



Simple Rounders Rules



The Game

- Each team has 9 players on the field at a time. They can have a maximum of 15 players and a minimum of 6 players. A mixed sex team should have no more than 5 male players.
- Teams take turns batting and fielding. The game is played over 2 innings (each team bats once per inning).
- Each inning lasts until 9 batters are out, or until 30 good balls have been bowled. (whichever comes first). A good ball is between the batter's knee and head and within reach to hit.

Batting



- The ball is bowled underarm to the batter.
- The batter gets one good ball to hit.
- The batter must run if they hit the ball or miss a good ball.
- If the batter 'Backwards Hit' the ball, they must stay at first until the ball is back in play.
- Batters can hold the bat one, or two-handed.
- Batters must run around the outside of each post, unless obstructed by a fielder.



Scoring

- 1 Rounder: Run around all 4 posts without getting stumped or caught out.
- ½ Rounder: Reaching 2nd post or for reaching 4th post without hitting the ball.
- Penalty ½ Rounder:
 - If the bowler throws two consecutive no balls to the same batter.*
 - If a fielder obstructs any batter whilst on their running track.*
 - If the backstop over-steps their line before the batter has received the ball.*
 - If a batter deliberately deflects the ball or obstructs a fielder.*
- No score if you are stumped out at any post as the live batter.

Getting Out



- Caught out: Fielder catches the ball before it hits the ground.
- Stumped out: Fielder touches the post with the ball or hand holding the ball before the batter gets to the post ahead of them.
- Stepping over the front or the back of the batter's box.
- Overtaking the batter ahead of you on the running track.
- Contact: Batters must maintain contact when waiting at a post.



No Balls

- Above the natural head height or below the natural knee height of the batter.
- Too wide to reach or bowled at the batter's body.
- If the bowler's foot is outside the square whilst holding the ball.
- If it bounces on its way to the batter.

Safety



- Waiting batters must stay in the backwards area away from 4th post.
- Batters must not throw the bat when running around the track.
- Fielders and batters must not put their feet on the base of the post.
- Suitable footwear should be worn, running spikes are not permitted.



Winning

- The team with the most Rounders after both innings wins!

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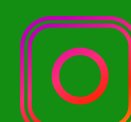
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