

THE CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF BENGAL

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RULES & BYE-LAWS OF THE CAB INTER SCHOOL CRICKET TOURNAMENT (UNDER 15 YEARS) FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024

LAWS OF CRICKET

Except as varied hereunder the Laws of Cricket (**Code 2020**) shall apply for all the tournaments run by the Association and applicable wherever relevant. The tournament shall be played in accordance with the Administrative Rules and General Bye-Laws of the Association and as per Specific Bye-Laws for the tournament as stated hereunder.

Specific Bye-Laws of Tournament:

1. Power and Control of the Tournament:

The Tournament shall be called "THE CAB INTER SCHOOL CRICKET TOURNAMENT" for the year 2023 -2024. The Tournament shall be played under the supervision and directions of C.A.B. and shall be conducted by the School Committee of the Association. The School Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry of a school without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

2. Eligibility for Entry:

Boys' Schools, recognised by the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education or I.C.S.E. (Delhi Board) or C.B.S.E (Delhi Board) or any International Affiliated Board situated within city of Kolkata and near about areas **and any other schools from nearby districts as may be decided by the School Committee** shall be eligible to participate in the Tournament.

3. Entry Fee:

There shall be an Entry fee of a sum of Rs. 100/- for this tournament.

4. Restriction on participating teams:

(a) In case any School team fails to turn up on the ground / match venue without prior intimation to the Association at least 48 hours before the commencement of the match and without showing satisfactory reason thereof, the School Committee may take any action as the committee may deem fit and proper. The School Committee may also debar such defaulting School from further participation in the Tournament.

(b) Participating teams should be accompanied by the Teacher-in-charge or a representative of the respective School duly authorised by the School Authority in writing. Such teacher or authorized representative shall have to stay on the ground till the conclusion of the match.

5. Misconduct - Punishment:

(a) Forthwith on submission of the Prescribed Forms along with required documents for participation in the Tournament, participating Schools, Players, Coaches & Officials shall be deemed to have acknowledged and undertaken acceptance of and adherence at all times to all guidelines, fixtures, Rules of the Association, Bye-laws

of the Tournament, decisions and directions of the Association through the School Committee or otherwise.

- (b) The participating Schools, its Officials and the Players must at all times ensure acceptance and compliance of all decisions of the Match Officials or the Umpires and not to show any dissent or disrespect by any action, words or gesture.
- (c) The participating Schools or its Officials or the Players or guardian of any students or supporter shall not intimidate or assault or make any attempt or gesture to intimidate or assault any Umpire, another Player or Opponent Player or Official nor shall use any crude, offensive or abusive language or make any threatening approach nor shall make any offensive gesture or attempt to threat or physically abuse any one in any form or manner including but not merely including throwing Ball, Wicket or Bat or any other gear or material by whatever name(s) they are called or charging towards the Umpire, opponent Team/Officials or Officials of the Association in any manner whether on or off the field of play.
- (d) The participating Schools, its Officials and the Players shall at no time engage in any indiscipline or misconduct or any conduct unbecoming to the Spirit of Cricket or the image of the Association or any of the participating Teams or Players or Officials against whom any match is played, or which could bring the game of Cricket, or the Team or the Association into disrepute.
- (e) The participating Schools, its Officials and the Players shall at no point of time manipulate or intend to manipulate or contrive or attempt to contrive any Match/Matches or the result of any Match(es) or adopt any corrupt or unfair practice or make any attempt to deceive or cheat the Association, opponent Team or result of any Match.
- (f) No player of the participating School or its Officials, guardian or supporter shall indulge in any defamatory aspersions, directly or by innuendo, or public abuse through Media or arouse any feeling of hatred or ill will or feeling of hatred towards any Team, Team Officials, Umpires, Match Officials, Player of any Team or the Officials of the Association or the Association itself in any manner whatsoever.
- (g) In case of any misconduct or indiscipline as above, the concerned participating School, its Officials, and the Player(s) shall be liable for being sanctioned with suspension or fine or both for such period as the School Committee or the CAB may deem fit and necessary after providing opportunity of hearing.
- (h) Any means adopted to manipulate participation of any Player not eligible to participate or registration of Player by production of false or fabricated Birth Certificate or manipulating date of birth of a Player or submission of false or fabricated declaration or any incorrect information or declaration or otherwise by whatever nature, shall be construed to be serious offence and gross misconduct and on detection the concerned School and/or its Officials and/or the concerned Player(s) shall be automatically imposed with suspension for 2 Years from participating in any affair, Event and Tournament of the Association or Events/ Tournaments organized by it or held under its aegis, which may, after providing opportunity of hearing likely be released partially or fully or be extended to permanent Ban in addition to penal sanction of fine, as may be determined necessary. In addition, all points, credits, benefits, laurels, and Trophies earned by the concerned School and the Player(s) shall stand forfeited.

