



St. Mary's Sports Festival – Rules and Guidelines

CRICKET RULES

Team Registrations – 8 aside Tournament

- Each Team will play with only 8 players (including wicket-keeper). Rotating substitutions will apply during all matches.
- Substitutes can only field, not bowl, wicket-keep or Bat.
- Only players registered will be permitted to participate i.e.; a **total of 12 players per team**. In the event of any serious injuries and the player cannot continue with the tournament, Replacements will be considered with prior **written notice** given to the organizing team. (Minimum 1 week before the team's next game).
- There will be **NO REFUND OF FEES** for teams that confirm participation and then cancel their participation when the tournament starts. **REFUND OF FEES** will be provided to those teams that **DO NOT GET AN ENTRY INTO THE TOURNAMENT**.
- **All teams have to submit the registration forms and waiver forms duly signed by all members of the team (Individually signed forms for each member of the team) for the entry to the tournament to be complete.**
- Signed waiver forms can be emailed to stmarysdxbsf@gmail.com
- Only those players who sign the waiver form will be allowed onto the grounds.
- A general TEAM BRIEFING will be held on 31st August in the MAIN/MINI HALL. Announcement of the timings will be done at a later time.
- It is **MANDATORY FOR THE TEAM MANAGER AND CAPTAIN** to attend the briefing.
- **REGISTRATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED AT THE PARISH OFFICE**

Before Game Time

- Teams must report **15 mins** before their scheduled game; the umpires will call each team onto the field **only twice**, any team not adhering to the rules and failure to be on the pitch will result in forfeit of the game i.e. the opponent will be given a walk over. **3 points** will be awarded to the team that is present. **The game will not be rescheduled**. All fixtures will start as per the scheduled timings.
- **All team prayers should be conducted before entering the cricket field, There will be a collective group prayer after which the match will commence.**
- A minimum of **6 players** per team are compulsory to be on the ground in order to start the game.
- Matches will be played using a Cricket Tennis Ball.
- **Match fixtures with timings will be posted online for Sports Fest (No change in schedule will be entertained)** along with the detailed games rules and guidelines. Last minute changes (i.e. less than 3 days to Match Day) will be informed via Email/Personal Txt to the Captain/Team Representative.
- **Only team players and 1 team manager (STRICTLY)** will be allowed onto the grounds. Team Players and/or their supporters caught smoking / littering / speaking foul language / hand gestures etc. **will be fined AED 100/- and the Team will forgo the match** (or as decided by the referee/organizing committee). **Team Managers / Captains will be held accountable for the behavior and conduct of their respective teams as well as supporters.**

- Team members must come in uniform for all the games. In the event of a clash between the playing teams, the organizers will provide you with reflectors or bibs. This will be based on a toss between the 2 teams. **There will be no dressing/un-dressing on the field before or after the game. Players caught in violation of this will not be allowed to play the game/next game.**
- **Players will not be allowed under any circumstances to change their jerseys numbers during the tournament except in case of replacement of players.**
- **All Jerseys will have clearly visible and printed numbers on the jerseys. No paper stickers or pen written numbers will be allowed.**
- **Players will play with their birth names/Emirates ID names on their jerseys. NO NICKNAMES ALLOWED.**
- **Team sheets will contain the original names of the players as per Emirates ID. NO NICKNAMES ALLOWED.**
- Any player wearing studs or spikes will not be allowed to play. The referee will check each player's shoes prior to game commencement. **Only astro-turf or regular turf shoes are permitted.**
- No food or snacks will be allowed on the grounds. Water provided will be consumed at the entry gate.
- **ALL Emirates ID WILL BE PROVIDED IN COLOR COPY (ONLY) TO THE ORGANISERS / COMMITTEE**

During Game Time

- **FIELDING TEAM** A game is played between two teams, each of a maximum of 8 players. Each team must nominate a captain for each game. **No team can play with less than 6 players.** A game must proceed when scheduled, if a minimum of 6 players for each team is present. To take part in a match, a player must be able to bat and bowl.
- Each team must have 4 bowlers, only 2 bowlers will be allowed more than 1 over and a maximum of 2 overs. Prior to the start of each over the umpire must be advised of the bowler's name. A bowler must not bowl 2 consecutive overs.
- A delivery commences from the moment a bowler (with the ball in their hand) starts their run up and continues until the same time of the next delivery.

