

Garden State Cricket League

Rules & Playing Conditions

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SECTION 1: GENERAL

1.1 The competition shall be known as the Garden State Cricket League Competition (herein after referred to as the GSCL competition). The Executive Committee of the GSCL shall be responsible for the administration of the competition and shall have jurisdiction for the implementation and interpretation of the rules and playing conditions governing the competition.

1.2 Except for those laws that are unique to local playing situations and conditions, the Garden State Cricket League, GSCL, will abide by the ICC standard playing conditions published in 2000, the Laws of Cricket [2000 Code], and the code of conduct. In the event of conflicts, the rules as stipulated by the GSCL shall supersede.

1.3 Only GSCL approved balls shall be used in the Competitions.

1.4 GSCL championship games will be held at either Warinanco or Wheequahic Parks. The Executive will announce their decision in a timely manner.

SECTION 2: FORMAT

The cricket season shall be divided into (2) two separate and distinct competitions.

2.1 The GSCL League Championship

2.2 The GSCL Twenty/20 competition

2.3 The regular season competition shall be forty (40) overs.

2.4 The league shall be divided into two divisions.

DIVISION 1

1. Montego Bay
2. Shawnee
3. Wanderers
4. Eclipse
5. British Officers
6. Sayreville Gladiators
7. GWIA
- 8: Westfield

DIVISION 2

09. East Orange
10. Wadadli
11. Dominica
12. Queen City
13. St. Agnes & St. Paul
14. Combined Islands
15. Commonwealth
- 16: Unity

SECTION 3: STANDINGS AND REPORTS

3.1 To be credited with points, teams must record match results and individual player statistics via the website within (5) five days of the game. Scorecards on the website will be locked (5) five days after the game is played.

3.2 Ten (10) points shall be awarded for a win.

3.3 Five (5) points for a tie or drawn game.

3.4 At the end of the regular season, four (4) teams with the highest number of points from each division shall qualify for the semi final round.

3.5 The format shall be 1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3.

3.6 Winners from the semi final rounds shall advance to the GSCL divisional championship games.

SECTION 4: REGISTRATION AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

4.1 All cricketers participating in the Garden State Cricket League must be registered with the league (48) forty-eight hours before playing in any official league game. To be registered, ALL players must be entered on the GSCL website along with a photo iD.

4.2 Player registration must be submitted by email or regular mail, and addressed to the secretary Trevor Barrow, Trevorbarrow@comcast.net or the assistant secretary Amol Saharabudhe, amols_99@yahoo.com.

4.3 Cricketers serving suspension from another league or association in the United States or any other cricket playing country shall not be eligible to participate in the GSCL.

4.4 Violations of rules 4.1 through 4.3 shall result in loss of the game.

4.5 Substitute players must be properly attired i.e. same uniforms as their team.

SECTION 5: PLAYER MOVEMENT & QUALIFICATION

5.1 Players may change teams once per season. Changes are not allowed after participating in three (3) games.

5.2 Players that change teams in the current season **MUST** obtain GSCL approval before playing for another team.

5.3 Players participating in the Semifinals or Championship final must have played a minimum of (50%) Fifty Percent of the games during the regular season.

SECTION 6: RESTRICTIONS ON THE PLACEMENT OF FIELDERS

6.1 Field restriction area shall be marked by (2) two, (30) thirty-yard semi circles joined by straight lines on either side of the pitch. They shall have as their center the middle stump at either end of the pitch. Alternatively small cones, flags, or discs may identify the field restriction area. All marked areas shall be **CLEARLY VISIBLE** from both umpiring positions. (Review rules for each separate competition)

6.2 For the first (12) twelve overs in a (40) over match, at the instant of delivery (7) Seven fielders must be inside the field restriction area. After 12 overs, a minimum of four (4) fielders must be inside the field restriction area. (Fielders do not include the bowler or the wicketkeeper).

6.3 For the first (5) five overs in a (20) twenty over match, rule 6.2 shall apply.

6.5 When the first inning overs are reduced, field restrictions shall be reduced proportionally as in the table below.

Regular Season		Twenty Over Competition	
First Inning Overs	Restricted Overs	First Inning Overs	Restricted Overs
40 - 31	12	20-16	6
30 - 24	9	15-10	3
23 - 19	8		
20	6		

SECTION 7: PRE-GAME PREPARATION

7.1 Before laying the matting the home team shall be responsible for preparing the pitch, which may include but not limited to sweeping, raking and or rolling, marking the boundaries and field restriction area, they shall also provide other equipment such as stumps, bails, chalk, broom etc.