- (i) All cases of breaches by whatever name be it called shall be dealt with by the School Committee including grant of hearing, if need be, production of original documents or otherwise and its decisions shall be forthwith binding.
- (j) Notwithstanding the contents of By-Law, in case of any party being aggrieved with the decision of the Committee of gross misconduct as enumerated in 5 (h) above, an Appeal shall lie before the appropriate Appellate Authority, as may be notified by the Association, subject to the same being filed, in triplicate, to the Association within 3 (Three) days from the date of communication of the decision along with nonrefundable fee of Rs.10,000/= which shall only be refundable if Appeal is allowed. Pending final adjudication of the Appeal, the decision of the School Committee shall remain operative. The decision of the Authority shall be deemed to have been provided by the Appellate Committee and will be decided as final and binding.

6. Withdrawal:

- (a) No School shall be permitted to withdraw itself from the competition during the progress of the Tournament without the consent of the School Committee. The school willing to withdraw itself from the competition, after its participation in confirmed by the Association, shall give at least 7 days' notice to the Hony. Secretary of the Association. In case of failure to give due notice and for non-participation without prior information, shall be liable for disciplinary action as may be deemed fit and proper by the School Committee and may also be debarred from further participation in the tournament for next 3 consecutive years.
- (b) If a School is permitted to withdraw before playing a match or after playing one or more matches, the remaining Schools which are due to play with the school withdrawn, shall be awarded full points.

7. Complaint

In the event any Team intends to lodge a complaint / protest relating to eligibility of participation of any player of any School, such complaint shall have to be lodged with the Association within 48 hours of conclusion of the Match, in writing, and in details, along with a Fee of Rs. 1,000/-. However, any complaint, irrespective of its contents, shall not in any way restrain or prejudice or prevent progress and completion of the Tournament and timing of the hearing of the complaint shall be as per convenience and the decision of the Committee, which shall not however exceed 72 hours after conclusion of the Tournament. Once the School Committee takes up the hearing, all the concerned parties shall be given reasonable opportunities of being heard and the Complainant shall be responsible and liable to prove each of the charges with sufficient acceptable materials and documents, in the absence of which, the Complaint shall be summarily dismissed with forfeiture of the deposit of Rs. 1,000/-. The decision of the School Committee shall be binding. In the event the Complaint is adjudicated to be correct, the deposit shall be refunded by the Association.

8. Eligibility of Players:

- (a) Players must be regular and full-time student of the participating school as on the date of registration and residing in Bengal for the past 3 years.
- (b) The player must be born between 01.09.2008 to 31.08.2010 in order to become eligible to participate in the tournament .
- (c) A participating school can register a maximum of 16 players. An Online portal is developed by the Association for such purposes. All the participating schools will have to mandatorily register an email id and a mobile number with Whatsapp facilities enabled so that further details/ OTP can be shared on the registered email id and/or Whatsapp. All the players will have to undergo an Online Biometric procedure. The participating Schools shall have to mandatorily upload the scanned copies of the original documents of all the players in (.pdf) format only. Players' photographs shall be uploaded in (.jpg/.png) format. For the purpose of registration of a player, below documents are to be uploaded within the stipulated timeline as may be decided by the Association-----

