

The PE Hub Glossary – Rounders

Backstop - A **fielder** positioned directly behind the **batter**. Their job is to catch any bowled ball not hit by a batter, or to field any **backward hit**.

Backwards hit – Any bowled ball that is hit by a **batter** that goes behind the **batting square**. Batters can only run to 1st **base** until the ball crosses back into play past the batting square.

Bases/Posts – Stations on a rounders pitch marked out by posts that a batter has to run around to score for their team. There are 4 bases, and a batter in contact with a post cannot be **stumped** out.

Batter – The player trying to score **rounders** for their team. They do this by hitting a bowled ball and running around all 4 **bases** without stopping.

Batting stance – How a **batter** stands when preparing to hit a bowled ball. It is a side-on stance, with the bat held in the arm furthest away from the **bowler**.

Batting square – The area **batters** have to be stood inside when **batting**. If their foot is outside the square when hitting, they are **out**.

Batting team – The team that is batting. Only 1 **batter** at a time **is hitting**. The other batter waits for their turn.

Bowler – The player who **bowls** the ball for a **batter** to hit. They bowl the ball underarm, and it must get to the batter between knee-high and head-height.

Bowling square – The area **bowlers** have to be stood inside when bowling; If their foot is outside the square, it is a **no-ball**.

Close fielder – A **fielder** positioned close to the **batter**, usually near a **base**. Their job is to try and stop balls getting to the outfield, as well as to try and **stump** a batter out on a base.

Deep fielder – A **fielder** positioned far from the **batter** in the outfield. Their job is to try and stop and catch balls that are hit by a batter, as well as throw the ball to a **close fielder** to try and stop a batter from scoring.

Fielding team – The team that is fielding. This comprises a **bowler**, **backstop**, **close fielders**, and **deep fielders**. They are trying to restrict the number of **rounders** scored by the **batting team** in each **inning**.

Good ball – a ball that is bowled within the rules of the game

Half-rounder – Part of the scoring method in rounders. Half a rounder is scored by a **batter** getting to 4th **base** in one go without hitting the ball; or a batter hits the ball and runs to 2nd base in one go; or a batter who gets to 4th base but stops at any post on the way round or a **bowler** bowls 2 consecutive **no-balls** at a batter.

Innings – The period of time when one team bats. The innings lasts until a **batting team** reaches a **side-out** situation. Once this happens, the **fielding team** then swap to become the batting team. Or a set number of good balls being delivered e.g. 30.

No ball – When a **bowler** bowls a ball, that is against the rules. Offences include a bowler not having their feet inside the **bowler's square**, if the ball goes the wrong side of a **batter's** body, or if the ball goes lower than knee height or over head height or directly at the body.

Obstruction - Is an offence when a **batter** intentionally tries to block a **fielder** from getting to a ball or if a fielder blocks the path of a batter who is running. Obstruction results in the offending team conceding **half a rounder**.

Out – When a **batter** is batting, if they are out, it means they are no longer batting and cannot score rounders for their team. Ways a batter can be out include **stumped**, **caught**, **overtaken by another batter** and **obstruction**.

Overtaken – When a batter overtakes a teammate when running around the stumps, the player overtaken is out.

Rounder – The scoring system in a game of rounders. When a **batter** hits the ball, and can run around all 4 **bases** in one turn.

Side out – When a **batting team** has no more **batters** waiting to bat. It signals the end of the **innings**.

Stumped – When a **fielding team** can get the ball to a fielder on a **base** before a running **batter** reaches it, the batter is **out**.

Umpire - The name given to the officials in rounders.