**Simplified Rounders Rules**

TEAMS

• Games are played between two teams. Each team has 9 players, including at least 3 girls, on the pitch

• Games to be played with one innings of a stipulated number of good balls (ie not no-balls)

BATTING

• Wait in the backward area well away from 4th post

• If out, wait in the backward area well away from 1st post

• Batter can use 2 hands

• You can take a no ball and score in the usual way, but once you reach 1st post you cannot return. You cannot be caught out or stumped out at 1st post on a no ball

NO BALLS

• Not a smooth underarm action

• Ball is above head or below knee

• Ball bounces on way to you

• Wide or straight at body

• The bowler’s foot is outside the square during the bowling action

RUNNING AROUND THE TRACK

• If you stop at a post you must keep contact with the post, with hand or bat. If you don’t the fielding side can stump the following post to put you out

• You can run on to a post even if it has been previously stumped (you don’t score if the post immediately ahead has been stumped)

• When the bowler has the ball in the bowling square you cannot move on, but if you are between posts you can carry on to the next

• You cannot have two batters at a post. The Umpire will ask the first to run on when the second one makes contact

• At a post you do not have to move on for every ball bowled

• Once in contact with the post, you may turn the corner over the 2 metre line. If you turn the corner during a run and there is no contact with the post you will be deemed to have turned the corner and must run on

• You can move on as soon as the ball leaves the Bowler’s hand, including no balls

• You must touch 4th post on getting home

SCORING

• 1 Rounder if ball is hit and 4th post is reached and touched before next ball is bowled

• 1 Rounder if ball is hit and 4th post is reached on a no ball (you can’t be caught out on a no ball)

• ½ Rounder if 4th post reached without hitting the ball

• ½ Rounder if ball is hit and 2nd or 3rd post reached and touched before next ball is bowled - but if you continue this run and are put out before reaching 4th post, the score will be forfeited

• Penalty ½ Rounder for an obstruction by a fielder

• Penalty ½ rounder for 2 consecutive no balls to same batter

• You can score in the normal way on a backward hit but must remain at 1st post while the ball is in the backward area

• The team with the highest number of Rounders wins

• Penalty ½ rounder to fielding team if waiting batters or batters out obstruct a fielder

OUT WHEN

• Caught

• Foot over front/back line of batting square before hitting or missing a ball

• Running inside post (unless obstructed)

• The post you are running to is stumped

• You overtake another batter on the track

• You obstruct (you have right of way on track only)

• Deliberately throw or drop bat

• Side out

• If ordered to make and maintain contact with the post and refuse to do so

• You lose contact with the post when the bowler has the ball and is in the square (except on an over run)

• You lose contact with the post during the bowler’s action but before they release the ball