



THE CRICKET ASSOCIATION OF BENGAL

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The Hony. Secretary,
All 1st & 2nd Division Clubs
Participating in Junior (U-18) Invitational
Cricket Tournament: 2023 - 2024
The Cricket Association of Bengal


Sub: CAB Junior (U-18) Invitational Cricket Tournament
for the cricket season: 2023-2024

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to forward herewith the "Bye Laws" pertaining to CAB Junior (U-18) Invitational Cricket Tournament for the cricket season: 2023 - 2024 for your perusal and ready reference.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


Naresh Ojha
Hony. Secretary

Encl: As stated above.

CC: All Office Bearers, CAB
The Chairman, Sr. Tournament Comm. /Tour, Fixture & Tech. Comm. /
Umpires' Comm. / Observer S.C. / School S. C. / Ground S.C./Medical Unit,
CAB

5. NUMERICAL METHODS:

a) Points Percentage System (PCT)

It is calculated as stated hereunder:

$$PCT = \{(Points\ won\ by\ a\ team / Points\ contested) \times 100\}.$$

b) 'RpW' ratio / quotient

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.

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

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

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 team declared their innings closed in any match, the actual number of wickets that have fallen will be taken into account for calculation of Quotient

If any team refuses to play and the match is awarded to the opponent team, then the refusing team shall be considered to have lost all the 10 wickets for the calculation of Quotient.

c) Draw of lots

If people draw lots to decide who will do something, they each take a piece of paper from a container. One or more pieces of paper is marked, and the people who take marked pieces are chosen.

6. 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 Senior Tournament 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 be entitled to play in the Knock-out stage.

d) A day is allotted for each of the matches of the tournament.

e) Minimum 9 players shall be fielding for each team on the ground in the match.

f) 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 earning team 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 procedure stated in section 5(b)

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THE CAB JUNIOR (U-18) INVITATIONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024

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.

Bye-Laws of Tournament:

1. POWER AND CONTROL OF THE TOURNAMENT:

The Tournament shall be called the CAB JUNIOR (U-18) INVITATIONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT for the year 2023-2024. The Tournament shall be played under the auspices of CAB and shall be conducted by the Senior Tournament Committee. The Intention of CAB is to project this sporting event as a preparatory tournament for the budding Cricketers of the State before being considered to represent the state in the forthcoming U- 19 tournaments organized by BCCI. Senior Tournament Committee as well as CAB reserves the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason whatsoever.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY:

All the Affiliated Units of the Association shall be eligible to participate in the tournament.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ONLINE REGISTRATION OF THE PLAYERS:

(a) No outstation players will be allowed to participate in the Tournament.

(b) Each affiliated unit / team can register a total 18 (Eighteen) players.

(c) Each affiliated Club/ Unit shall mandatorily register an email ID and a mobile number with WhatsApp facilities enabled so further details/OTP can be shared on the given WhatsApp. The Registration Form and other relevant information, if any, relating to the aforesaid tournament will be uploaded on Online Documents Submission Portal of the Association's website (www.cricketassociationofbengal.com). The Affiliated club / unit will have to upload all relevant information and scanned documents of each player duly filled up properly on CAB's Online Documents Submission Portal on or before the stipulated timeline.

4. REGISTRATION OF THE COACH:

The participating Club shall compulsorily engage or provide a Coach, who has played Ranji Trophy and / or is a Grade 'A' / 'B' / 'C' / 'O' Level Coach and / or having enrolment / empanelment with CAB. The said Coach must produce a Declaration from the concerned Affiliated Unit certifying that he has been attached with them as a Coach together with a declaration of the Coach himself to above effect.

- (i) The object should always be to refix 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). The calculation of number of overs to be bowled shall be based on an average rate of one over for each full 4 minutes in the time remaining before the close of play after deducting the time for interval between innings. Fraction of the time 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 mentioned in 9 (b) (i) above (but minimum full 20 overs up to Quarter final stage and Minimum full 40 overs thereafter).

