



THE RULES OF 'STREET20' CRICKET

- Each game lasts a maximum of 20 legal balls per team or until the batting team is out
- Competitions are usually 6-a-side
- The last batsman in can continue batting on their own until they are out or until their running partner is out or until 20 balls have been bowled.
- Everyone on the fielding team except the wicket keeper must bowl four balls. If they don't, 6 runs are added to the batting team's score for each ball not bowled.
- All the bowling is from one end
- If you hit the ball out of the area you are batting in, you're out but you score 6 runs!
- You can't be out LBW
- You can be caught off the walls or fence surrounding the playing area (or ceiling if playing indoors)
- You get a run for hitting the side walls and the wall behind the wicket keeper and another for each run you run.
- If you are caught off the side wall, you still score the one run for hitting the wall.
- When playing indoors you score no runs for hitting the ceiling but you can score runs by running.
- If you hit the ball along the ground and it hits the wall behind the bowler, you get 4 runs plus any additional runs you run in that same 4 scoring shot. If you are Run Out after hitting a 4, the 4 still counts towards the batting team's score.
- If you hit the wall behind the bowler without it touching the floor (or ceiling) or any other wall, you score 6 runs. The ball is then dead after the six is hit and the batsman cannot be caught nor can they score more runs by running.
- Byes, Leg Byes and overthrows must be run

- If the bowler bowls the ball down the leg side, the umpire shall call it wide.
- Wides and No Balls score 3 runs each but the extra ball will not be bowled unless this occurs in the last over of the innings.
- If a No Ball is a front foot No Ball (where the bowlers foot goes over the bowling crease) it shall be a 'Free Hit'. The only way a batter can be out off a free hit is 'Run Out'.
- When playing outdoors, if the batter hits a 6 from a 'Free Hit', they are Not Out.
- It is also a No Ball, if a bouncer goes above shoulder height or a full toss goes above waist height. These No Ball's shall be called by either umpire.
- When playing outdoors (in an open space with no walls or fences) a boundary will be marked and 4's and 6's will be scored in the normal way.
- The ball is dead at the umpire's discretion
- If at the end of the game and the scores are tied, there will be a six ball bowl out involving each player in both teams. For this event, there will be a coin toss to decide which team bowls the first ball. After the first ball, each team will bowl one ball at a time until each team has bowled 6 balls.
 - If the scores are still equal the bowl out continues one ball at a time on a 'Sudden Death' basis. Bowlers will bowl in the same order in the 'Sudden Death' as they did in the first bowl out.

Apart from of all the above rules, the normal Laws of cricket shall apply.

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FAQ's about Cricket for Change's 'Street20'

- **What equipment do I need to play?**

All you need is two sets of plastic or flick back stumps, two bats (wooden or plastic) and a ball

Can players wear protective equipment?

Most don't but you can if you wish

What type of ball do I need to use?

We usually use a tennis ball but other rubber and plastic balls can be used

What colour tape can be used on the ball?

You can use any colour tape but if you're playing under lights, in poor light or in a dark area white tape is best.

How much tape should I apply to the ball?

One layer of tape is sufficient but it will come off quite quickly especially if playing on concrete. You can apply multiple layers and if you tape one side more than the other it helps the ball swing. To help the ball spin you can create a seam around the middle of the ball.

Where can 'Street20' be played?

'Street20' games are best played in enclosed surfaces such as five a side pitches, basketball courts or sports halls. The rules can be adapted for open areas but the game has been devised to be played in enclosed spaces. The ball does not bounce very consistently on rough grass but bounces very well on grass or artificial cricket pitches.

Where should the boundary be if we're playing outside?

The coach/umpire should decide where the boundary should be using cones or other markers if you have them or paths, trees or other features if you do not.

How long should the pitch be?

Between 16 and 20 adult paces depending on the age of the players

Who does the scoring?

Most venues will not have a scoreboard so the umpire often keeps score on a specially designed scorecard and shouts out the score after every ball. If you have two umpires it's a good idea for the one at square leg to keep score.

Can we have teams of more or less than 6 players?

Yes, the game still works but we have made it six a side for competitions.

Can a girls' team play a boys' team?

Yes and girls and boys can play in the same team

Do you have to be a qualified cricket coach to run 'Street20' sessions and matches?

No, but anyone working with young people must have up to date CRB check