



New Year 7 Festival 2026

TEAMS

All players to be involved in matches. A Score will be recorded after the fall of the 9th wicket. Only 9 players to be on the field at one time, meaning players may be rotated on and off by coaches.

VENUE

Mandeville Sports Grounds

UMPIRES

Fielding side may be required to supply a Square Leg Umpire but supplied umpires will officiate the game

HOURS OF PLAY

Monday 11am Start 2 games. Games will be 11am and 3pm
Tuesday 9:30am and 1/1:30pm 2 games
Wednesday 9:30am start 1 game

COACHES MEETING 10:00 on Monday, it will take max 10min.

PITCHES

Pitches will be 18 metres wicket to wicket

DURATION/OVERS

All matches will be of one innings duration

Year 7: Games will be of 20 overs per innings – **unlimited outs PlayHq score to be recorded after the 9th wicket** (Last Man Standing) falls for match purposes.

4 ball grace period will be done on day 1 & 2, out is out on day 3.

Normal 6 ball over format applies. A maximum of 8 balls per over inclusive of no-balls or wides except for the last over which must be 6 legitimate balls.

Players can return to use additional overs AS BATTERS that are left after the 9th wicket fall in in ORDER OF NUMBER OF BALLS FACED

BOWLING RESTRICTIONS

Year 7: (20/20) All players should bowl at least 2 overs – Keepers may choose not to bowl and if so, up to 4 players may bowl a 3rd over.

NO BOWLER SHOULD BOWL A 3RD OVER UNTIL ALL OTHERS HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BOWL 2.

BATTING RESTRICTIONS

Batters must retire after 30 balls – retired batters may return in order after all other batters have been dismissed.

ALL BATSMEN MUST WEAR HELMETS:

If after the 9th wicket falls (Last Man Standing) there are still over remaining batters should return in the same order until the 20 overs are used up. PlayHQ scoring can finish after the 9th wicket falls

LBW

LBWs may only be given when the bowling team appeals and if the ball;

1. is pitched in line with the stumps AND
2. hits the batter on the pads in front of the stumps, before hitting the bat AND
3. the ball was definitely going to hit the stumps AND
4. **the player has gone onto the back foot and stayed on the back foot.**

This means the player cannot be given out if the ball is pitched outside the line of the stumps (leg or off side) OR has played forward - even if the player is hit on the back pad or foot.

Whilst an LBW can be given under these rules, the intention for it only to be awarded when there was no doubt whatsoever in the umpire's mind that the above conditions applied. **ANY doubt – not out.**

FIELDING RESTRICTIONS

No Fielder may stand closer than 10 metres from the strikers wicket on the on-side or in front of point on the off-side (i.e. fielders may stand closer than 10 metres on the off-side slips positions) until the ball has been played.

ALL CLOSE IN FIELDERS AND WICKETKEEPERS STANDING UP TO THE STUMPS MUST WEAR HELMETS. WICKET KEEPERS ON ARTIFICIAL PITCHES MUST WEAR HELMETS AT ALL TIMES.

Any exemptions from this rule must be provided to the Tournament Manager in writing by the parent or guardian Prior to the commencement of the Tournament or Match.

BALLS

142gram red two piece balls will be used
Teams to supply their own balls

WIDES/NO BALLS

Any delivery above shoulder height shall be called “no-ball”

Any full toss above waist height shall be called “no-ball”

Line violations (mainly front foot) for No Balls will apply

No Balls should be called for balls that bounced MORE THAN ONCE

Wides shall be full on the Offside of the batter and Halfway on the Legside of the Batter

A maximum of 8 balls per over inclusive of wides and no-balls will be played – 6 legitimate balls must be bowled in the last over of the innings.

All Wides and No-balls shall be scored as 1 run plus any other runs scored

FREE HITS AFTER NO BALLS SHOULD BE AWARDED

Warnings after No Balls for Height

Bowlers who bowl a No-Ball for height **that could have or does hit a batter should receive a warning** - if the same bowler bowls a similar delivery again in the match they should be withdrawn as a bowler for the rest of the match and their remaining balls to be bowled by another bowler.

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