

SCORING HINTS

Arrive at the game in plenty of time to set up a table and chairs, unpack and get settled. Don't stress yourself by arriving with too little time to spare (arrive at least 15 mins before the game is due to start).

Ensure you have a good supply of pencils/ a rubber / a copy of a rule book.

Ask each captain/coach for a team list. Write out both teams on a page side by side (in batting order if possible) and leave list in clear view for both yourself and your opposition scorer. Players will find it useful as well.

Fill in heading on match sheet before the game starts. Fill in ALL sections.

Develop a system of scoring and stick to it. Start from the top of the page and work your way down with each ball.

Ensure both scorers sit together.

Umpire etiquette

Tell the umpires where you will be sitting. If you have to move during the game, ensure the umpires see you move so they know where you are. Be aware of what is behind you. Should you be wearing dark clothing and have a dark background, the umpires could struggle to see you acknowledge their signals.

Be ready to signal when umpires call start of play.

Umpires are in control of the game – whatever they signal is what is recorded in the book. With leg byes/byes the umpires ruling is final. It doesn't matter if scorers think an umpire forgot to call, if the umpires don't signal leg byes or byes then runs are recorded to the batsman.

Ask umpires if they want you to signal if you see a ball is either a 4 or 6. Again their word is law. If they don't want you to signal then don't do so.

Remember to always communicate with your fellow scorer. THIS IS ESSENTIAL. This is not about who is the better of the two scorers. It is about accuracy. Constant communication is essential between scorers. Concentrate on the game – you will have plenty of distractions and it helps to be able to shut out the noise and just watch the game and record what is happening.

When play is interrupted for rain/bad light etc., make a note of the time, who bowled last over, from which end and who was on strike.

End of day –

Make note of who bowled last over and from which end

Make note of who was on strike

Completion of innings –

Show not out batsman, their scores and balls faced

Add sundries and total the batting

Complete bowling, add leg byes and byes and total

Ensure all 11 batsmen's names are entered on scoring sheet whether they batted or not. This aids the selectors and coaches during the season.

Ensure book totals agree. Make sure your other scorer agrees with you.

In notes: show result of match.