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Maryland Youth Cricket Association

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Cricket Fun Facts:

The 2007 Cricket World Cup was televised in over 200 countries to over 2.2 billion viewers.

Australia has won the last three Cricket World Cups (2007, 2003, 1999).

The greatest cricket player today is India's *Sachin Tendulkar*, who is only 5'5" tall. He has scored over 30,000 runs in international play.

Of the fielders, only the wicketkeeper wears gloves; the others catch batted balls with their bare hands.

Professional cricket is played in three varieties, based on the number of overs: Test, One Day International and Twenty20.

Some bowlers throw at over 100 mph. The professional Indian Premier League lasts for only six-weeks each spring, but its players are some of the richest in sports, making an annualized average of \$5 million each year, second only to the NBA.

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Rules of Cricket

- The object of the game is to score more runs than the opposing team.
- A match is played between two teams with each team having eleven players.
- One team fields while the other team is the batting side.
- The fielding team bowls the cricket ball at the batter who tries to hit the ball with their bat. The fielding team tries to get the batters out while the batting team is trying to score as many runs as they can without getting out.
- When the two batters cross over to each other's wicket, they have scored one run for their team. Batters may choose to run on any ball whether it is hit or not.
- One bowler will bowl what is called 'an over.' On over consists of 6 thrown balls.
- Non-striking batter waits level with and to the side of the 'running crease' and may not interfere with any bowled ball.
- If a ball is hit to the boundary along the ground it is worth 4 runs. If a ball is hit over the boundary it is worth six runs.
- When all of the batters are out except one, they must switch around and become the bowling team. This is because there must be two batters not out at the same time (a partnership) to continue batting.
- Batters may be gotten out by being bowled, a batted ball being caught, run out, stumped, or leg before wicket.