- i) Digital/Computerized Birth Certificate of the player is to be mandatorily uploaded. If the registration of the birth certificate is made after two years of the birth of the player(s), then the old birth certificate, if any, must also be uploaded. In case the old birth certificate is registered after two years of the birth of the player(s) then discharge certificate must also be uploaded. Please note that sworn affidavits are not acceptable for the purpose of changes in date of birth.
- ii) Bonafide Certificate from the school executed by the head of the Institute/Principal as the case may be, on the school's *letterhead disclosing inter alia* Admission Number, Date of Admission, Date of Birth as per school records and the present academic class in which the player is studying.
- iii) Two most recent passport size color photographs of the concerned players duly attested by the competent authority of the participating school (signature across the photograph with seal).
- iv) School Marksheets of the academic years 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23 must be uploaded. School must be within the jurisdiction of the state of West Bengal.
- v) Aadhar card of the player (linked with the phone number of the player/parent) or Passport. Passport should be issued on or before 01.09.2023. The date of enrollment of the Aadhar card should be on or before 01.09.2020.
- vi) Passport or Voter Identity card (EPIC) of either of the parent.
- vii) Summary Sheet containing some of basic details and the signature of all the players. Please download the summary sheet from Association's website (www.cricketassociationofbengal.com)
- (d) Non-compliance or default of any part of the above requirements shall automatically debar the school from participation.
- (e) The school committee, upon its own discretion at any time, may ask the school authority to produce any pertinent document(s) and the school authority shall be obligated to produce the same within 24 hours from such demand is officially communicated. In case, the concerned school is unable to submit the document(s) within the specified timeline, association shall be at liberty to take necessary step(s) as it may deem fit and proper.
- (f) The School Authorities and their respective Coaches shall remain exclusively responsible for productions of authentic and genuine documents and true and correct information and shall be accountable for the submission of any false or incorrect document(s)/declaration(s)/information and the association shall be at liberty to take stern penal action as may be provided in the Bye-Laws with terms of additional sanctions if deemed necessary.

9. Identity Cards:

- (a) The participating School must fill the "Certificate of Eligibility" and "Identity Cards" of each participating player. The forms/cards will be supplied by the Association. The duly filled forms/cards must be signed by the Head of the institute/Principal of the participating school and shall be deposited in the office of the Association at least 3 days prior to its first match in the tournament in order to enable the Hony. Joint

Secretary of the association to verify the same. The "Certificate of Eligibility" and "Identity Cards" are to be prepared for all the eligible players. No addition and/or alteration of the original list of eligible players shall be permitted.

- (b) The Teacher-in-charge of the school team shall carry the authorized Identity Cards of all the players. In the event of any challenge with respect to the eligibility of player/s, his/their Identity Card/s shall have to be produced instantly on the field / match venue.

10. Composition of Teams and procedure of the Tournament:

The teams whose participation have been confirmed by the association, shall be divided in as many groups as may be determined by the School Committee. The overall modus operandi of the tournament is stated below:

- (a) All the matches of the Tournament will be played on turf wicket only.
- (b) The tournament shall be played on League cum-Knock-out basis.
- (c) The teams occupying the first position from their respective groups shall play in Knock-out stage.
- (d) Knock-out stage shall comprise of Pre-quarter finals, Quarter finals, Semi finals and the final match.
- (e) Each of the Semi-final matches and the final match will span over two days.

11. Fixtures:

- (a) Fixtures of League and Knock-out matches shall be drawn by the School Committee. The dates and grounds once fixed will not generally be altered and the matches shall be played according to fixtures. However, the School Committee may, at its discretion, change or alter any date or ground of any match.
- (b) There will be no postponement of any match excepting at the discretion of the School Committee.

