



# WELCOME!



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Welcome to the Rounders England University Guide. This concise practical guide has been pulled together to help support students and staff with the process of setting up rounders activities.

## WHY ROUNDERS?

We know that the demand for rounders is growing, especially at universities and it is great there is interest where you are. We recently surveyed students playing the sport at university and here's what they had to say about their involvement in the sport:

"I joined rounders because I wanted to make friends in an open and friendly environment."

"I wanted a fun, friendly but competitive sport and rounders was the best choice."

"Rounders requires various skills. It's great for those who can't play many sports due to time/injury as it combines so many skills."

"I loved playing rounders at school so decided to join rounders at university."



## THE RULES OF ROUNDERS

For many people, they may not have played rounders recently and knowledge on rules may be a little rusty! You can view the official simplified rules [here](#). This will cover the basics you need to get going with gameplay.

In addition to this, there are a series of rounders rule videos available on our Youtube [channel](#).

## INDOOR ROUNDERS

We also have an indoor version of the game that can be adapted to suit the environment you have to play in or if you just wish to play indoors! If you require further information on this, please email [competitions@roundersengland.co.uk](mailto:competitions@roundersengland.co.uk).



**WE ARE  
ALL  
ROUNDERS**

  
ROUNDERS  
ENGLAND

# MARKING OUT YOUR PITCH

How to mark out a pitch and the pitch dimensions can be found [here](#). If you do not have access to rope or string, the easiest way to mark out a pitch is by following the below step by step guide.

1

Stand where the front right of the batting square will be. Place a cone here. Facing forward, take 17 large paces and place the base and post here. This is 2nd post.

2

From 2nd post turn 45 degrees left and take 12 large paces and place the post and base. This is 1st post.

4

At 3rd post, take 8.5 large paces and place the base and post. This is 4th post.

3

At 2nd post, face the batting square, turn 45 degrees right and take 12 large paces and place the post and base. This is 3rd post.

5

Go back to the batting square and mark the square, 2mx2m.

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Add the backstop line. This is 1 metre behind the back of the batting square.

7

Make sure you place cones or markers for the back line. 4th post should sit on this line.

9

Using the cone as a centre point, place a cone to the right, 1.25m away, repeat this to the left. The bowling square is 2.5x2.5m.

8

From the front left of the batting square, take 7.5 large paces towards the bowling square and place a cone here.

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Remove the cone used as a centre marker from the bowling square. Mark the other two corners with cones.

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Once finished your pitch should look a little something like this!

