bowled.
  - If the batter hits the ball and reaches the first, second or third post without being out, the batter stays at that post (and must keep in contact with it) until the next ball is bowled. As soon as the ball leaves the bowler's hand, such a batter can run to the next post, if they wish, even if a no-ball is called.
  - If the batter does not keep contact with the post, the fielding side can stump the next post to get the player out. Two batters cannot be at the same post so a batter must run on to the next post if the next batter catches up with them.
  - Batsmen must carry their bat when running.
  - You must touch 4<sup>th</sup> Post on getting home.

## **BOWLING:**

- To avoid a no ball, the bowler must bowl a ball towards the batter so that:
  - It is thrown with a smooth underarm action.
  - the ball arrives without bouncing and within the batter's square.
  - The ball is above the batter's knee, below the batter's head, and not at the batter's body.
  - The bowler's feet are inside the bowler's square when the ball is bowled.
  - If the fielding team wishes to change a bowler and there is a batsman in the batting square who the current bowler has given no balls, the current bowler must complete bowling for the batsman before a change-over can be made.

## **DURATION OF THE MATCH:**

- Each team has 24 good balls per inning or until all batters are out. The number of innings will be determined by the entries registered.

## **SCORING:**

- 1 rounder if 4<sup>th</sup> Post reached and touched before next ball is bowled.
- 1 rounder if 4<sup>th</sup> Post reached on no ball (you cannot be caught out).
- ½ rounder if 4<sup>th</sup> Post reached without hitting the ball.
- ½ rounder if 2<sup>nd</sup> Post reached after hitting the ball (you stay at 1<sup>st</sup> whilst ball is in the backward area).
- Penalty ½ rounder if a batter runs out of the normal course and obstructs a fielder.
- Penalty ½ rounder for an obstruction by a fielder.
- Penalty ½ rounder for 2 consecutive no balls (to the same batter).
- 1 rounder for a backward hit if 4<sup>th</sup> Post reached (you stay at 1<sup>st</sup> whilst ball is in the backward area).
- During the round-robin stage, each win shall be awarded 3 points, a draw shall be awarded 1 point, and a loss shall be awarded 0 points.
- Should the teams have tied on points (with the same number of points) during the ranking, we shall use the following order to determine the final ranking:
  - Highest number of accumulated rounders
  - Least number of outs
- Should the teams be tied during a knock-out stage game, the team with the most FULL ROUNDERS wins the game

## **EQUIPMENT:**

- Rounder bats and balls shall be provided.
- Posts and bases shall be provided

**PLEASE NOTE: FOR RULES NOT COVERED UNDER THESE RULES THE ROUNDERS ENGLAND RULES WILL APPLY**

**CONVENOR: BETTY REBELLO**

**An Event with Less than three (3) communities shall be cancelled. Subject to change without notice. Age As at 5th OF NOVEMBER 2024. For more information Contact your community representative.**