7.2 At the end of an inning either captain may request (of the umpire) that the matting be stretched. It is the sole responsibility of the umpire/s to grant or reject this request.

7.3 The home team shall be responsible for providing water and refreshments.

7.4 Captains or their designee shall spin the toss no later than 11:45 AM to allow ample time for an on time start. At 12:00 PM both teams must be present on the playing field at which time the bowlers end umpire will call play.

7.5 Teams that are late shall be penalized one (1) over for every four (4) minutes of lateness. They shall however continue to bowl until the allotment of overs is completed.

7.6 Penalized teams will face an amount of overs minus the overs they were penalized. Their inning will however be based on the agreed upon overs. [Example; if you are penalized four (4) overs you will bowl forty (40) BUT face thirty six (36) overs and your run rate will be based on 40 overs].

7.7 At 1:30 PM the game shall be canceled and (10) points shall be awarded to the team that was ready for play.

7.8 The playing XI eleven must be submitted to the umpire/s prior to the toss being spun. Thereafter changes to the team can only be made with the consent of the opposing captain.

SECTION 8: NORMAL HOURS OF PLAY & INTERVALS

8.1 The (1st) first inning commences at 12:00 noon and concludes at 3:00 PM

8.3 A (15) fifteen-minute interval will be observed between innings.

8.4 The (2nd) second inning commences at 3:15 PM.

8.5 Two breaks of five (5) minutes each shall be permitted at the 15th and 30th over. Under conditions of extreme heat and humidity the umpires shall permit extra interval/s for drinks.

SECTION 9: OVERS AND TIME MANAGEMENT

9.1 Matches shall be limited to (1) one inning of (40) forty, or (20) overs maximum per side. Each over will consist of six (6) legal deliveries.

9.2 Each bowler shall be allowed a maximum of 1/5 of the number of allocated overs i.e. in a (40) forty over match the maximum overs per bowler shall be (8) eight.

9.3 In case of unforeseen circumstances, (such as inclement weather, damp pitch, lost ball etc.), the number of overs shall be reduced by a factor of one (1) over for every four (4) minutes lost. All other rules shall apply.

9.4 The fielding team must complete the number of allocated overs within the specified time or be penalized for each over not bowled. [See 7.5 and 7.6] For example if after (3) three hours only 38 overs are bowled, the fielding will be automatically penalized (2) two overs and will only be allowed to bat a maximum of 38 overs. However, play must continue after 3 p.m. until the allocated overs are completed. Additional loss of overs may apply if the overs during the penalty session are not completed on time.

9.5 If the fielding team is late, the time for the batting side shall be extended by the length of time the fielding team was late. For example if they are 30 minutes late, the batting side inning shall be extended by 30 minutes and the inning of the offending team shall be restricted to 34 overs or 2.5 hours.

9.6 If the team batting first is late they shall be automatically penalized (1) one over for every (4) four minutes. For example if the penalty is (4) four overs, they shall face a maximum of 36 overs.

9.7 Players leaving from and returning to the field of play must notify the umpire at the bowlers' end. Upon returning to the field If the player comes in contact with the ball (prior to notifying the umpire) five (5) runs will be added to the score of the batting side, the ball is ruled dead and an extra delivery shall be bowled.

SECTION 10: DELAYED OR INTERRUPTED MATCHES

10.1 In the event of poor weather conditions on the morning of the game, the home team may contact the LEAGUE before 11:00 AM with a view to cancellation. The GSCL shall make the final decision on the status of the game.

10.2 In the event a game is curtailed by rain, bad light, or any other weather related factors, the following rules shall apply:

10.3 There shall be no winner unless a minimum of (1/2) one half the agreed upon overs are completed in the second innings. Otherwise this constitutes a drawn game and each team shall be awarded five (5) points.

10.4 If a team is bowled out during their innings, their run rate will be based on the overs agreed upon for that game.

10.5 If there is a rain delay during the second innings and overs are lost, the winning score shall be based on the overall run rate for that game; (runs scored divided by number of overs bowled) plus (1) one run.

SECTION 11: TIES:

- POINTS:

In the event of tied points at the end of a competition the following rules shall apply;

11.1 The winner of the head to head competition, if still equal

11.2 The team with the highest net run rate calculated as follows;

$$\text{NRR} = \frac{\text{Total runs scored}}{\text{Total \# of overs bowled}} - \frac{\text{Total runs against}}{\text{Total \# of overs bowled}}$$

- GAMES:

At the end of a game if the scores are even, the game is considered tie and each team shall receive 5 points.

