



CRICKET TRIVIA CARD GAME

The Ultimate Test of Cricket Knowledge

PLAYERS: 2–22 players (plus optional scorer/adjudicator)

GAME SETUP

1. PREPARE THE BOWLING CARDS

Arrange bowling cards picture-side up by their 11 delivery styles (e.g., Yorker, Bouncer, Off-spin).

QUICK PLAY TIP: Combine all bowling cards into a single shuffled stack for random selection.

2. PREPARE THE BATTING CARDS

Arrange batting cards picture-side up by their corresponding categories:

- 11 delivery style responses (matching the bowling cards)
- 1 Free Hit category

Shuffle each batting card stack separately.

3. PREPARE THE UMPIRE CARDS

Shuffle the umpire cards and place them face-down in the center of play.

4. CHOOSE YOUR MATCH FORMAT

Decide the match length (recommended: 5–20 overs per innings).

- **1 over = 6 balls (cards)**, unless extras are bowled (Wides or No Balls extend the over)

5. FORM TEAMS & TOSS

- Divide players into two teams (11 players each)
 - Toss a coin—winner chooses to bat or bowl first
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HOW TO PLAY

STARTING AN OVER

The Bowling Team:

1. Select one player to bowl the over
2. The bowler draws a card from their chosen delivery style (or from the combined stack)
3. Read the question aloud, followed by the three answer options

The Batting Team:

1. Select one or two players to bat (if using two batters, they alternate strike after odd runs or at the end of each over)
 2. The batter on strike decides: **Answer or Leave**
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WHEN THE BATTER LEAVES THE BALL

- The batter passes without answering
- **Result:** Dot ball recorded
- Play continues with the next delivery

WHEN THE BATTER ANSWERS

INCORRECT ANSWER:

- **OUT! Bowled**
- The batter is dismissed and a new batter comes to the crease
- If all batters are out, the innings ends

CORRECT ANSWER:

1. The batter draws a card from the **matching batting style** (e.g., if a Bouncer was bowled, draw from Batting Bouncer cards)
2. Read the result aloud
3. Apply the outcome:

- **Runs scored** (1, 2, 3, 4, 6, etc.)
 - **Dot ball** (no runs)
 - **Wicket** (batter dismissed)
 - **Wide** (1 run awarded + extra ball)
 - **No Ball** (1 run awarded + extra ball + Free Hit)
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SPECIAL SITUATIONS

NO BALL:

- 1 run awarded to the batting team
- Bowl an extra ball (over extends beyond 6 balls)
- The batter draws a **Free Hit card** for the next delivery
- **On a Free Hit:** The batter cannot be dismissed (except run out)

WIDE:

- 1 run awarded to the batting team
- Bowl an extra ball (over extends beyond 6 balls)

CHANGING ENDS:

- If two batters are playing, they swap ends after scoring an odd number of runs (1, 3, 5, etc.)
- Batters automatically swap ends at the completion of each over

"TRAP" QUESTIONS:

- Some questions contain NO correct answer among the three options
 - In these cases, "**None of those**" is the correct response
 - Pay close attention to the wording!
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COMPLETING AN INNINGS

An innings ends when:

- All overs have been bowled, OR
- All batters are dismissed (10 wickets down in a full team)

At the end of the first innings:

- Teams switch roles (batting team bowls, bowling team bats)
 - The second team attempts to chase the target score
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WINNING THE MATCH

- **Highest score wins**
- If scores are tied after both innings, consider a Super Over or declare a tie

GAME TIPS

- ✓ **Team conferring is encouraged** – Batters can discuss answers before responding
- ✓ **Simplified scoring:** For casual play, track only total runs and wickets without a detailed scorebook
- ✓ **Appoint a scorer/adjudicator:** A non-playing member can verify answers, maintain the scorebook, and settle disputes
- ✓ **Adjust difficulty:** Choose specific bowling styles based on player knowledge levels, or mix all cards for variety

QUICK REFERENCE SUMMARY

Action	Result
Batter leaves the ball	Dot ball
Incorrect answer	OUT – Bowled
Correct answer	Draw matching batting card → Apply result
Wide bowled	+1 run, extra ball
No Ball bowled	+1 run, extra ball, Free Hit next
6 balls completed	Change bowler (new over)
All batters out OR overs complete	Innings ends

Now grab your cards, test your cricket knowledge, and may the best team win! 🏏