

Primary Countdown Cricket – Rules and Scoring

Players	8
Bowling	5 balls per player then rotate with next fielder to bowl.
	Underarm & Overarm bowling allowed
Pitch	17 yards (15.5m) Year 5 & 6
	Use of boundaries dependent on space available. Boundaries will be in play at finals day.
Batting	Pairs (10 balls per pair).
	Umpires should use discretion to swap batters so each is given an opportunity to contribute
Scoring*	via Countdown cricket scorer app: Android Click here or IOS Click here or paper scoresheet below
Runs	Scored by completing 'runs' between the wickets, and boundaries 4s/6s (if being used)
	No-balls & wides are scored as 2 runs to batting team + a 'free hit' from the batting tee.
Free Hit*	Following a no ball or a wide, the batter receives a "free hit" from the batting tee, and any runs scored are added to the total for that delivery (for example 2 runs for a wide, plus 1 run from the "free hit" = 3 runs).
	Batters have 3 seconds to take their free hit and must hit in front of square. Batters can be run out whilst trying to complete a run during a 'free hit' but only by the ball struck from the batting tee. They cannot be out in any other way on a 'free hit'.
Out if	Bowled, caught, hit wicket, run out (if out, swap ends and continue, 5 runs added to the fielding team). No LBW.
Fielding	Rotate after each over
	SAFETY: Except for the wicketkeeper no fielder may field within 10 yards of the bat
Byes	Yes, if batters miss the ball or it hits part of the body they can still run
No balls/ Wides	Yes, if deemed un-hittable e.g. rolling, too high or too far to be hit fairly. Cones or markers can be used to mark crease and wide lines

*Scoring via the App – use the Dynamos Cricket format, 8 players 40 balls. For wides/no balls press 'extra' and this will prompt the 'free hit'. Wickets on the app will automatically add 5 runs to the bowling team.



Countdown Cricket Scoresheet



1st Batting Team:

Pair 1
Pair 2
Pair 3
Pair 4

Ball Countdown									
40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31
30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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	Names	Runs	Total
Pair 1			
Pair 2			
Pair 3			
Pair 4			
Fielding Bonuses (+5 per wicket)*		<i>2nd Bowling Team</i>	
		Grand Total	

2nd Batting Team:

Pair 1
Pair 2
Pair 3
Pair 4

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40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31
30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21
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	Names	Runs	Total
Pair 1			
Pair 2			
Pair 3			
Pair 4			
Fielding Bonuses (+5 per wicket)		<i>1st Bowling Team</i>	
		Grand Total	