

VETTA PREMIER LEAGUE – OFFICIAL BOX CRICKET RULES & REGULATIONS

Team Composition

- Each team may register up to 8 players.
- 6 players allowed on the field per game.
- 1 wicketkeeper is mandatory and must stay behind the stumps.
- Substitutes can be used between matches, not mid-game.

Match Format

- 8 overs per innings.
- Maximum 2 overs per bowler.
- Match duration: 60 minutes.
- Matches are played in an enclosed box-style indoor court with artificial turf.
- A new ball will be used every match.

Batting Rules

- No automatic runs for hitting side walls. Runs must be physically taken (singles, doubles).
- No runs awarded for leg or body contact. Ball must touch the bat to count.
- Boundary rules:
 - Ball hitting straight boundary on ground = Four (4) runs
 - Ball hitting straight and in air, past boundary = Six (6) runs
 - Ball hitting roof or wall and reaching boundary = Four (4) runs
- Ball hitting roof or wall is not dead – runs must be taken manually.
- No 'last man standing' rule.

Bowling Rules

- Both underarm and overarm bowling are allowed.
- Each bowler can bowl up to 2 overs.
- Maximum 2 bounces per over. A third bounce is considered a no-ball.
- No-balls result in a free hit on the next delivery.
- Wides and no-balls count as 1 extra run + re-ball.

Fielding Rules

- Catches off walls or roof are NOT out.
- If the ball hits any surface and is caught, it is not considered out.

- Run-outs are allowed at both ends.
- Fielders may change positions at any time – no fixed rotation rule.



Discipline & Conduct

- Unsportsmanlike behavior can result in warnings or immediate disqualification.
- Late arrival penalty: Team forfeits if not ready 15 minutes after scheduled time.
- Captains must sign official match sheets post-game.



Points System

- Win = 2 points
- Tie = 1 point
- Loss = 0 points
- Net Run Rate (NRR) will be used to break ties in the points table.



Additional Professional Box Cricket Rules

- Ball hitting ceiling and caught directly: Not out.
- Ball stuck in netting/roof: Dead ball, re-ball.
- Intentional obstruction or fake fielding: 5-run penalty.
- No mid-over coaching from sidelines; captains may speak only between overs.