10. OVER LIMITATION:

The over shall consist 6 (Six) fair deliveries. Underarm bowling is not allowed.

In the event of a bowler failing to complete an over either due to any injury or being suspended and is thus unable to complete that over, the remaining balls of that incomplete over shall be bowled by another bowler who neither have bowled the previous over nor shall bowl the next over. Such part of an over bowled will count as a full over so far as each bowler's limitation is concerned.

Up to Quarter final stage, no bowler shall be allowed to bowl more than one-fifth of the stipulated number of overs, i.e., maximum 9 overs in an uninterrupted innings of 45 overs. In the Semi final matches and in the Final match no bowler shall be allowed to bowl more than one-fifth of the stipulated number of overs, i.e., maximum 10 overs in an uninterrupted innings of 50 overs. However when overs of the interrupted innings is not divisible by 5, one additional over shall be allowed to maximum number of overs permitted to a bowler to make up the balance.

10A. Entry Fee:

There shall be no Entry fee for this tournament of specified age group in this season.

11. OVER-RATE & PENALTY:

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

Penalty for failing to bowl required number of overs within scheduled / re-scheduled / and with stipulated cessation time of the innings, wherever applicable, would be as stated hereunder—

- a) 2 times of the run-rate of the batting side to be multiplied by the number of overs bowled short.
- b) After calculation, fraction of a run to be ignored.
- c) Fraction of an over bowled to be treated as one full over.
- d) Such award of runs shall be recorded to the batting side's innings as "Extra".
- e) For obtaining the batting average the total run scored plus penalty, if any, shall be divided by the overs supposed to be bowled by the fielding side.

"If the average is the same after going through the aforesaid process, then the group champion shall be determined by "Draw of lots" as stated in section 5(c) 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 in the Knock-out stage:**

- Knock-out stage shall comprise of 1st Round, pre-quarter finals, quarter finals, semifinals, and the final match.
- 32 teams shall qualify for the 1st Round of the Knock-out stage.
- The 23 group champion teams will qualify directly to the knock-out stage. Top 9 teams from the teams which will come second in the groups would be considered for the knock-out stage.
- The next best teams will be selected based on points percentage and/ or quotient amongst the second placed teams of the groups of the League Stage.
- 'Draw of lots' may also be needed if situation demands.

7. **DURATION OF THE MATCH AND HOURS OF PLAY (LEAGUE STAGE UPTO QTR. FINALS):**

10-00 a.m	to	01-00 p.m. (First Session)
01-00 p.m.	to	01-30 p.m. (Break)
01-30 p.m.	to	04-30 p.m. (Second Session)

DURATION OF THE MATCH AND HOURS OF PLAY (SEMI-FINALS AND FINAL):

09-30 a.m	to	12-50 p.m. (First Session)
12-50 p.m.	to	01-20 p.m. (Break)
01-20 p.m.	to	04-40 p.m. (Second Session)

However, the above time schedule may be altered by the **Tour, Fixture & Technical Committee**, if required, with prior intimation to the participating units / clubs.

8. **Fixtures:**

- (a) Fixtures of League and Knock-out matches shall be drawn by the Tours, Fixtures and Technical Committee. The dates and grounds once fixed will not generally be altered and all the matches shall be played according to fixtures. However, the Tours, Fixtures and Technical Committee may, at its discretion, change or alter any date or ground of any match.

9. **LENGTH OF THE INNINGS:**

(a) **In an uninterrupted match:**

- i) In league, 1st 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 semifinal matches and in the final match, each team shall bat for 50 overs within 3 hours and 20 minutes unless all out or the innings is declared closed.
- ii) However, if the team batting first plays full quota of 45 / 50 overs or all out before completion of 45 / 50 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 / 50 overs, the team batting second shall be entitled to bat for full 45 / 50 overs.

