

HCL Saturday Open Tournament 2010

RULES & REGULATIONS

Saturday Open Tournament Committee

Saturday Open Tournament (SOT) is organized by the Saturday Open Tournament Committee (SOTC) of the Houston Cricket League. The decisions of this committee will be final and binding on all parties involved. Any rule clarifications or issues must be notified to the SOTC.

SOTC Members

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Code of Conduct

- The captains specifically and players generally are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws & regulations.
- Players and Officials shall not at any time engage in conduct which could bring them or the HCL into disrepute.
- Players and Captains must at all times accept the Umpire's decision.
- Players must not show dissent at the Umpire's decision.
- Players and Team Officials shall not intimidate assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an Umpire, another Player or a Spectator.
- Players and Team Officials shall not use crude or abusive language or make offensive gestures.
- Any conduct violations must be reported to SOTC for appropriate actions. SOTC has the right to suspend any team or individual for any such violations.
- All teams highly encouraged to resolve any issues in a friendly manner since this tournament is to develop the game rather than competition and all the five teams will make it to playoff.

Fees

- All fees must be received by the HCL treasurer, no later than the first game.

Schedule & Timings

- ❑ Games will be scheduled on Saturdays
- ❑ Morning games should start by 10am and Afternoon games should start by 2pm.
- ❑ A team not present on the ground (with 7 players minimum), or unable to start the game within an hour from start time, will forfeit the match, if demanded by the opposing side.
- ❑ If both teams decide to start play early or late with out affecting other games, SOTC will have no objection to that if SOTC was informed before the game day.
- ❑ If both teams decide to postpone the game SOTC will have no objection to that if SOTC was informed before the game day. In this case, both teams will be responsible to play the game on or before the last regular round.
- ❑ A game will be considered as cancelled and no points will be awarded for both teams if the teams fail to play the game as scheduled.
- ❑ Over reduction for any delay should follow HCL Summer rules which should reduce one over while batting for every five minutes for the team caused the delay.

Ground Preparation

- ❑ Home teams as posted in schedule are responsible to setup the wickets, boundaries and have these ready before the start of the game.
- ❑ Home team will forfeit the game if the ground is not ready within an hour from the set game start time if demanded by the Visiting side.
- ❑ Any delay by Home team in this should reduce their batting overs as per the guideline

Umpiring

- ❑ Umpires should be provided by the batting side
- ❑ If any two teams prefer to have neutral umpires at their own cost, SOTC will not be held responsible for any action of the umpires (decisions, no show etc.). Please contact Masood Ahmed (masood782002@yahoo.com) for help with arranging umpires for your match and kindly allow him enough notice.

Scores & Points

- ❑ Both teams are responsible to post the scores in HCL Forum at the website www.houstoncricket.org by the Thursday following the game. Failure to do so will result in non consideration for performance awards and playoffs.
- ❑ Points System – Win: 6 points, Tie: 4 Points, No-Result: 3 points
- ❑ If more than one team is tied in a group standings, then the group ranking will be determined in the order as follows:
 1. Head-to-Head (applies only for two team ties)
 2. More number of wins

3. Less number of defeats
4. Net run rate
5. Toss of a coin

Cricket Balls

- ❑ Only cricket balls with “Houston Cricket League” stamp are allowed

Game Format & Conditions

- ❑ All games will consist of 24 six-ball overs
- ❑ Following are excluded: 30-yard circles, power-plays & Free hits
- ❑ Maximum of only five fielders are allowed on the leg side and maximum of two fielders are allowed behind the batting wicket on the legside.
- ❑ Maximum of four overs allowed to each bowler
- ❑ Minimum of 12 overs must be completed for a result.
- ❑ Each team will be comprised of 11 players.
- ❑ Each team should submit a 16 player roster to SOTC after their sixth game.
- ❑ On following conditions a player will be considered as “ineligible player” if a player plays in the eleven who is not in the roster after game six & playoffs
- ❑ Penalty for ineligible player: First violation will get the player suspended for the following game week. Second violation will suspend the player for the rest of the SOTC season.
- ❑ Penalty for team using ineligible player: Team at fault will forfeit the game

Teams

Following are the teams participating with contacts

Team Name	Contact#1	Contact#2
Cavaliers Cricket Club CCC	<i>Vivek Ayepalayam</i> (832)721-5825 vivekaye_r@hotmail.com	<i>Anand Vidhyasekaran</i> (832) 816-3245 anand.vidhyasekaran@gmail.com
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Winter Alliance CC CHARGERS	<i>Varun Muthyala</i> (734) 657-7571 varunscool@gmail.com	
Winter Alliance CC ROCK	<i>Amar Chandok</i> (832)752-2135 amarchandak@yahoo.com	
Winter Alliance CC GYMKHANA	<i>Barkat Ali</i> (281)250-1937	<i>Riffat Bari</i> (713) 530-7373 rbari@windstream.net

Regular Rounds

- ❖ Each team will play two game against other teams
- ❖ Top four teams will proceed to Playoff Semi-finals

Play-Offs

- Playoff schedule will start immediately after the regular round completion.
- Quarter-finals: #4 v #5
- Semi-finals: #1 v Winner of QF, #2 v #3
- A player must be in the roster to represent a team in the play-offs. A team will forfeit the game if it violates this rule.
- All playoff violations must be reported by the opponent team to the SOTC by the Tuesday following the game day.
- SOT will provide the cricket balls these rounds.
- SOT will appoint & pay for the umpire at the playoffs. Leg Umpire will be assigned by batting side unless both teams willing to pay for additional umpire.

Schedule

All games will be played in HCL-E ground.

Games must start without delay in HCL-W if HCL-E is not available.

HCL can change the ground assignment within Katy grounds for any game with short notice.

	9am Morning	2pm Afternoon
Saturday, March 13, 2010	CCC v BICC	
Saturday, March 20, 2010		ROCK v GYMKHANA
Saturday, March 27, 2010	CHARGERS v BICC	
Saturday, April 03, 2010	Easter Sunday	
Saturday, April 10, 2010		ROCK v CCC
Saturday, April 17, 2010	GYMKHANA v CHARGERS	
Saturday, April 24, 2010	GYMKHANA v CCC	ROCK v BICC
Saturday, May 01, 2010	GYMKHANA v BICC	
Saturday, May 08, 2010	BICC v GYMKHANA	ROCK v CHARGERS
Saturday, May 15, 2010	CCC v CHARGERS	
Saturday, May 22, 2010	BICC v CHARGERS	GYMKHANA v ROCK
Saturday, May 29, 2010	Memorial Day	
Saturday, June 05, 2010		CCC v ROCK
Saturday, June 12, 2010	CHARGERS v CCC	
Saturday, June 19, 2010		BICC v ROCK
Saturday, June 26, 2010	CCC v GYMKHANA	
Saturday, July 03, 2010	Independence day	
Saturday, July 10, 2010	BICC v CCC	CHARGERS v ROCK
Saturday, July 17, 2010	CHARGERS v GYMKHANA	
Saturday, July 24, 2010	Playoffs	
Saturday, July 31, 2010		