

# THE CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF BENGAL

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## RULES & BYE-LAWS OF THE CAB JUNIOR CRICKET TOURNAMENT (UNDER 15 YEARS)

FOR THE YEAR **2022-2023**

### LAWS OF CRICKET

Except as varied hereunder the Laws of Cricket (**Code 2019**) 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 JUNIOR CRICKET TOURNAMENT" for the year 2022 -2023. 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 coaching center / affiliated unit without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

#### 2. Eligibility for Entry:

All the affiliated units of the association as well as the Cricket Coaching Centers situated within the city of Kolkata **and from the districts in the State of West Bengal as may be decided by the School Committee** shall be eligible to participate in the Tournament.

#### 3. COMPOSITION 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 will be entitled to play in Knock-out stage.

(d) A day is allotted for each of the league, 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Knock-out stage, Pre-Quarter finals and the Quarter final matches. Each of the Semi-final matches and the final match will span over two days.

#### (e) Determination of Group Champion(s):

(i) The top team from an individual group shall be determined based on the **Points Percentage System (PCT = Points won by a team / Points contested x 100)**. Thus, the

highest **PCT** value earner from all the respective groups in the League stage shall qualify for the knock-out stage.

(ii) In case, more than one teams score equal number of **PCT** in the League stage from a group, then the group champion shall be chosen based on the 'RpW' ratio / quotient in accordance with the following procedure:

Runs per Wicket ratio, also known as Quotient method, is the number of runs scored per wicket lost, divided by the number of runs conceded per wicket taken.

$$\text{RpW ratio} = \frac{\text{total runs scored}}{\text{total wickets lost}} \div \frac{\text{total runs conceded}}{\text{total wickets taken}}.$$

$$\text{RpW ratio} = \frac{\text{total runs scored} \times \text{total wickets taken}}{\text{total runs conceded} \times \text{total wickets lost}}.$$

In other words, "The batting average for a team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored by the total number of wickets lost. The batting average against the team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored against it by total number of wickets taken, the former shall be divided by the later to obtain the quotient. The team having the higher quotient shall be placed above the teams having lower quotient.

If the average is the same after going through the aforesaid process, then the group champion shall be determined by "Draw of lots" to be arranged by the Hony. Secretary of the Association amongst the teams securing equal **PCT** values and equal quotient thereof."

f) **Qualification of the teams from Category 'A' in Knock-out stage:**

- Knock-out stage shall comprise of 1<sup>st</sup> Round, pre-quarter finals, quarter finals, semifinals, and the final match.
- 16 teams shall qualify for the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Knock-out stage.
- All the group champions and the other top six out of the remaining teams shall be eligible to participate in the knock-out stage.
- The other top six teams shall be determined based on the **Points Percentage System (PCT = Points won by a team / Points contested x 100)**. Thus, top six **PCT** value getters among the second-best team(s) from all the groups in the League stage shall qualify for the knock-out stage. In case, more than six teams score equal number of **PCT** in the League stage, then top six teams shall be chosen based on the '**RpW**' ratio / quotient in accordance with the following procedure:

**Runs per Wicket** ratio, also known as **Quotient** method is the number of runs scored per wicket lost, divided by the number of runs conceded per wicket taken.

$$\text{RpW ratio} = \frac{\text{total runs scored}}{\text{total wickets lost}} \div \frac{\text{total runs conceded}}{\text{total wickets taken}}.$$

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In other words, "The batting average for a team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored by the total number of wickets lost. The batting average against the team shall be obtained by dividing the total number of runs scored against it by total number of wickets taken, the former shall be divided

by the later to obtain the quotient. The team having the higher quotient shall be placed above the teams having lower quotient.

If the average is the same after going through the aforesaid process, then the top three, out of the second-best team(s) from all the groups in the League stage, shall be determined by "Draw of lots" to be arranged by the Hony. Secretary of the Association amongst the teams securing equal PCT values and equal quotient thereof."

**g) Qualification of the teams from Category 'B' in Knock-out stage:**

- Knock-out stage shall comprise of 1<sup>st</sup> Round, pre-quarter finals, quarter finals, semifinals, and the final match.
- 16 teams shall qualify for the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Knock-out stage.
- The top sixteen out of all the group champions shall be eligible to participate in the knock-out stage.
- The top sixteen teams out of the group champions shall be determined based on the **Points Percentage System (PCT = Points won by a team / Points contested x 100)**. Thus, top sixteen **PCT** value getters among the group champion teams from all the groups in the League stage shall qualify for the knock-out stage. In case, more than sixteen teams score equal number of **PCT** in the League stage, then top sixteen teams shall be chosen based on the '**RpW**' ratio / quotient as described in section 3(e).