SCORING

- **The bowler should not step over the limitation line for his run-up. Bowling from behind the limitation line will be considered a NO BALL and 2 runs awarded to the batting side.**
- **Runs for NO BALL will be counted in addition to the runs taken by the batsman.**
- **Balls bowled down the leg side will be considered wide as per umpire decision and 2 Runs will be awarded to the batting side.**
- **Runs for Wide BALL will be counted in addition to the runs taken by the batsman**
- **Wides bowled in the last over will concede 4 runs per wide ball**
- **Runs for Wides bowled in the last over will concede 4 runs per wide ball in addition to the runs taken by the batsman**
- **BATTING TEAM** A batting team will have 2 batsmen batting at either ends.
- **All hits to the side fencing will be counted as 2 runs plus runs taken by the batsman**
- **Straight hits along the ground touching the nets will be considered as 4 runs**
- **Ball touching the net behind the wicket keeper will be considered as 4 runs**

- **Straight hits over the bowlers end touching the nets will be considered as 6 runs**
- Batters must change ends at the completion of each over. No batter can bat more than once after being declared OUT.
- **Abdominal guard and Gloves are highly advised to be worn.** Any other protection/padding is optional.
- **Bats and Padding/Protection/Gloves will not be provided.** Teams are requested to get their own Bats and protection equipment. The ball would be similar to the one used generally in Indoor stadiums.
- **If the ball is knocked over the fence on any side of the ground by the batsman, the batsman will be DECLARED OUT.**
- **The captain has to be in control of his team on field at all times and make sure the rules are followed.**

Fouls and Cautions

- Before each game, an umpire will be appointed to adjudicate the rules of the game with absolute impartiality.
- Teams will have no choice in the appointment of the umpire. The umpire may only be changed at the discretion of the tournament organiser.
- The umpire's decision during a game is final. No dispute, written or otherwise, will alter the result.
- The umpire will be the sole judge of fair and unfair play.
- The captain of the fielding side or the batter at wicket may query an umpire's decision. Once the umpire has replied, any further talking to, at or about the umpire, or their decision, may be penalised.
- A serious gesture or words or action from the players side will result in the player getting 'sent-off' for the rest of the match & this player will **'miss' his next 2 matches** as well.
- **Incase of arguments onfield. No substitutes or manager will be allowed to rush onto the field.**
- **Teams that cause excess problems on field and off field will be disbarred from the tournament the next year.**
- **Any debatable decisions will be discussed between the umpires on field and decisions will be taken.**

Ranking

- The system of play shall be a league system, each team playing every other team in the group **once**, with points to be awarded as follows: **Win 3 pts; Draw 1pt; Loss 0 pts**
 - The rankings of the teams in each group shall be determined in the following manner:
 1. Higher number of points obtained in the group matches
 2. Superior Net Run Rate
 3. Head to Head result;
 4. If everything identical then a toss will decide who goes through.
 - **Top two teams from each group would qualify for the next round.**
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NOTE

The organizing committee, reserves the right to dis-qualify any team that fails to up-hold the spirit of the game and abuses the sanctity of the premise they are playing within. If a team player/members' continuously argue with the referee, display inappropriate behavior or use any abusive language within the premise they are playing in, the entire team will be disqualified.

We accept the terms and conditions stated above.

Team Name

Manager/ Captain Signature

DO NOT PLAY THE GAME WITH INTENT TO HARM OR INJURE.
PLAY WITH SPORTSMANSHIP AND RESPECT FOR YOUR OPPONENT
PLAY THE BEAUTIFUL GAME, FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME.

Incase of Any further enquiries regarding the games please contact the below persons.

Sport	Name	Contact Number
Football	Ashley	050 7570285
Volleyball	Lionel	052 9117801
Basketball	Anil	050 6530268
Cricket	Zefferino	052 7923338