



US Premier League (USPL)



Twenty20 Rules and Regulations

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1. INTRODUCTION

The USPL Twenty20 Tournament, herein referred to as “The Tournament”, shall be governed by the ICC Men’s Standard T20 International Match Playing Conditions (*effective Jan 2022*) and by the MCC Laws of Cricket (*2017 Code 2nd Edition*) and the Special Conditions of the USPL shall apply except where specified in the ICC Playing Conditions.

All references to ‘Governing Body’ within the Laws of Cricket shall be replaced by ‘USPL Tournament Rules Committee’. The Tournament Committee reserves all rights to alter the Tournament format and/or structure as deemed and make necessary by circumstances beyond the control of the Tournament Committee, including but not limited to grounds, weather, and light conditions. The tournament is hosted by The United States Premier League (USPL).

All players and officials taking part in USPL Cricket events agree to the Rules & Regulations outlined. Any player or team in breach of the rules, spirit of cricket or bringing USPL Cricket or the game into disrepute shall be terminated from participating in the USPL T20 Cricket tournament.

1. COVID-19

Cricket is a non-contact team sport and subsequently the risks and exposure to CV-19 may not be the same as from full contact team sports. However, there are several risks specific to the sport of Cricket which must be considered besides the general physical exercise guidance issued by the governments.

The USPL, following the USA Cricket and local Government guidelines has developed guidelines to inform the stakeholders during the cricket tournament. The USPL shall be regularly monitoring the government updates, Cricket USA, and ICC updates on about COVID-19 and make necessary alterations to the guidelines.

All participants players, coaches, training staff, management shall be required to sign the waiver forms provided by the USPL.

2. Tournament Dates

The tournament dates will be published separately.

All games are likely to be scheduled to start at ~~7~~8:30 AM, 12:00PM, and ~~4~~3:00PM~~3~~30PM. For the game to begin both teams must be ready and must have at least eight (8) players in proper attire. Players not in the playing area or pavilion shall not be counted towards these eight (8) players. Teams that are not ready shall be deemed as Late and shall be penalized accordingly.

3. Tournament Format and Schedule

The tournament schedule and format will be published separately.

4. Eligibility Criteria

Every player taking the field in the tournament must be on the team and CCUSA registered list. No exceptions shall be made to these rules regarding player participation as a “declared player.”

The player/player support personnel who have been suspended/banned in accordance with the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel are not allowed to participate in the tournament in any capacity.

5. No Objection Certificates

All national and international players required to have NOC from their respective National Board and owners to make sure that NOCs are in place for all relevant players before the tournament starts.

6. Waiver

Every player participating in 2022 edition of the USPL Twenty20 Tournament must sign the waiver form. It is responsibility of the team management to ensure their players meet this requirement.

7. Team Composition

The maximum roster size of each team shall be twenty -(20) players. Each playing side shall consist of eleven (11) players, one of the players shall be the captain.

The captain shall provide the player nomination sheet consisting of names of the eleven (11) players plus one (1) SUPER SUB and maximum of ~~six-eight~~ (68) substitute fielders in writing to UMPIRES before the toss.

Umpire shall submit the nomination sheet to USPL Tournament Committee (Match Referee/Official)

No player (member of the playing eleven) may be changed after the toss without the consent of the opposing captain.

Only those nominated as substitute fielders shall be entitled to act as substitute fielders during the match.

All those nominated including those nominated as substitute fielders, must be eligible to play for that team and by such nominations the nominees shall warrant that they are eligible to participate in the USPL Tournament.

In addition, by their nomination, the nominees shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by all the applicable ICC/MCC and USPL Regulations pertaining to international cricket and in particular, the Clothing and Equipment Regulations, the Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel hereafter referred to as the USPL Code of Conduct and ICC Code of conduct, ICC Anti-Racism Code for Players and Player Support Personnel and ICC Anti-Doping Code and the Anti-Corruption Code.

8. Team Roster

Each team shall provide the Tournament Committee with a list with names and photos of the twenty (20) players (also known as “Team Squad” or “Roster”) from which the playing team shall be selected.

If any of the nominated 20 players is not available to participate in the tournament, players can be replaced by 12 ~~June~~June 2022.

The Team’s Squad shall be submitted to the Tournament Committee in writing or via email by ~~12 June~~12June, 2022

Once accepted and approved by the Tournament Committee, the squad shall be thereafter known as the “Approved Team Squad.”

No additional players may be added to participate in the Tournament after the Tournament starts (unless previously agreed to by Tournament Committee in good faith owing to accident, injury or some other unpredictable circumstances that the Tournament Committee deems as sufficient reason for the change).

Members of the fielding team who are not playing in the match and who are not acting as substitute fielders shall be required to wear a team training bib or different color shirt whilst on the playing area (including the area between the boundary and the perimeter fencing).

Players declared in the “Team Squad” for one team cannot be transferred to another team and/or play for any other team. If a player or the team is found to be breaking this rule, the player and the accepting team shall be disqualified from the tournament.

All players, umpires and or officials who are suspended or banned by ICC or their National or Local Governing Body (leagues) are prohibited from participating in the USPL Tournaments.

The player/player support personnel who have been suspended and/or banned in accordance with the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel are not allowed to participate in the tournament in any capacity.