- (b) **In an interrupted match** where the start is delayed or where the play is suspended due to weather/ground condition—

- b. **In Knock-out Stage:** — This is not applicable for the Championship Final match. The team loosing lesser number of wickets shall be the winner. 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". If the result cannot be achieved either by above methods, then the Winner shall be decided by Spin of Coin in presence of Match Observer and/or both the umpires on the ground itself.
- e) If "One or both teams do not get an opportunity to play for minimum full 20/40 overs due to weather or ground condition"—
 - a. **In League Stage:** — The fate of match would be treated as "No Result".
 - b. **In Knock-out Stage:** — This is not applicable for the Championship Final Match. Winner will be decided by Spin of Coin in presence of Match Observer and/or both the umpires on the ground itself.
- f) If, due to suspension of play, the number of overs in the innings of the team batting second has to be revised to a lesser number (minimum full 20/40 overs) than that allotted to the team batting first, their target score which they 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 batting first throughout their innings. If the target score involves a fraction of a run, it shall be considered as one run.
- g) If a match is abandoned before the team batting second have played their allotted number of overs and they have neither been all out, nor have passed the 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 will be the winner.
- h) In the event of a team batting 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 were entitled to and not on the number of overs the team had actually played when they were dismissed. For the purpose of this Clause, a part of an over bowled shall be treated as a full over.
- i) Due to late arrival of one team or default of home team, if the overs are deducted, then the Target Score or Run Rate shall be calculated based on the original allotted overs of the defaulting team and not based on the overs allotted to the team after deduction of overs for late arrival. In case of subsequent interruption due to weather conditions and the overs are re-allotted to both the teams, the difference of overs between the defaulting team and the other team shall also be kept in mind at the time of re-allotment of overs and while calculating the Target Score or Run Rate.
- j) In all the cases, whenever "Spin of Coin" is to be done, the first name team shall "LIFT" the coin and the second name team shall "CALL".
- k) 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.

16. TABLE OF 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.

12. 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 may accordingly be adjusted, if required be.
- (c) However, no match shall start after 10-15 a.m. Both in league and Knock-out phase, the defaulting side(s) shall be dealt with under Bye-Law No. 19 or in any other ways as the Senior Tournament Committee will deem fit and proper.

13. LIMITATION OF ON SIDE FIELDERS:

At the instant of the bowlers 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's end Umpire shall call and signal "No Ball".

14. WIDE BALL: Judging Wide

- 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.

15. RESULTS:

- a) Matches shall be decided on the result of one innings of each side.
- b) In league, 1st of the knock-out stage, quarter finals, a result can be achieved only if both teams have had the opportunity of batting for at least full 20 overs, unless the team batting first is all out in less than 20 overs or unless the team batting second scored enough runs to win the match in less than 20 overs. In semifinal matches and in the final match, a result can be achieved only if both teams have had the opportunity of batting for at least full 40 overs, unless the team batting first is all out in less than 40 overs or unless the team batting second scored enough runs to win the match in less than 40 overs.
- c) In matches in which both the teams have had opportunity of batting for 45/ 50 overs each in an uninterrupted match or a lesser number of overs fixed by the Umpires in an interrupted match, the team scoring the higher number of runs shall be the Winner.
- d) If the "Scores - are equal" —
 - a. **In League Stage:** — The match will be won by the team that lost lesser number of wickets. In the event of the runs scored and wickets lost are equal, the match to be treated as "Tie".

sanctioned with suspension or fine or both for such period as the Senior Tournament Committee or the CAB may deem fit and necessary after providing reasonable opportunity of hearing to all the parties involved. Decision(s) of the Senior Tournament Committee in consultation with the office bearers of the association shall be forthwith binding in this regard.

