



Overview



- Is a bat-and-ball game that is played between two teams of eleven players on a field at the centre of which is a 22-yard (20-metre) pitch with a wicket at each end, each comprising two bails balanced on three stumps. Two players from the batting team (the striker and nonstriker) stand in front of either wicket, with one player from the fielding team (the bowler) bowling the ball towards the striker's wicket from the opposite end of the pitch.
- The striker's goal is to hit the bowled ball and then switch places with the nonstriker, with the batting team scoring one run for each exchange. Runs are also scored when the ball reaches or crosses the boundary of the field or when the ball is bowled illegally.

Rules

- Each team is made up of 11 players.
- The bowler must bowl 6 legal deliveries to constitute an over.
- A game must have two umpires stood at either end of the wicket. The umpires then must count the number of balls in the over, make decisions on whether the batsman is out after an appeal and also check that the bowler has bowled a legal delivery.
- A batsman can be given out by either being bowled (the ball hitting their stumps), caught (fielder catches the ball without it bouncing), Leg Before Wicket (the ball hits the batsman's pads impeding its line into the stumps), stumped (the wicket keeper strikes the stumps with their gloves whilst the batsman is outside of their crease with ball in hand), hit wicket (the batsman hits their own wicket),

Further Support

- ECB - <https://www.ecb.co.uk>
- School's cricket - <https://schoolscricket.co.uk>
- The Cricket Asylum Foundation - <https://www.tcafoundation.org>
- Cricket Charity - <https://www.lordstaverners.org>

Did you know?

The Longest Game: The longest cricket match took place in 1939 between South Africa and England. It lasted for nine days, and still, it was a draw!
 A Cricket Ball's Journey: A cricket ball is made of cork and leather. It can travel at speeds of over 90 miles per hour when bowled by professional players!
 Duck Tales: When a batsman gets out without scoring any runs, it's termed as a 'duck'. Why? The term supposedly comes from the shape of the number '0', which looks like a duck's egg.

Skills

Skill	Definition	Information
Batting	Is the act or skill of hitting the ball with a bat to score runs and prevent the loss of one's wicket.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always stand facing the bowler with your feet shoulder-width apart. Bend your body with your hips, keeping your back straight. When you have the bat ready, point your non-dominant shoulder towards the bowler and make sure to keep your eyes on the ball.
Bowling	Is the action of propelling the ball toward the wicket defended by a batter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry the cricket ball close to your chin • Coil your body and lean back. • Drop your elbow as you plant your bowling leg. • Straighten your elbow and arm. • Shift your weight to the lead leg • Swing your arm like a windmill and release the ball.
Fielding	Collecting the <u>ball</u> after it is struck by the <u>batter</u> , to limit the number of <u>runs</u> that the striker scores and/or to get a batter <u>out</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main technique used to stop balls along the ground is called the "long barrier". This occurs when your body forms a "barrier" behind the ball, giving the fielder the best chance of stopping the ball. Make sure you keep your eye on the ball right up until the point it reaches you, as it could be costly.
Wicket Keeping	A <u>fielder</u> <u>stationed</u> close behind the batter's <u>wicket</u> and typically equipped with protective gloves and pads.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positioning • Stance • Reactions • Footwork • Diving
Umpire	Is a person who has the authority to make decisions about events on the cricket field according to the Laws of Cricket.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting the number of balls bowled • Making decisions whether the batsman is out • Counting the number of runs scores • Confirming catches in the field
Kwik Cricket	This a high-speed version of cricket aimed mainly at encouraging children to take part in the sport, with an emphasis on participation and enjoyment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The batting side shall be divided into pairs, each pair batting for two overs, with a new pair starting at the end of the second, fourth and sixth overs. • Each team starts batting with a score of 200 runs, each time a batter is out five runs are deducted and the other batter of the pair faces the next ball. • Bowling will take place from one end only, eight overs to be bowled, with each player bowling one over, each game to consist of one innings per team.

Vocabulary

- Wicket
- Batting
- Bowling
- Fielding
- Wicket Keeping
- Throw
- Catch
- Drive
- Pull Shot
- Cut Shot
- Long Barrier
- Onside
- Leg Side
- LBW
- Umpire
- Runs
- Byes
- Wides