12. Duration of the Match:

All league, pre-Quarter-final and Quarter-final matches, in the initial phase, shall ordinarily be played from 10-00 a.m. to 1-00 p.m. and 1-30 p.m. to 4-30 p.m. Each innings will be of 45 overs duration with a lunch break of 30 minutes from 1-00 p.m. to 1-30 p.m. In league pre-Quarter-final and Quarter-final stage, two drinks break per session shall be permitted after one hour interval.

All Semi-final matches and the final match shall ordinarily be played from 10-00 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 12:35 p.m. to 2:35 p.m. and further 2:50 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Each innings will be of 85 overs duration with a lunch break of 35 minutes from 12 p.m. to 12:35 p.m. and further a tea break of 15 minutes from 2:35 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

In Semi-final matches and the final match, one drinks break per session shall be permitted after one hour interval.

13. Late Attendance:

- (a) If one of the teams turn up late, the defaulting side shall have no option for the toss and will bat for less than the stipulated overs deducted at the rate of one over for each full 4 minutes for the time they have lost to start the match.
- (b) If both the teams turn up late, the Umpire/s shall compute the overs to be bowled by each side deducting overs at the rate of one over for each full four (4) minutes for delay in starting the match. The break in between the innings for Lunch shall accordingly be adjusted.

- (c) However, no match shall start after 10-30 a.m. Both in league and Knock-out phase, the defaulting side shall be dealt with under Rule 4 provided hereinbefore or in any other ways as the School Committee will deem fit and proper.

14. Exchange of Players' list and toss:

Toss to take place not earlier than 30 minutes and not later than 15 minutes before the scheduled / rescheduled start of the match, Captain of both the teams shall exchange their respective list of players and will toss in presence of the Match Observer / Both umpires.

15. Balls, Helmets, Spike, and other gears:

- i) The Association will provide "RED color" Cricket Ball(s) for all the matches up to semi-final stage; however, the association may consider the usage of " White Ball"/"Pink Ball" only for day-night Final match.
- ii) To ensure safety, players batting must wear good quality Helmet. Players will also not be allowed to field in any 'close-in' position without wearing Helmet, abdomen guards and shin guards.
- iii) Bowlers may use and wear spike Boots without any objection being raised by any one concerned on the ground of any damages or spot being created on the field, excepting "Protected Area".

16. Walk-over:

If one of the competing sides does not turn up at the field within the stipulated time for commencement of the match (including the time limit for late start), the umpires and the other team shall wait at the ground up to 10-30 a.m. for starting the match. If the match is not at all played, the team present at the field shall get full points of the match and the defaulting side will be dealt with accordingly by the School Committee as per rule 4(a) provided hereinbefore. If both the teams fail to turn up at the ground within the stipulated time, The School committee shall be at liberty to take necessary step(s) as the committee may deem fit and proper.

17. Number of overs to be bowled:

In all league, pre-Quarter-final and Quarter-final matches, each side will bowl 45 overs (six balls per over) to the opposite side unless the innings is completed. No bowler shall bowl more than 9 (nine) overs in an innings or $1/5^{\text{th}}$ of the total over of the innings in a delayed or interrupted match.

In all the semi-final matches and the final match, each side will bowl 85 overs (six balls per over) to the opposite side unless the innings is completed. However, there is no restrictions with respect to the maximum number of overs that a bowler is allowed to bowl.

However, when overs of the innings is not divisible by 5, one additional over shall be allowed to the maximum number of bowlers to make up the balance.

18. Penalty for failing to bowl scheduled number of overs:

If a fielding side fails to bowl the scheduled number of 45 / 85 overs within 3 / 6 hours or the number of overs prescribed by the Umpires within the stipulated period in case of late start or interruption, the fielding side will be penalised as follows for not bowling the stipulated overs within the time allotted:

- i) $2 \times \text{Run rate of batting side (calculated at the end of the innings)} \times \text{overs bowled short within the allotted time,}$

ii) After calculation as above, fraction of a run to be ignored,

iii) Fraction of an over bowled shall be treated as one over.

Such award of runs shall be computed after the close of each innings and shall be recorded as "extra".