**4. 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 up to the Quarter final stage and Minimum full 40 overs each side thereafter) due to inclement weather and/or unplayable ground condition.
- iii) No points shall be awarded to the losing team.

**5. Eligibility and Registration of Players:**

(a) A player who has not been residing in the State of West Bengal for a period of not less than three years preceding the current year shall not be eligible to participate in the tournament.

(b) The player must be born between 01.09.2007 to 31.08.2010 to become eligible to participate in the tournament.

(c) A participating coaching center or affiliated unit can register a maximum of 16 players. The participating coaching center or affiliated unit shall have to mandatorily submit the under mentioned detailed documents along with the Prescribed Forms on or before notified last date of deposit:

- i) Photocopy of the Digital/Computerized Birth Certificate of the player is to be provided. The date of registration must be made within two years from the date of birth. If the registration of the birth certificate is made after two years of the birth of the player, then a discharge certificate must also be submitted.
- 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* Name of the Player, Admission Number, Date of Admission, Date of

- Birth as per school records and the present academic class in which the player is studying.
- iii) Photocopies of the attested marksheets of the last 3 preceding years (to be calculated from the present academic year) of the player.
  - iv) Photocopies of Aadhar card of the player (linked with the phone number of the player/parent) or Passport.
  - v) Photocopy of Aadhar card or Passport of either of the parent.
  - vi) Passport size color photographs of the Players duly attested by the Coaching Centers / Affiliated Units in the prescribed form(s).
- (d) Additionally, the parent of the player will submit his/her bank statement as on 30.11.2022 reflecting inter alia the bank account holder account details, address of the bank holder, opening date of the bank account which should be on or before 01.09.2017. The bank statement must bear the seal and signature of the branch manager/officer (as the case may be). However, the submission of the bank statement is only optional and if the Association so desires, it may call upon the coaching center / affiliated unit to submit the bank statement of the parent of the player.
- (e) Non-compliance or default of any part of the above requirements shall automatically debar the coaching center or the affiliated unit from participation.
- (f) The school committee, upon its own discretion at any time, may ask the coaching center authority or the affiliated unit to produce any pertinent document(s) and the coaching center authority or the affiliated unit shall be obligated to produce the same within 24 hours from such demand is officially communicated. In case, the concerned coaching center authority or the affiliated unit 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.
- (g) The coaching center authorities and the affiliated units 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.

#### **6. REGISTRATION OF THE COACH:**

- (a) The Coaching Centre recommending any player shall compulsorily engage or provide a Coach, who has played Ranji Trophy and / or Grade 'A' / 'B' / 'C' Level and / or having enrolment / empanelment with CAB.
- (b) (i) The said Coach must produce a Salary Certificate or Bank statement from the Concerned Coaching Centre as proof of his eligible as a Coach.

**OR**

- (ii) The said Coach must produce a Declaration from the concerned Coaching Centre certifying that he has been attached with them as a Coach together with a declaration of the Coach himself to above effect.

## **7. MISCONDUCT AND PENAL MEASURES—**

- (a) Forthwith on submission of the Prescribed Forms along with required documents for participation in the Tournament, participating coaching centers, Affiliated Units and its Players, Coaches & Officials shall be deemed to have always acknowledged and undertaken acceptance of and adherence 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 coaching centers, Affiliated Units, its Officials, and the Players must at all the 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 coaching centers, Affiliated Units or its Officials or the Players or guardian of any players 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 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 coaching centers, Affiliated Units, 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 Team or Player or Official 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 coaching centers, Affiliated Units, 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(s) 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 coaching centers, Affiliated Units 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 coaching centers, Affiliated Units, its Officials, and the Player(s) may 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 mode, shall be construed to be serious offence and gross misconduct and

on detection the concerned coaching centers, Affiliated Units, its Officials and the concerned Player(s) shall automatically be imposed with suspension for 2 Years from participating in the Junior Cricket Tournament (Under - 15) held under the aegis of the Cricket Association of Bengal. Such suspension, after providing opportunity of hearing, may further be released partially or fully or be extended to permanent Ban in addition to penal sanction of fine, as may be deemed necessary. In addition, all points, credits, benefits, laurels, and Trophies earned by the concerned Team 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 Bye-Laws, in case of any party being aggrieved with the decision of the Committee of gross misconduct as enumerated in 7 (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.

#### **8. Restriction on participating teams:**

- (a) In case any participating coaching center or affiliated unit 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 cricket coaching center or affiliated unit from further participation in the Tournament.
- (b) Each participating team should be accompanied by its coach duly authorized by the coaching center or affiliated unit Authority in writing. Such coach(es) shall have to stay on the ground till the conclusion of the match.

