CHICAGO PREMIER
CRICKET
LEAGUE

# 2026 CHICAGO CUP

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# TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- Teams to arrange their own home grounds for League phase; Organizers will arrange for playoff matches
- Teams will play matches in home ground/ away ground – approx. 50% allocation across teams
- A total of 10 league matches will be scheduled. And each team will receive 10 umpiring assignments as well.

# TOURNAMENT FORMAT (CONTD.)

- Teams are divided into 2 groups of 10 teams each
- Matches will be played by teams within their group; and one match will be played with the same seeded team from other group
- Playoff plan:
  - Top 4 from each group will go to Championship playoffs
  - Top 5-6 from the group with go to Gold Plate playoffs

# ROAD TO PLAYOFFS

**League**

Group A
10 Teams

Group A
10 Teams

**Playoff Qualification**

Top 4
Group A

Top 4
Group B

Top 5-6
Group A

Top 5-6
Group B

**Ranking**

Top 8
Group AB

Top – 1-8
Group AB

Top 9-12
Group AB

Top 9-12
Group AB

**Playoff Matchups**

Quarters

TOP 1 VS TOP 8
TOP 2 VS TOP 7
TOP 3 VS TOP 6
TOP 4 VS TOP 5

Semis

TOP 1-8 VS TOP 4-5
TOP2-7 VS TOP 3-6

Final

Winners of semis

Semis

TOP 9 VS TOP 12
TOP 10 VS TOP 11

Final

Winners of semis

# KEY DATES

- Tournament start date: **April 18, 2026**
- Tournament end date: **July end/ early August**
- Teams may get one bye-week (assigned randomly) during the league phase
- No matches scheduled on following weekends –
  - May 22-23 (Memorial Day weekend)
  - July 3-5 (Independence Day weekend)
- Playoff matches may be scheduled back-to-back on Saturday, Sunday

# TOURNAMENT AWARDS

- Champions Trophy + $1250
- Finalists Trophy + $750
- MVP Tournament Trophy + $ 200
- Best Batsman Trophy + $ 150
- Best Bowler Trophy + $ 150
- MVP Finals Trophy + $50
- Man of the Match awards (TBD)
- GOLD Plate Champions & Finalists Trophy

# KEY RULES

## BASICS

- All matches to be played 20-20 format
  - 4 overs – power play at start
  - 2 overs - batting power play
- 4 over maximum per bowler per game
- 25 per team roster; update roster and sign waiver by April 31st, else will be removed from roster
- All updates to roster through CPCL Management upto the end of the league phase. No additions to roster allowed beyond that day
- Min 3 league games to be eligible to play either of the playoffs (out of which at least TWO match should be non rained out game)

## WEEKLY TO-DO'S

- Roster updates, if any, before Thursday of the week
- Ensure match is completed in scoring app (Cricclubs)
- Man of the Match is selected (by the winning team)
- Share pictures of –
  - Winning team
  - Losing team
  - Man of the match
  - Potential award winner
  - Key performers
  - Umpires

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# TEAMS GROUPING

| Group A | Group B |
|---|---|
| Titans | Illinois Thunder |
| Headstrong XI | Chargers |
| Schaumburg Champions | Team Royals |
| Apollo XI | Wrecking Wolves |
| Rookies | MCC |
| Psychos | Stonebridge CC |
| Sunrise 11 | Street Smashers |
| Chicago Warriors | MG Strikers |
| Deccan Charger | Smashers XI |
| Illinois Thunderbirds | Chicago Lions |

# WHAT'S NEXT

## TEAMS

- Update/ verify Home ground details (4/10/2026)
- Provide preferences (4/11/2026)
- Collect information on residents of Schaumburg, Buffalo Grove, Vernon Township (4/15/2026)
- Collect match balls (April 16 and beyond)
- Update roster with correct pictures (4/30/2026)
- Complete waiver acknowledgements (4/30/2026)

## ORGANIZERS

- Share links for wavier acknowledgements (TODAY)
- Publish 2026 Rulebook (Week of April 13th)
- Publish schedule (as discussed will publish for first 2 weeks; and then follow it up with full remaining league schedule)

# THANK YOU