



**5IVES  
CRICKET**

“5IVES Cricket is a unique, innovative and well thought out limited overs cricket product which has the potential to excite cricket lovers and players worldwide, without tampering with the basics of the game.” - Ali Bacher



### Why don't more people watch cricket?

It only gets exciting towards the end of the game. Consequently many people find it dull and boring and feel that the game is too long. The Twenty20 solution is to shorten the length of a game so you get to the more exciting closing stages more quickly. This approach addresses a symptom of the problem (the game is too long). We need to address the actual problem (the game is not exciting enough).

### Cricket is not like any other sports game!

You do not know who is winning now. It is a form of judgment (overs, runs, wickets, pitch conditions etc) which only gets closer to a “head to head” situation towards the end of the game.

### What cricket needs

Excitement and tension throughout the game (not just in the closing stages). To achieve this you must be able to see who is winning NOW! Sports fans want to see who is winning the race, not a race against the clock. Cricket needs a genuine head-to-head contest.

### What is 5IVES Cricket?

The ultimate head-to-head limited-overs cricket contest. You can see who is winning NOW? It brings the game alive creating the energy and atmosphere that sports fans crave.

### How 5IVES Cricket works?

A few unique playing conditions transform the game into a genuine head-to-head contest:

- Both side's single innings are split into multiple “innings splits”. The “not out” batsmen at the end of a side's innings split resume batting at the start of their side's next innings split.
- The side batting first in each successive innings split alternates.
- To facilitate changeovers (when sides change batting/fielding roles) a 12th and 13th man may field for any portion of a fielding session instead of the two “not out” batsmen.
- If rain prevents the normal completion of the match the winner is based on the actual score after the latest completed ball by both sides, subject to completing a minimum number of overs.

Without compromising the integrity of the game; there are 11 players in a side, the batting side is “all out” after losing 10 wickets, and the side with the most runs wins the game.



## Example of a 50 over match with 10 innings splits of 5 overs each

- Alternate which side bats first in each innings split
- 10 over sessions (except 1st and last)
- 11 sessions

Split	Side A batting	Side B batting
1 <sup>st</sup>	5 overs (1-5)	5 overs (6-10)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 overs (16-20)	5 overs (11-15)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 overs (21-25)	5 overs (26-30)
4 <sup>th</sup>	5 overs (36-40)	5 overs (31-35)
5 <sup>th</sup>	5 overs (41-45)	5 overs (46-50)
6 <sup>th</sup>	5 overs (56-60)	5 overs (51-55)
7 <sup>th</sup>	5 overs (61-65)	5 overs (66-70)
8 <sup>th</sup>	5 overs (76-80)	5 overs (71-75)
9 <sup>th</sup>	5 overs (81-85)	5 overs (86-90)
10 <sup>th</sup>	5 overs (96-100)	5 overs (91-95)

Alternating the side batting first each successive innings split halves the number of changeovers and therefore doubles the session time without allowing a side to ever get more than half a batting session ahead of the other.

## Other valuable enhancements

A genuine head-to-head contest bringing the game alive is the key. But 5IVES Cricket offers even more:

- It removes the bias inherent in the “toss”
- It removes the need for Duckworth Lewis
- Fewer washouts.
- A revolutionary points system rewarding the right combination of victory, winning margin, and entertainment offered.

Points awarded for the league stage of any tournament:

- Points for winning the match = 2 x (the total number of innings splits), plus
- 1 bonus point for winning each innings split (except the last scheduled split). The winner of a split is the side scoring the most runs in that split. Incomplete innings split bonus points are awarded to the winner of the match.

## Optimal number of innings splits

The playing conditions can be applied to any length innings split. The most attractive splits are either 5 over splits or 5 equal innings splits. Introducing just two innings splits will not produce a genuine head-to-head contest.

## A simple head-to-head scoreboard shows who is winning NOW!

Displays:

- score of the side that has batted more balls.
- latest comparative score – who is winning the race NOW!
- bonus points.

Example: 7th innings split, Side B batting first 163/3 (33.2 overs)

Overs	Side A	Side B	Lead
33.2		163/3	
30	144/2	140/3	Side A by 4

Example: 7th innings split, Side A batting second 171/3 (34.1 overs)

Overs	Side A	Side B	Lead
35		178/4	
34.1	171/3	173/3	Side B by 2

The score of the team currently batting is highlighted and this row needs to be updated after each ball.