

Rounders Rules

1. Two successive 'no balls' equals $\frac{1}{2}$ a rounder.
2. A legal bowl is one which falls between head and knee height, and not into the body or wide, and where the bowler stays in the square to bowl. If no ball is hit players can still run and score a rounder, but they must indicate to the umpire that they are 'taking it'. Bowler can only be changed after delivering a good ball.
3. **Backward Hit** 1st post only until the ball crosses the batting line again.
4. **Misfielding** If the ball is misfielded (i.e. touches the ground) on the way back to the bowler after 2nd base is stumped – the batsman can run on and a rounder may be scored. However, if the batsman is at 3rd, and 4th post is stumped, but then misfielded a rounder cannot be scored and the batsman is not out.
5. **Last Batsman** Has a choice of 3 'good balls' unless they are caught out. If they score a rounder they have another choice of 3 good balls until they are out/end of innings.
6. **Obstruction** if the fielder is outside the line and prevents the batsman from reaching the post $\frac{1}{2}$ a rounder is given. Please note this can also work the other way if the batsman is inside the line.
7. Batsman should not step out of the front or back of the batting square before hitting or attempting to hit the ball otherwise they will be out.
8. A batsman may be out:
 - By being caught, but not on a 'no ball'
 - By being stumped at the post being run to – the hand holding the ball/or ball must contact the post.
 - By being run out by another player
 - By the batsman's box being stumped if no other batsman is waiting to come into it.
 - Stumping 4th base even though the batter has completed his run but hasn't touched the post.
 - By running inside a post
 - By overtaking another batter
 - By deliberately throwing or dropping their bat . (Accidentally dropping the bat is OK but must be retrieved)
 - By running when a bowler has ball in square.
 - If there is no batsman waiting then the batsman's box can be stumped and the whole team is out.
9. A batter must stay in contact with the post. If the post is left the batter must run onto the next post. (However use your judgement if they have obviously just run over the post, allow them to remain there).
10. 1 rounder if hit / $\frac{1}{2}$ rounder if missed and you reach 4th post and $\frac{1}{2}$ rounder if you hit and reach 2nd post.
11. Suggested game length of 2 innings per team of 27 balls in total, unless whole team is out.
12. 9 in a team, 4/5 split Boys or Girls