

BIG4'S BACKYARD CRICKET GUIDE

BATTING

- The batter cannot be dismissed on the first ball (everyone deserves a second chance).
- If you hit the ball into any designated out-of-bounds area, you are out.
- If you 'nick' the ball and are caught, do the honourable thing and 'walk' (BIG4 Holiday Parks are not equipped with 'Snicko' technology, sorry).
- Retire when you notch up 25 runs (no-one wants to see a hog).
- There is no such thing as LBW in park cricket (who wants to umpire when you can be batting instead?).
- If Nanna is batting, Nanna is not out until Nanna is good and ready to be out (remember who buys you lollies when your mum or dad say 'no').
- Regular dismissal methods apply: bowled, caught, run out, hit wicket, etc.



FIELDING

- The 'one hand, once bounce' rule applies.
- If it looks like there's a runout, the batter's fate comes down to a majority vote.
- You can catch the ball with your hat or cap (it's more fun that way).
- Fielders (including the wicketkeeper) rotate in a clockwise direction to eventually have a turn to bowl.
- If Nanna said she caught the ball, then she caught it. Don't argue.
- Automatic wicky applies, where necessary



BOWLING

- Only use a tennis ball or a similarly soft-coated ball in a BIG4 park.
- Tape can be applied to the ball to assist with swing (and besides, it looks really professional).
- Bowlers are permitted up to a 10-ball over before they need to swap with another player (let someone else have a turn).
- Bowlers rotate in a clockwise direction, based on where each player is fielding.
- You can't go straight from batting to bowling (that's just being greedy).
- If Nanna wants to bowl, the current bowler is to hand Nanna the ball immediately.
- Normal bowling rules apply (wides, no-balls, no throwing, etc.).



GENERAL

Before you get stuck into the action, have a word with park staff about the best spot to play cricket, if it's not immediately obvious.

The boundaries of your cricket field must take into account such factors as commonsense, safety, and the privacy of non-playing guests.

A standard set of stumps can be substituted for any suitable object however big or small it is (no whingeing; it's the same for everyone). Park staff might have a wheelie bin you can use for stumps, if you ask them nicely.

No sledging is allowed (take it easy; this is not the Ashes).

Perhaps ask your neighbours if they'd like to play as well (the more, the merrier).

Have fun.