- (f) The age and domicile status of any participants is liable to be checked and verified by all possible means and if it is found that the participants / players or the Organizer / Club has suppressed and/ or concealed the age and/or domicile status of the participants by any unlawful means giving false declaration or by submitting forged Identity proof(s) in support of his age and domicile status then and in that event the name of the player will be liable to be cancelled upon such verification and the player shall remain suspended from participating in any tournament conducted or organized by CAB for next 2 (Two) consecutive years and the concerned Coach may also be suspended up to 1 (One) year. However, the final decision shall be taken by the Members of the Senior Tournament Committee and/or Ombudsman.

22. FITNESS OF PITCH, GROUND, LIGHT & WEATHER:

The Umpires shall be the sole judge's 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.

23. BALLS, HELMETS, SPIKE & OTHER GEARS:

All Clubs participating in the C.A.B. JUNIOR(U-18) INVITATIONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT, are requested to use only the following brands of 'RED' color Balls:

- (i) SG Tournament
- (ii) SG Test

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 5-1/2 oz 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 anyone concerned on the ground out 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.

24. NO BALL:

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".

- iii) No points shall be awarded to the losing team.

17. 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 Senior Tournament Committee within 48 hours of conclusion of the Match in writing with details along with a Deposit Fee of Rs. 1,000/-, provided 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 Senior Tournament Committee, which shall not however exceed 96 hours after conclusion of the game. Once the Senior Tournament 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 Senior Tournament Committee shall be binding. In the event the Complaint is adjudicated to be correct, the deposit shall be refunded by the Association.

18. POSTPONEMENT:

No postponement will generally be allowed but in case of any emergent situation, any match may be postponed and be re-fixed by the Tours, Fixtures and Technical Committee and such decision shall be final and binding to all concerned.

19. WALKOVER:

If one of the teams fails to turn up in the field till such time to start the match within 15 minutes of the scheduled time for the commencement of the match, the opponent team shall be awarded full points of the match.

20. UMPIRES:

Umpires & the Scorers shall be appointed by the Umpires Committee of the Association for all the 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 third umpire shall be roped in. If both the Official Umpires do not turn up at the ground the match would be replayed.

21. MISCONDUCT - PENAL ACTIONS:

- (a) Forthwith on submissions of the Prescribed Forms along with required documentations for participation in the Tournament, all participating Clubs, their appointed Coaches, Team Officials and the Players shall be deemed to have acknowledged and undertaken acceptances of and adherence to, at all times of all the Bye- Laws, Rules, Guidelines and directions of the Senior Tournament Committee or otherwise.
- (b) The Players, participating Clubs, Coaches & Team Officials must always ensure acceptance and compliance of all decisions of the Match Officials or the Umpires and not to show any dissent by any form or gesture or in any other manner.
- (c) At all point of time whether in course of any Match or outside, all participating Players, Clubs, Coaches & Team Officials must maintain exemplary disciplined conduct and display true sportsmanship, honesty, and integrity devoid of any mode of misconduct, misbehavior or indiscipline in any form or manner.
- (d) No Player, participating Club, its Coach & Team Official shall cause or indulge in any false declaration or production of any false or fabricated documentation or incorrect information or intend to manipulate or contrive or attempt to field any Player otherwise ineligible in terms of the Bye-laws by any mode.
- (e) In case of any misconduct or indiscipline as aforesaid, the concerned participating Affiliated Unit(s), its Coach & Official(s), and the Player(s) shall be liable for being

25. Appointment of Observers:

The Association may engage knowledgeable Observers for all matches whose reports shall be treated as authentic by the Senior Tournament Committee.

26. Fall through:

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

27. EXCHANGE OF PLAYER-LIST & TOSS:

- a) The Umpires shall take the control of the ground at least 45 minutes before the time scheduled 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.


28. 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 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 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 Senior Tournament Committee may act as it may deem fit and proper.

29. Interpretation of Rules:

The Senior Tournament 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 Senior Tournament 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 Senior Tournament Committee, as per BYE-LAW No. 21 as stated hereinabove.


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