SECTION 12: UMPIRING

12.1 The umpire's decision is final. He/she must record disputes on the score-sheet (scorebook) and submit a written report to the GSCL within (48) forty-eight hours of any incident.

12.2 Captains are responsible to ensure that UMPIRES are paid prior to the start of the second inning.

12.3 The fee for each umpire shall be stipulated prior to the start of the season.

12.4 In the event that there is only (1) one GSCL umpire, he/she shall officiate at both ends, and be paid \$110.00. Persons umpiring the entire game at square leg shall be paid \$30.00. Teams providing umpire/s for square leg shall split the \$30.00 evenly. The umpire after consultation with both captains shall appoint square leg umpire/s. (In the event the square leg umpire is provided by the CUANJ, it is the responsibility of the official umpire to make sure he is paid. In that case the official umpire must be paid \$140).

12.5 If official umpires are unavailable, then both captains shall agree in advance on two persons who shall umpire the entire game.

12.6 Teams cannot reject assigned umpire/s.

SECTION 13: DISPUTES

13.1 Disputes shall be arbitrated by the GSCL disciplinary committee along with representatives of both teams and the officiating umpires when and if necessary. The decision of the GSCL is final.

SECTION 14: FORFEITURE

14.1 Teams forfeiting two (2) games in any one season shall be automatically suspended from the league for the remainder of the season.

14.2 Teams that are scheduled to play or have played a suspended club shall be awarded ten (10) points.

SECTION 15: PROTEST

15.1 In the event of a protest, the captain shall immediately notify the umpires and the opposing captain.

15.2 For a protest to be valid it must be received (by the GSCL) in writing with a fee of \$300.00 within (48) forty-eight hours after the game. The reason/s for the protest must be clearly stated.

15.3 If a protest is upheld the filing fee will be refunded. Denied protests will cause a club forfeiture of its' filing fee. Decision/s will be rendered after receipt of a **valid protest** and prior to the start of the next game. Protests will not be considered unless it meets the above criteria and received by the GSCL within (48) forty-eight hours. Submit protests to the secretary Trevor Barrow, Trevorbarrow@comcast.net or the assistant secretary Amol Saharashudhe, amols_99@yahoo.com.

SECTION 16: DISCIPLINE AND OTHER ISSUES

16.1 Alcoholic beverages and glass bottles are prohibited in all parks. This is a county ordinance; violators are subjected to disciplinary action by the GSCL, and are subject to prosecution by law.

16.2 Un-sportsmanlike conduct from players, teams or club members; will NOT BE TOLERATED in the GSCL. Such actions will result in swift and severe disciplinary action taken against them.

16.3 Players or teams who have been penalized will not be allowed to participate in any GSCL sponsored activity until the penalty is resolved.

16.4 Changing clothes in the park is expressly prohibited, violators are subjected to immediate two (2) game suspension.

16.5 Teams are required to provide all equipment necessary for the completion of games.

16.6 The GSCL recommends that all cricketers wear protective gear while batting and fielding close to the bat.

16.7 Colored clothing (including colored pads, recommended) is mandatory for participation in the twenty 20 competitions; GSCL approved white balls must be used for these contests.

17. PROMOTION & RELEGATION

17.1 Each season two (2) teams from division 1 with the least amount of points will be relegated to division 2.

17.2 Each season the team that wins the division 2 championship shall advance to division 1.

17.3 Each season the team that wins division 2 (regular season) shall advance to division 1.

17.4 If a team wins both the division 2 regular season and the division 2 championship, they shall advance to division 1.

17.5 The second team advancing to division (1) one shall be the runner-up in the division 2 finals.

APPENDIX:

a. Interpretations of the GSCL Rules and Playing Conditions are the sole responsibility of the GSCL executive.

b. A disciplinary committee shall be appointed by the executive committee and chaired by a member of the executive who shall have a casting vote only. Persons cannot serve on this committee if his/her club is involved in the disciplinary action.

c. The GSCL selection committee shall be appointed by the Executive prior to the start of the seas

d. To be considered for Regional selection players must participate in the USACA Atlantic Region sanctioned inter-league tournament.

e. Official GSCL balls can only be purchased from Singh's Sporting Goods, (718) 925-9058

DISCLAIMER:

Participation in the activities of the GSCL is voluntary. The Garden State Cricket League shall not be held responsible wholly or in part for damages to personal property, medical or any other expenses incurred by any person while attending or participating in any league sponsored activity.