

Rounders

Official Rules Guide — Premier Disco Giant Games

6-15 Players per team	4 Posts	8+ Recommended age	30-45 min Average game
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About the Game

Britain's answer to baseball — bat, ball, and four posts to run around, perfect for a big group at a summer event. This guide is a simplified "friendly garden version" rather than the full official regulations, since those involve umpires and strict pitch dimensions better suited to competitive play.

What's included: all equipment provided — bats, balls, and the 4 posts with markers for a full pitch setup.

How to Play

- 1 One team bats, the other fields.
- 2 The bowler bowls underarm to the batter, who tries to hit the ball and run around as many of the 4 posts as possible before the fielding team gets the ball back to that post.
- 3 Reaching the 4th post in one go scores a full rounder; reaching the 2nd or 3rd post scores a half rounder.
- 4 A batter is out if the ball is caught before it bounces, or if a fielder touches the post the batter is running to with the ball before they arrive.
- 5 Teams swap after everyone's batted (an innings). Most rounders after both teams have batted wins.

A Few Strategy Tips

- **Aim into the gaps.** Hit into spaces between fielders rather than straight at them.
- **Know your throw before the ball's hit.** Fielders should always know which post they'd throw to.
- **Running matters more than power.** Even a small tap can be worth a post if fielders are out of position.

Variations

- **Single innings.** Shorten the game for a quicker party version.
- **Smaller pitch.** Reduce the distance between posts for younger children.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many players do you need for Rounders?

Between 6 and 15 players per team, with up to 9 fielding at any one time — smaller groups can adjust down comfortably for a casual game.

What's a full rounder versus a half rounder?

Reaching the 4th post in one hit scores a full rounder. Reaching only the 2nd or 3rd post scores a half rounder.

How is a batter out?

Either by the ball being caught before it bounces, or by a fielder touching the post the batter is running to with the ball before they get there.

How long does a game take?

A typical friendly game runs 30 to 45 minutes, depending on team size and how many innings you play.