19. Up until the semi-final stage, one short pitch delivery which passes or would have passed above the shoulder height of the batsman would be allowed in an over. In the semi-final matches and in the final match two short pitch deliveries which pass or would have passed above the shoulder height of the batsman would be allowed in an over. If a Bowler bowls more than the allowed number of bouncers in an over as stipulated hereinabove, the Umpire shall call and/or signal 'No Ball'.

20. Result:

For league pre-Quarter-final and Quarter-final stage, the result of a match shall be achieved after completion of Minimum full 20 Overs each side whereas for semi-final stage and the final match, the result of the match shall be achieved after completion of Minimum full 40 overs each side :

- (i) If the team batting second is all out scoring lesser number of runs than of its opponent, the first batted team shall be the Winner.
- (ii) If the team batting second surpasses the score of the opponent, it shall be the Winner of the match,
- (iii) In the league stage, if a match is abandoned after commencement or if a match could not be started due to weather / ground condition or a result could not be achieved for any reason, then both the teams shall get 2 Points each.
- (iv) In the event of Tie or if the Score are equal, then both the teams shall get 2 Points each. Under no circumstances, in the league stage, the fall of wickets shall be taken into account.
- (v) If due to suspension of play, the number of overs of team batting second had to be revised to a lesser number of overs (Minimum full 20 overs) than that allotted earlier to the team batted first, their "Target Score" which the team batting second must exceed to win the match, shall be calculated by multiplying the revised number of overs by the average runs per over scored by the team batted first throughout their innings.
If the "Target Score" involves a fraction of a run, it shall be considered as one run.
- (vi) In knock-out stage, if a match is abandoned before the team batting second could play their allotted number of overs and they have neither been all out nor have passed their opponent's score, the result shall be decided on the average run-rate throughout the innings (Minimum full 20 / 40 overs) of both the teams. The team having higher run-rate shall be the "Winner".
- (vii) In the event the team batted first is all out in less than their full quota of overs, the calculation of their average run-rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which they have been entitled to.
- (viii) If the run-rate of both the teams are equal, then the fate of the match shall be decided by the "Spin of Coin" in presence of Match Observer / Both the umpires

21. Tie Match:

In the event of tie in the knock-out stage, the following method shall apply:

- (i) The team loosing lesser number of wickets shall be the winner,
- (ii) In the event of runs scored and wicket lost by both the teams are equal, then, the team which has played lesser number of overs shall be the "Winner".
- (iii) If the result cannot be achieved either by (i) or by (ii) above, the winner shall be decided by the spin of coin in presence of Match Observer / Both the umpires, not later than 15 minutes after the close of play, the team refusing to toss shall lose the match and action may be taken by the School Committee under Rule 5 provided hereinbefore.
- (iv) In all the cases, whenever "Toss" is to be done, the first name team shall "LIFT" the coin and the second name team shall "CALL".

22. Points:

Points shall be awarded in a League match as follows:

- i) 4 points for a win or walk-over.
- ii) 2 points for a Tie match or when the match could not be started or finished (Minimum full 20 overs each side) due to weather / ground condition.

23. Fall through:

Matches fallen through for a default of one or both sides shall be decided by the School Committee.

24. Determination of Group Championship:

- (i) School occupying the first position based on the points earned in the respective Group will qualify to play for the knock-out stage.
- (ii) In case two or more Schools score equal number of points in Group stage, the position in the Group shall be determined on the basis of the following procedure :—
 - a) Compare the number of outright victory/ies in favor of the schools that would have scored equal number of points in the Group stage. The school team that would have achieved the highest number of outright victory/ies in its favor shall be deemed the champion from that individual group.
 - b) In case more than one school achieves equal number of outright victories then group champion shall be determined based on their head-to-head match performance(s).
 - c) If above methods can not determine the group champion then the team having higher net run-rate shall be deemed the champion from the individual group.