9. Injured player replacement

Should a listed player on the Approved Team Squad become seriously injured or ill during the tournament, he may only be replaced on the squad if the injury or illness is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the tournament any further and the player’s current team does not have twelve (12) players to nominate for the match.

If this status is confirmed by the umpire and tournament committee, the injured or ill player may be replaced on the list of eighteen (18) players registered for participation in the final tournament pending approval from the Umpire and Tournament Committee.

Once the injured player replacement is approved, the injured player cannot participate in the tournament as a member of his current team or for any other team.

If the injured player does participate in the tournament, he shall be considered as an illegal player and the team he played for shall lose the match.

10. Pre-match requirements

Toss shall be done ~~forty-five~~fifteen (4515) minutes before the match start time. Before the toss, the captain shall submit the team nomination list to the Umpires coordinating the toss. After the toss players can't be changed.

All teams must play their scheduled match on the exact scheduled date and time. No request shall be entertained for amending the date and/or time.

All teams should arrive on the ground thirty (30) minutes before their match start time. If the team arrives late for the match or is unable to start the match at the scheduled date and time, Overs shall be reduced for the specific team only. The reduction shall be one (1) Over for every 4.5 (four and a half) minutes or fraction thereof.

11. Duration of a Match

The matches shall consist of one (1) innings per side and each innings shall be limited to twenty (20) Overs of six (6) fair deliveries each. The total time to bowl twenty (20) Overs per inning is 1 Hour and 25 minutes (4.25 minutes/Over or eighty-five (85) minutes total).

Unless explicitly stated by the Tournament Committee and agreed upon by the captains of the sides and the umpires, the break between innings of the side shall be no more than fifteen (15) minutes.

A minimum of five (5) Overs must be bowled to the team batting second to constitute a match, unless a result has been reached earlier.

Teams shall not declare their innings close.

All matches shall start and end on time, unless a result has been reached earlier.

Allotted Overs in each inning must be completed within the specified allotted time at the overall rate of 4.25 minutes an Over. In case of Overs remain to be bowled at the scheduled time of close of innings (in either inning), umpires at their discretion may close the inning.

Umpires shall use ICC's Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method to calculate the target for the 2nd inning. Overs in the second inning cannot be more than the maximum allowed Overs of first innings. The DLS method shall also be used in case of any scheduled or unscheduled interruptions.

12. The Toss

The captains shall toss for the choice of innings, on the field of play and in the presence of the USPL Official Umpires who shall supervise the toss. Due to COVID-19 at the Umpires' discretion, the toss may take place in green room and not on the field of play.

The toss shall take place not earlier than forty-five (45) minutes, no later than thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled or any re-scheduled time for the match to start.

The captain of the side winning the toss must notify the opposing captain as soon as the toss is completed of his decision to bat or to field.

12.1. Delayed Start due to late Arrival of the team

Whether batting first or second, the offending team is not entitled to the number of Overs that are lost during the delay. A team that is not late shall receive full twenty (20) Overs for batting (first or second).

For example, If the delay is twenty (20) minutes in a regular match, then the maximum number of Overs allotted for the offending team shall be reduced to $(85 - 20)/4.25 = 15.294$ or 16 Overs. In the case of a fraction, the Overs shall be rounded up.

There is an upper limit of ten (10) Overs of penalty. The offending team who is penalized a maximum of ten (10) Overs when batting, shall still bowl their full quota of allotted Overs.

In case the allotted Overs are reduced for a team, the Power Play Overs shall be adjusted accordingly. The delay and the appropriate penalty for the offending team shall be at the discretion of the umpires.

13. Rained out situation and unexpected delays

If tournament is affected by rain or unexpected delays following rules may be applied:

- The two days following the scheduled day of the final are reserved as rainout days in case the tournament is affected by the rain and full day of play is rained out.
- In case of rain or unexpected delays affect the day, matches may be played with reduced Overs.
- If full day is lost due to rain or unexpected delays, all remaining matches in the round robin stage may be played with reduced Overs as determined by the Tournament Committee.
- If tournament is affected by the rain or unexpected delays for more than a day or two, tournament may be extended by one (1) or two (2) days to ensure the completion of the tournament.

14. Tournament Committee's Decision

Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the schedule as needed.

The Tournament Committee shall make the decision on all situations arising from this document and other unforeseen circumstances and the decision shall be final and binding on all associated parties.

The committee's decision is final and binding on its absolute discretion to impose any penalty by way of warning and/or fine and/or reprimand and/or suspend the participants in respect of the tournament.

15. Prize Money

Teams that qualify to receive prize money must be present at prize distribution ceremony at the conclusion of the tournament with at least nine (9) of the team's players dressed in team uniform to

collect the prizes. Failure to comply with this guideline shall result in the team forfeiting the prize money.

The US Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires us to collect a W9 from each of the prize winners.

15.1. Tournament rained out or washed out

No refunds of the entry fee or distribution of prize money shall be possible if the tournament is whole tournament is rained out before semi-finals.

**Signature of Captain/Team Manager/Owner agreement on Match
playing & waiver conditions**

**TOURNAMENT RULES/PLAYING CONDITIONS & WAIVER
AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in US Premier League (USPL) sports program, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USPL their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THE TOURNAMENT RULES, PLAYING CONDITION AND THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY. I AGREE WITH THE RULES/PLAYING CONDITIONS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

(Captain/Manager/Owner Signature)

DATE SIGNED: _____