



Welcome



Developing cricket from playground to Test arena

In partnership with NatWest, the England and Wales Cricket Board is excited to bring you Inter Cricket!

This game bridges the gap between softball and traditional hardball cricket and can be played during school lessons and extra-curricular activities by eleven to sixteen year olds. With the introduction of coloured equipment, a rubberised ball, indoor and outdoor versions, free hits and runs for fielding teams, it provides teachers and children with the opportunity to enjoy the fun and exciting game of cricket whilst meeting the objectives of the National Curriculum.

We are delighted to be associated with NatWest in a dynamic partnership as we promote the resurgence of cricket for both boys and girls in secondary schools, as it reflects the ECB's commitment to developing cricket from the playground to the Test arena.

Keith Pont

Director of Development, ECB



Supporting Grassroots Cricket

Inter Cricket is NatWest's new grassroots based programme developed by ECB. Inter Cricket enables both boys and girls to learn about and experience the game of cricket, whether in the school, club or neighbourhood environment.

NatWest has supported English cricket for 25 years but this is the first time that we have supported a schools based activity. We are very excited about this partnership with the ECB and hope that together we can significantly raise the profile of cricket in schools.

Inter Cricket introduces the game of cricket to a new generation and who knows, we may see your Inter Cricketers playing for England in future NatWest Series or NatWest Challenge matches.

Benny Higgins

Chief Executive, Retail Banking, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group



THE LORD'S TAVERNERS

Giving young people, particularly those with special needs, a sporting chance

The Lord's Taverners is proud to work in partnership with the ECB and NatWest to provide Inter Cricket kits to youngsters starting out in the game of cricket. For over 50 years The Lord's Taverners has supported cricket at grass roots level. We are accredited by the ECB as the official charity for recreational cricket in the UK.

We hope that by introducing more youngsters to this terrific game, we will see the benefits in the years to come in a successful England team.

Mark Williams

Chief Executive, The Lord's Taverners





AN ECB INITIATIVE IN ASSOCIATION WITH



We don't like cricket... we love it!



Inter Cricket is a new format of the game, designed and launched by the England and Wales Cricket Board, to bridge the gap between Kwik Cricket and hardball cricket.

Innovative new rules and specially designed equipment mean that Inter Cricket can be played indoors and outdoors, on almost any surface. Inter Cricket is a ground-breaking, all action game that has received support from NatWest and The Lord's Taverners.

We're Inter Cricket. Are you?

For further information on Inter Cricket, visit www.ecb.co.uk
or call the ECB Development Information Line on **0800 214 314**



Aims

- Hasten the progress of youngsters to the standard game.
- Offer a game to suit the curriculum, extra-curricular sessions and clubs.

Pitch

- As set out in diagram (below) with permissible adjustments for local circumstances.
- The pitch should be offset towards the striker's end to offer a longer boundary to the boundary wall behind the bowler.
Recommended length of pitch:
U12 = 20 yards (18.3m) U13 = 21 yards (19.2m)
Over 14 = 22 yards (20.1m)
- Pitch length may be adjusted to suit ball type and size of playing area.
- The 'running crease' drawn across the pitch 15 yards (13.71 m) from the middle stump at the strikers end may be reduced to a minimum of 10 yards. The shorter distance is set to encourage batters to run.

Teams

Each team has a minimum of 6 players including a wicket-keeper who does not bowl. Team size may be increased if space permits.

A captain is appointed in each team. The captain in consultation with team mates, is responsible for field placements and order of batting. Waiting batters act as scorers and umpires.

Batting

Each team has one innings. An innings is closed after an agreed number of overs or all batters are out.

Normal cricket rules apply except:

- Non-striking batter waits level with and to the side of the 'running crease' and may not interfere with any bowled ball.
- Batters change ends at the end of each over
- Batters may be caught out off the ceiling and walls (except the boundary wall) providing the ball has not touched the floor.
- To run-out a batter running to the 'running crease' the wicket has to be broken at the end the batter is running toward.
- LBW may only be given if a batter deliberately blocks the ball to prevent it hitting the wicket.
- A single remaining batter may continue batting; changing ends as necessary to receive strike.
- A partner must run with the remaining batter; the whole side is out when the solo batter is out or either player is run out.
- A batter retires on 15 but the last scoring hit counts (ie. if on 14 and score 6 on next hit the batter retires on 20).
- A retired batter may resume their innings when only one batter remains.

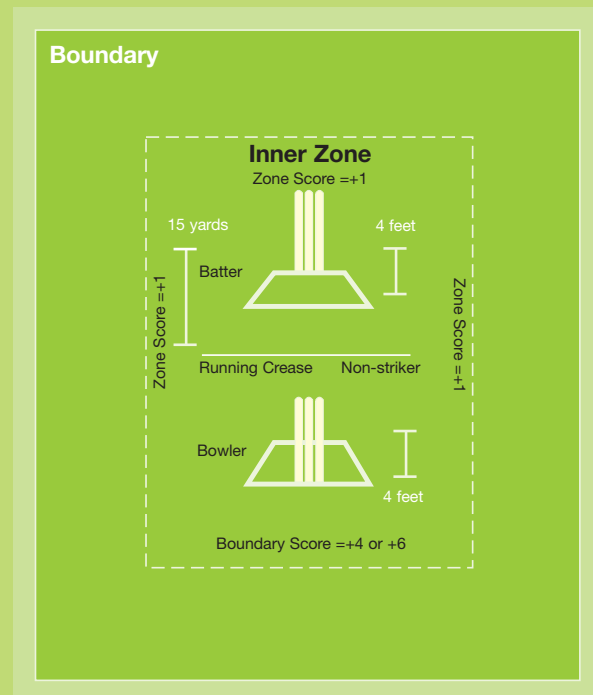
Fielding

- Captain tells fielders where to position. With the exception of the wicket-keeper, no fielder is allowed to stand within 10 yards of the striking batter until the ball is played.

Bowling

- Bowl from one end only. Overarm bowling.
Only 6 balls to be bowled in any over.

- If preferred, 2 bowlers may bowl in tandem, bowling alternately to complete either a 6 ball over or 2x6 ball overs. The inactive bowler may not field. No bowler may bowl more than 4 overs per session.
- The ball which follows a no-ball or wide is a free hit (striker cannot be out on that hit).



Scoring

Batting team

- Batters may run on any ball whether it is hit or not.
- Batters score runs by running between the striker's popping crease and the 'running crease' (score 1 for each completed run).

Zone score

- 1 run is added to the batter's score if a struck ball hits any wall other than the boundary wall behind the bowler.

Boundaries

- 4 runs are added to the batter's score if a struck ball hits the floor and then the boundary wall behind the bowler without touching any other wall beforehand.
- 6 runs are added to the batter's score if a struck ball hits the boundary wall behind the bowler without touching the floor or any other wall beforehand.

Extras

- Add 2 runs to the team score for each no-ball or wide bowled by the opposing team (any completed runs, zone scores or boundaries are also added to the team score).
- If the 'free hit' (immediately following a wide or no-ball) is also a wide or no-ball that ball is pronounced 'dead' and 6 runs are added to the team score.

Explanatory note

If a no-ball or wide is bowled immediately after a 'free hit' then 2 extra runs are scored, as described above. The following ball would then be a 'free hit', unless 6 balls have already been bowled in which case the over is ended and an additional 6 runs are added to the team score.