If the average is same after going through the aforesaid process, then the position in the table shall be determined by "Draw of lots" to be arranged by the Hony. Secretary of the Association amongst the teams securing equal points and equal average net run-rate thereof.

25. Knock-out stage:

- Knock-out stage shall comprise of pre-quarter finals, quarter finals, semifinals, and the final match.
- 16 teams shall qualify for the pre-quarter final stage.
- All the group champions shall be eligible to participate in the knock-out stage.

- In the knock-out stage, the team scoring the higher runs shall be declared as Winner after completion of the **minimum no. of stipulated overs**. (Minimum full 20 overs each side for all the pre-quarter finals, quarter final matches and minimum full 40 overs each side for all the semifinal matches and the final match)
- All the pre-quarter finals and the quarter final matches shall consist of 45 overs (six balls per over) per innings per team whereas all the semifinals and the final match shall consist of 85 overs (six balls per over) per innings per team unless a team gets 'All Out' in earlier than the **maximum no. of overs so stipulated** or the match is interrupted due to inclement weather or inappropriate ground condition or due to any unforeseen circumstances or act of God.
- If both the teams did not have the opportunity of batting at least for the minimum no. of stipulated overs, (Minimum full 20 overs each side for all the pre-quarter finals, quarter final matches and minimum full 40 overs each side for all the semifinal matches) then initially the match will be replayed. If the replayed match cannot be concluded by giving opportunity of batting at least for the minimum no. of stipulated overs to both the teams, then the result of the match shall be determined by the spin of coin within 15 minutes of the declared closure of the match in presence of match Observer and/or match umpires.
- The result of the championship final match shall be decided only through play and **not based on the spin of coin**.
- The day-night final match of the tournament will be played at the Eden Gardens over the span of couple of days.

Calculation of Net Run Rate (for the determination of group champion):

Average run per over scored throughout the competition against the team is to be deducted from the average run per over scored by the team throughout the competition.

If the Team is all-out before their full quota of overs, the calculation shall be based on their full quota of overs for which they were entitled to.

Only those matches where the result has been achieved shall be taken into account for the Net Run Rate calculation.

26. Report of the result of a match:

The result of each match, both league and knock-out competition, with full scores having been entered in the form to be supplied by the Association shall, in the first instance, be checked, certified, and signed by the Scorers, **both the umpires and the Match Observer when appointed**. Thereafter, the Score-sheet shall be deemed to be properly filled.

The forms having been duly completed with all details set out in the foregoing paragraph shall be handed over to the Umpires at the conclusion of the match or sent by each of the competing Schools to the office of the Association within 2 days from the date of the match played. The Score-sheet so completed and sent, shall be deemed as final and irrevocable. If the same forms are not sent as aforesaid, the School Committee may act as it may deem fit and proper.

27. Appointment of Umpires:

Umpires & the Scorers shall be appointed by the Umpires Sub-Committee of the Association for all matches. In case, however, one of the Official Umpires fails to turn up at the ground in time or does not at all turn up, the batting side shall provide striker's end umpire. If both the Official Umpires do not turn up at the ground the match would be replayed.

28. Appointment of Observers:

The Association may engage knowledgeable Observers for all matches whose report shall be treated as authentic by the School Committee.

29. Wide Bowling:

(a) Umpires are advised to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to the law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket or over the batsman's head.

(b) Any offside or leg side delivery which, in the opinion of the Umpire, does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to score, shall be called and signaled 'Wide'.

30. Limitation of On Side Fielders:

At the instant of the bowler's delivery there shall not be more than five fielders, other than the wicket-keeper, on the leg side of the batsman. In the event of the infringement of this law by the fielding side, the striker's end Umpire shall call and/or signal 'No Ball'.

31. Interpretation of Rules:

The School Committee shall, however, have the absolute right to take decision in any matter which is not covered by the foregoing Bye-laws. The decision of the School Committee is final and binding in all matters relating to this School tournament and no appeal can be made against the decision of the said Committee. However, any Team / School can appeal to the School Committee, as per clause No. 5(j) as stated hereinabove.



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