#### **9. COMPLAINT**

In the event any Team intends to lodge a complaint relating to eligibility of participation of any opponent Team Player(s), such complaint shall have to be lodged with the Association within 48 hours of conclusion of the Match in writing with details along with a Deposit Fee of Rs. 1,000/-, provided however, any compliant, 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 Sub-Committee, which shall not however exceed 72 hours after conclusion of the Tournament. Once the Sub-Committee takes up hearing, all the concerned parties shall be provided with reasonable opportunities of being heard and the Complainant shall be responsible and liable to prove each of the charges with sufficient acceptable materials and documentations, in the absence of which, the Complaint shall be summarily dismissed with forfeiture of the deposit of Rs. 1,000/-. The decision of the Sub-Committee shall be binding. In the event the Complaint is adjudicated to be correct, the deposit shall be refunded by the Association.

## **10. PROMOTION, RELEGATION AND NON-ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT FOR THE NEXT SEASON(S):**

### **(a) RELEGATION FROM CATEGORY 'A' TO CATEGORY 'B':**

The **bottom placed team from each group** of Category 'A' in the League stage will be relegated to Category 'B' in the next season.

### **(b) PROMOTION FROM CATEGORY 'B' TO CATEGORY 'A':**

The **top Thirty-two out of all the group champions** of Category 'B' in the League stage will be promoted to Category 'A' in the next season.

The top Thirty-two teams out of the group champions shall be determined based on the **Points Percentage System (PCT = Points won by a team / Points contested x 100)**. Thus, top Thirty-two **PCT** value getters among the group champion teams from all the groups in the League stage shall qualify for the knock-out stage. In case, more than Thirty-two teams score equal number of **PCT** in the League stage, then top Thirty-two teams shall be chosen based on the '**RpW**' ratio / quotient as described in section **3(e)**.

### **(c) NON-ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION:**

The **bottom placed two teams from each group** of Category 'B' may not be considered eligible for participation in the Tournament from next season / year onwards and until further notice.

## **11. DURATION OF MATCHES & INTERVAL:**

All the league, 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Knock-out stage, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Knock-out stage, 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.

## **12. 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.

## **13. LENGTH OF INNINGS:**

(a) i) In league, 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Knock-out stage & pre-Quarter finals and the Quarter final matches, each team shall bat for 45 overs within 3 hours unless all out or the innings is declared closed. In the semi final matches and in the final



match, each team shall bat for 85 overs within 6 hours unless all out or the innings is declared closed.

- ii) However, if the team batting first plays full quota of 45 / 85 overs or all out before completion of 45 / 85 overs of play at least 30 minutes before the schedule time for lunch, the innings of team batting second shall start immediately after 10 minutes time for the interval between innings. Closing time of the second session shall be adjusted accordingly.
  - iii) If the team batting first is dismissed in less than 45 / 85 overs, the team batting second shall be entitled to bat for full 45 / 85 overs.
- (b) In the interrupted matches where the start is delayed or where play is suspended due to weather:
- i) The object should always be to rearrange the number of overs so that both teams have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs (Minimum 20 overs each team up to Quarter final stage and Minimum full 40 overs each innings thereafter) in the allotted time. The calculation of the number of overs to be bowled shall be based on average rate of 15 overs per hour i.e., one over for each 4 minutes in the time remaining before the close of play. While calculating the residual part of 4 minutes, fraction if any, shall be ignored.
  - ii) If, owing to suspension of play during the innings of the team batting second, it is not possible for that team to have the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs as the team batting first, they will bat for a number of overs to be calculated as in (b) (i). (Minimum 20 / 40 overs).

#### **14. OVER-RATE AND PENALTY:**

**The over-rate shall be calculated at the close of each innings.**

- a) Penalty for failing to bowl required number of overs within scheduled / re-scheduled / stipulated cessation time of the innings, wherever applicable, would be calculated as stated hereunder:
  - i)  $2 \times \text{Run rate of batting side} \times \text{Overs Bowled short}$ .
  - ii) After calculation as above, fraction of a run to be ignored.
  - iii) Fraction of an over bowled shall be treated as one over.
  - iv) Such award of runs shall be recorded to the batting side's innings as "EXTRA".
- b) For obtaining the average the total run scored plus penalty, if any, shall be divided by the overs supposed to be bowled by the fielding side.

#### **15. 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 8 provided hereinbefore or in any other ways as the School Committee will deem fit and proper.

## **16. THE RESULT:**

For league, 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Knock-out stage, 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 inclement weather or unplayable 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 / 40 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) 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.

## **17. 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 and/or 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 7 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".