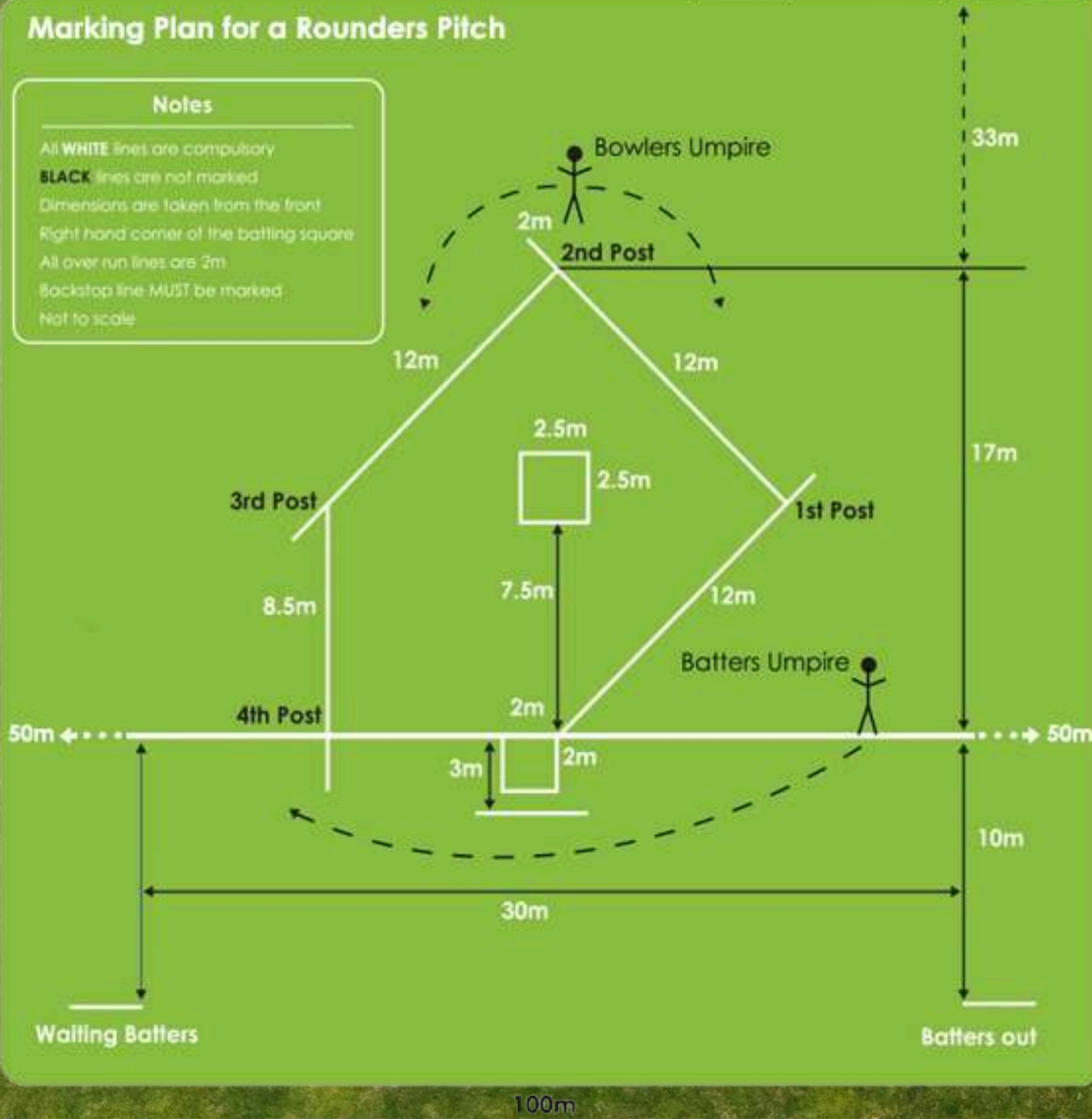


# MARKING OUT YOUR PITCH

## Marking Plan for a Rounders Pitch

### Notes

- All **WHITE** lines are compulsory
- BLACK** lines are not marked
- Dimensions are taken from the front
- Right hand corner of the batting square
- All over run lines are 2m
- Backstop line **MUST** be marked
- Not to scale



Here is a diagram to help you when marking out your pitch!



## HOW LONG TO PLAY FOR?

You can decide the length of a match based on venue access and the time slot you have booked. Normally, length is determined by a set number of good balls per innings (1 or 2 innings), or by a set time per innings. We suggest 1 innings of 27 good balls to each team, this will last around 45 minutes.



# REGISTERING YOUR TEAM

From the end of 2024 you can register your Team/Club for free with Rounders England via our Sport80 Membership Platform. When registering your Team, please do so with an email associated with the University's rounders Team/Club and avoid using an individuals' personal email where possible. Whilst registering, please ensure you indicate the Team/Club type as a 'university'. Visit our membership platform [here](#).



## GROW

1

Creating opportunities for more people to play rounders for fun, to get active or start their rounders journey with the aim of 1 million people playing by 2032. A particular focus will be placed on tackling some of the inequalities that exist within sport and physical activity.

 **1 MILLION**  
people playing by  
**2032**

# WHY REGISTER

# YOUR TEAM?

## ENGAGE

2

Evolving our membership offer in order to support and service our players, volunteers and our workforce resulting in a happy and engaged community of 100,000 members by 2032.



**100,000**  
members by  
**2032**

By registering your team/club for free with Rounders England, you'll be provided with the following range of benefits:

- Access to enter Rounders England competitions
- Discount on equipment and resources at the Rounders England shop and webshop
- Access to Rounders England qualifications and training opportunities
- Ability to meet and engage with fellow Rounders England member teams.



## 4 CHAMPION

Promote our sport and raise its profile with stakeholders, partners and the media at a national and international level in order to be Commonwealth Games ready by 2032.



COMMONWEALTH  
GAMES  
**READY**  
by 2032

4

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## 3 COMPETE

Expand and develop a fit for purpose competition structure and pathway culminating in a commercially viable national league structure.



COMMERCIALY  
VIALE  
NATIONAL LEAGUE  
**STRUCTURE**

3

If there are two full paying members (£10 per person individual membership) of Rounders England linked to the team, there are additional benefits to the club/team such as:

- Team Public Liability insurance
- 1 x Introduction to Safeguarding Course
- 1 x Basic online First Aid Training Course
- Access to digital Rules books (outdoor and indoor)



# ROUNDERS ENGLAND CONTACTS



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# ROUNDERS ENGLAND SUPPORT

To help you get started with things, we can offer you up to four free places for students or staff at your university or college to undertake the Level 1 Introduction to Umpiring course (usually £20 per person). This course is the first step on the umpiring\_pathway and will give learners an introduction on how to set up and umpire rounders matches. You will also learn the basic explanations of the rules needed to get rounders going!



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To claim your free places, please email [workforce@roundersengland.co.uk](mailto:workforce@roundersengland.co.uk) clearly stating the names and email addresses of those undertaking the training and our Workforce Manager will be in touch with details on how to access the learning.

Digital Rules books can be purchased via the Rounders England shop or are part of registration when your club registers to Rounders England. Indoor digital Rules books are also available from the Rounders England shop



# EQUIPMENT

We sell a range of recommended rounders sets – depending on your budget, we would recommend the following approved sets:

## Aresson Classic Rounders set

£180



## Sure Shot Trainer Set

£190



You can check out our full range of Rounders England approved products [here](#).

To get started, we recommend marker cones (available readily online). These can be used for training and match play and are good for the batting and bowling square, as well as the backline.





## PROGRESSION

## RISK ASSESSMENTS

We know that people can quickly progress with their rounders and may wish to explore coaching. The first step in the coaching pathway is the Foundation Coach Award, a practical course consisting of 4 units and costing £190.

If your activities are required to have an accompanying risk assessment, we've created a template that can be easily adjusted, with room to add specific risks relevant to you and your location. You can access a copy of the risk assessment [here](#).





**Good luck with getting rounders started where you are!**