



CHICAGO PREMIER
CRICKET
LEAGUE

2026 CPCL PREMIERE 1515

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TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- A total of 7 matches will be scheduled. And each team will receive 7 umpiring assignments as well.
- All grounds will be arranged by Organizers. Grounds booked/ under discussion include the following –
 - Vernon Hills Township – Saturdays/ Sundays
 - Schaumburg – Hoover Elementary – Saturdays
 - Commissioners Park – Saturdays/ Sundays
 - Woodridge - Sundays
- Timely start and end of the match. 2.15/2.30 hr match windows

TOURNAMENT FORMAT (CONTD.)

- Teams are divided into 4 groups, 2 groups of 8 teams and 2 groups of 7 teams each
 - For the 8 teams' groups - matches will be played with teams from within the group
 - For the 7 teams' groups - matches will be played with teams across the group
- Playoff plan:
 - For the 8 teams groups – Top 4 teams from each group will go to the Championship playoffs; Team ranked 5 from each group will go Gold plate playoffs
 - For the 7 teams groups – all teams will be ranked together at the end of league phase and Top 8 teams will go to the Championship playoffs; Teams ranked 9-10 will go to Gold plate playoffs

Top 16 teams picked for the Championship playoffs will be ranked based on points and run rate to identify their relative ranking and their Championship playoff opponents will be as listed.

The 4 teams identified for the Gold plate playoffs will be ranked based on points and run rate to identify their relative ranking and their Gold Plate playoff opponents will be as listed.



ROAD TO PLAYOFFS

League

Group A
8 Teams

Group B
7 Teams

Group C
7 Teams

Group D
8 Teams

Playoff Qualification

Top 4
Group A

Top 5
Group A

Top 8
Group BC

Top 9-10
Group BC

Top 4
Group D

Top 5
Group D

Ranking

Top 1-16
Group ABCD

Top 17-20
Group ABCD

Playoff Matchups

Category	Championship Playoffs			Gold Plate Playoffs		
Round 1 Playoffs	Team 16	Team 1	Winner Qualifier 1			
	Team 15	Team 2	Winner Qualifier 2			
	Team 14	Team 3	Winner Qualifier 3			
	Team 13	Team 4	Winner Qualifier 4			
	Team 12	Team 5	Winner Qualifier 5			
	Team 11	Team 6	Winner Qualifier 6			
	Team 10	Team 7	Winner Qualifier 7	Team 20	Team 17	Winner GP SF 1
	Team 9	Team 8	Winner Qualifier 8	Team 19	Team 18	Winner GP SF 2
Round 2 Playoffs	Winner Qualifier 8	Winner Qualifier 1	Winner QF 1			
	Winner Qualifier 7	Winner Qualifier 2	Winner QF 2			
	Winner Qualifier 6	Winner Qualifier 3	Winner QF 3			
	Winner Qualifier 5	Winner Qualifier 4	Winner QF 4			
Round 3 Playoffs	Winner QF 4	Winner QF 1	Winner SF1			
	Winner QF 3	Winner QF 2	Winner SF2			
Round 4 Playoffs	Winner SF2	Winner SF1	CHAMPION	Winner GP SF 2	Winner GP SF 1	GOLD PLATE WINNER

KEY DATES

- Tournament start date: **Aug 1, 2026**
- Tournament end date: **October 2026**
- Teams may get one/more bye-week during the league phase; OR have one weekend of 2 matches
- No matches scheduled on following weekends
 - Sep 5-6 Labour Day weekend
- Playoff matches may be scheduled back-to-back on Saturday, Sunday



TOURNAMENT AWARDS

- Champions Trophy + \$1250
- Finalists Trophy + \$750
- MVP Tournament Trophy + \$ 150
- Best Batsman Trophy + \$ 100
- Best Bowler Trophy + \$ 100
- MVP Finals Trophy + \$50
- Man of the Match award for each match
- GOLD Plate Champions & Finalists Trophy

KEY RULES

BASICS

- All matches to be played 15-15 format
 - 3 overs – power play at start
- 3 over maximum per bowler per game
- 25 per team roster; update roster and sign waiver by Aug 23rd, 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 **one** 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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POINT TO REMEMBER

UMPIRING ASSIGNMENT MISS

- Link to report missed umpiring
- Teams doing umpiring on behalf of a missed umpire, will be paid \$50 (shared amongst the two teams, if both teams are standing in for the missed umpire)
- Reporting deadlines will be there, and point deduction, where applicable will be happening on a weekly basis

CODE OF CONDUCT

- Publish code of conduct (along with the rule book)
- Define penalties for the player & team for un-sportsman like conduct

TEAMS GROUPING

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
FALCONS CC	HEADSTRONG XI	CHICAGO BULLS	ILLINOIS THUNDER
TEAM ROYALS	AURORA WARRIORS	KERALA STRIKERS	SHARKS
SHORELINERS	CHICAGO CENTAURS	BHARAT CRICKET CLUB	KENSHIRE PANTHERS
SHARKS BLUE	CHICAGO HAWKS	WINDY CITY STRIKERS	KNIGHT WOLVES
NAPERVILLE KNIGHTS	KERALA KINGS	CHICAGO CHALLENGERS	CRUSADERS
FRIENDS CRICKET CLUB	99ERS	CHICAGO INDIANS	VICTORS
SAWGRASS STRIKERS	CHICAGO VIKINGS	FALCONS	CHICAGO SPARTANS
CHICAGO LOCALS			ROYAL CHALLENGERS CHICAGO

WHAT'S NEXT

TEAMS

- Collect match balls
- Update roster with correct pictures (8/23/2026)
- Complete waiver acknowledgements (8/23/2026)

ORGANIZERS

- Share links for waiver acknowledgements
- Publish 2026 CPCL PREMIERE 1515 Rulebook
- Publish schedule (weekly by Wednesday for first three weeks and full schedule by August 20th)

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