#### **18. Knock-out stage:**

- Knock-out stage shall comprise of 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Knock-out stage, pre-quarter finals, quarter finals, semifinals, and the final match.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Knock-out stage, pre-quarter finals, quarter final matches and minimum full 40 overs each side for all the semifinal matches and the final match)
- All the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Knock-out stage, pre-quarter finals, 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Knock-out stage, 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**. However, the final match will not be replayed for more than once.

#### **19. BALLS, HELMETS, SPIKES AND OTHER GEARS:**

All Coaching Centers / Affiliated Units participating in the C.A.B. JUNIOR CRICKET (UNDER 15 YEARS) TOURNAMENT, are requested to use only the following brand of 'RED' color Balls:

- a) S.G. Club Tournament
- b) Dasgupta Wonder (HI-TECH).
- c) Or as permitted by the Sub-committee.

However, the association may consider/permit the usage of " White Ball"/"Pink Ball" only for day-night FINAL match.

All the Balls must be of Four-Piece quality and must be handed over to the Umpires after the toss and before the start of their respective Innings.

To ensure safety, players batting must wear good quality Helmets. Players will also not be allowed to field in any 'close- in' position without wearing Helmet, abdomen guards and shin guards.

Bowlers may use and wear spike Boots without any objection being raised by any one concern on the ground of any damages or spot being created on the field, excepting "Protected Area".

Both the competing Teams shall maintain adequate stock of new/used balls for replacement during the match as and when necessary, at the discretion of the Umpire.

#### **20. LIMITATION OF ON-SIDE FIELDING:**

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 striker. In the event of the infringement of this law by the fielding side the Striker end's Umpire shall call and/or signal "NO BALL".

#### **21. WIDE BALL (JUDGING OF WIDES):**

- a) Umpires are advised to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket.
- b) Any offside or leg side delivery which, in the opinion of the Umpire, does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to play shall be called and signaled "WIDE".
- c) As a guide, on the leg side a ball landing clearly outside the leg stump and going further away shall be called wide.
- d) **In case of reverse sweep or switch-hit, both sides will be treated as offside of striker's wicket regarding declaration of wide only.**

#### **22. NO BALLS:**

##### **a) Bowling of Short Pitched Balls:**

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'.

##### **b) Bowling of High Full Pitched Balls:**

The bowling of high full pitched ball is unfair.

A high full pitched ball shall be defined as a ball that passed, or would have passed, on the full above waist height of a striker standing upright at the crease. Should a bowler bowl a high full pitched ball, either Umpire shall call and/or signal "NO BALL".

#### **23. Appointment of Umpires:**

Umpires & the Scorers shall be appointed by the Umpires 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.

#### **24. Appointment of Observers:**

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

**25. Withdrawal:**

- (a) No coaching center / Affiliated Unit shall be permitted to withdraw itself from the competition during the progress of the Tournament without the consent of the School Committee. The coaching center / Affiliated Unit willing to withdraw itself from the competition, after its participation is 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 coaching center / Affiliated Unit is permitted to withdraw before playing a match or after playing one or more matches, the remaining coaching centers / Affiliated Units which are due to play with the coaching center / Affiliated Unit withdrawn, shall be awarded full points.

**26. Walk-over:**

If one of the competing sides does not turn up at the field/match venue 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 8(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.

**27. Number of overs to be bowled:**

In all league, 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Knock-out stage, 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 for more than 9 (nine) overs in an innings or 1/5<sup>th</sup> 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 maximum number of bowlers to make up the balance.

**28. Fall through:**

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

**29. EXCHANGE OF PLAYER-LIST& TOSS:**

- a) The Umpires shall take the control of the ground at least 45 minutes before the time schedule for commencement of the play.

- b) If the Umpires find the pitch suitable to commence the match in time, they will ask both the captains to exchange the player list and toss in their presence not earlier than 30 minutes and not later than 15 minutes before the time scheduled / re-scheduled for commencement of the match.
- c) If the Umpires decide not to commence the match due to inclement weather or unplayable ground conditions or any other reason(s), in such event the exchange of teams will take place only when Umpires finally so decide.

**30. FITNESS OF PITCH AND GROUND:**

The Umpires posted by the Umpires' Sub-Committee of C.A.B. shall be the sole judge to decide as to the fitness of the pitch, ground, light and weather for play before the commencement and during the progress of the match.

**31. REPORT OF THE RESULT OF MATCHES:**

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 if and 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 paragraphs shall be handed over to the Umpires at the conclusion of the match or sent by each of the competing Affiliated units or coaching centers 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 take action as may be deemed fit and proper.

**32. 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 Junior tournament and no appeal can be made against the decision of the said Committee. However, any Team can appeal to the School Committee, as per clause No. 7(j) as stated hereinabove.



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