



Cricket Has Been Added To The 2014 Rocky Mountain State Games For Adults To Enjoy

Colorado Springs, April 21-----History says that the internationally-popular sport of Cricket dates back to the Tudor era in 16th century England.

Well now, it's an official sport in the 2014 Rocky Mountain State Games, and Adult athletes who enjoy the sport, which millions of Americans sometimes refer to it as a sort of Baseball, which it's not.

The Sports Corp is partnering with the **Colorado Springs Cricket Club** to stage the new event. The new sport's Commissioner is Raymond Mascarenhas..

The Rocky Mountain State Games (RMSG) is Colorado's largest sports festival for athletes of all ages and athletic abilities including those with physical disabilities or visual impairment. Recognized by the National Congress of State Games, a member of the United States Olympic Committee, the **2014 Rocky Mountain State Games** will be held **July 18-20 & 25-27**, in Colorado Springs.



Cricket is a bat and ball game, played between two teams of eleven players each. One team bats, attempting to score runs, while the other bowls and fields the ball, attempting to restrict the scoring and dismiss the batsmen. The objective of the game is for a team to score more runs than its opponent. In some forms of cricket, it may also be necessary to dismiss the opposition in order to win the match, which would otherwise be drawn.

A cricket match is divided into periods called *innings*, which, of course, *baseball uses as well*. It is decided before the match whether the teams will have one innings or two innings each. During an innings one team *fields* and the other *bats*. The two teams switch between fielding and batting after each innings. All eleven members of the fielding team take the field, but only two members of the batting team (two batsmen) are on the field at any given time. The order of batsmen is usually announced just before the match, but it can be varied.

Like baseball, there are two umpires, one at each end of the playing field, called a "pitch."

The newly-added State Games sport is open to adults, both male and female teams and the

competition will take place at Memorial Park in Colorado Springs on both weekends of the State Games, Saturday and Sunday, July 19-20, and Saturday and Sunday, July 26-27.

Athletes can register for Cricket or any of the 42 sports offered in the state's largest sports festival at www.rockymountainstategames.org.

Competition Rules and Format: The Twenty20 Cricket www.cricket20.com rules will govern the competition but will be modified for playing time and the Rocky Mountain State Games Ten10 Tennis Cricket format. Exceptions to the Twenty20 Cricket rules: No LBW (Leg Before Cricket) unless the batsman deliberately blocks the ball with his body. Short pitched bowling is not allowed. A "no-ball" will be called if the ball passes above the batsman's shoulder in his normal standing position.

Each individual player will be registered by the team captain/coach and must sign the roster/waiver; if under 18 a guardian must sign the roster/waiver.

The tournament will follow a round robin format for the first weekend and single elimination tournament play the second weekend. **Minimum 2 games are guaranteed.** Teams will be bracketed and scheduled based on number of entries. Points for pool play will be awarded as follows: 3 points for a win, 1 point to each team for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. At the end of the pool matches the teams will be ranked in each pool according to the number of points each has accumulated.

A team must have a minimum of seven field players to begin the game. A maximum of 14 players may be on the team roster, no exceptions. ***The signed roster must be submitted to the RMSG Commissioner no later than 15 minutes prior to your team's first game.*** One inning per side; each inning limited to a maximum 10 overs. Each bowler may bowl a maximum of two (2) overs per game. Games will be limited to a maximum of two hours.

Inclement Weather: If inclement weather prevents a game from finishing, points will be split during pool play; if during a medal game, games will be delayed until weather permits play to resume. If play cannot resume due to weather, medals will be awarded based on pool play points earned unless otherwise determined by commissioner.

Dress Code: Teams should preferably wear matching uniforms. If teams do not have uniforms, they should wear whites.