

Fielding at mid-on and mid-off

Why? The job of a mid-off/mid-on fielder is to stop the ball when driven straight by the batter. They cover shots played within the 'V', which includes space directly behind the bowler. There are 3 variations of the mid-off/mid-on position, each with slightly different roles.

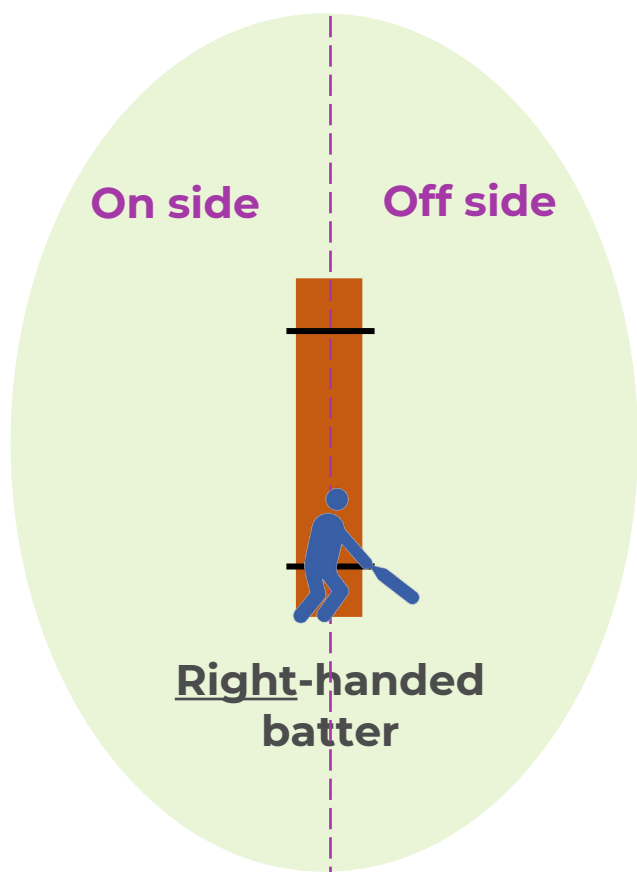
What are 'fielding positions'?

- In a proper game of cricket, every fielder is given a position to cover in the field.
- Each position has a unique role in managing the game and is identified by a different name.
- Don't forget that the group already knows about two positions: the **bowler** and the **wicketkeeper**.



What is the **ON** and **OFF** side?

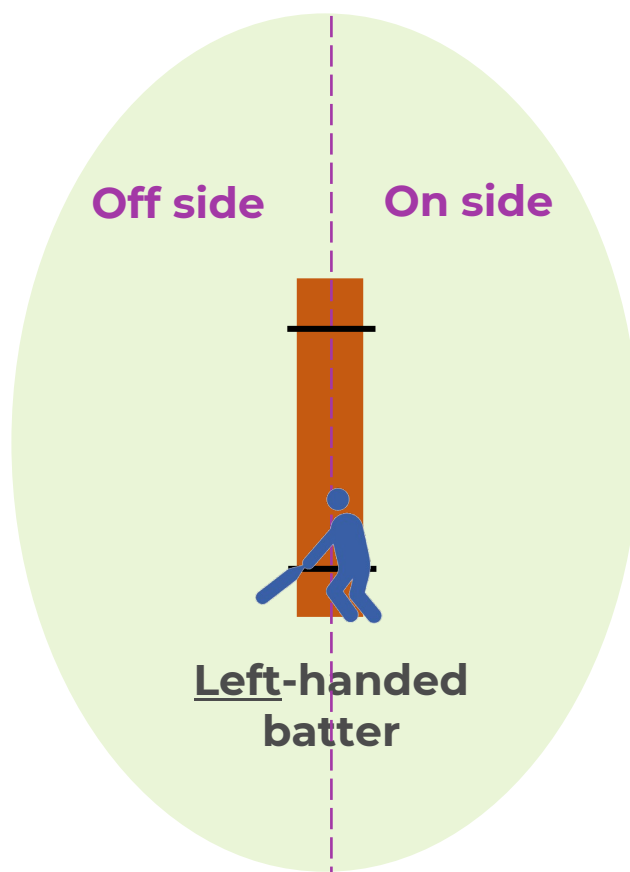
A cricket pitch is divided into two imaginary halves. One half is called the **ON** side, and the other half is called the **OFF** side. So when you are asked to field at 'mid-on', you know that you must stand on the ON side of the pitch, and if you are fielding at 'mid-off', you are fielding on the OFF side of the pitch.



Important!

- Because the halves are imaginary, they can be changed.
- They change depending on whether the batter is left or right-handed.
- The fielders adjust their positions depending on whether the batter is left or right-handed.

90% of people are right-handed, so there is not too much switching the field!

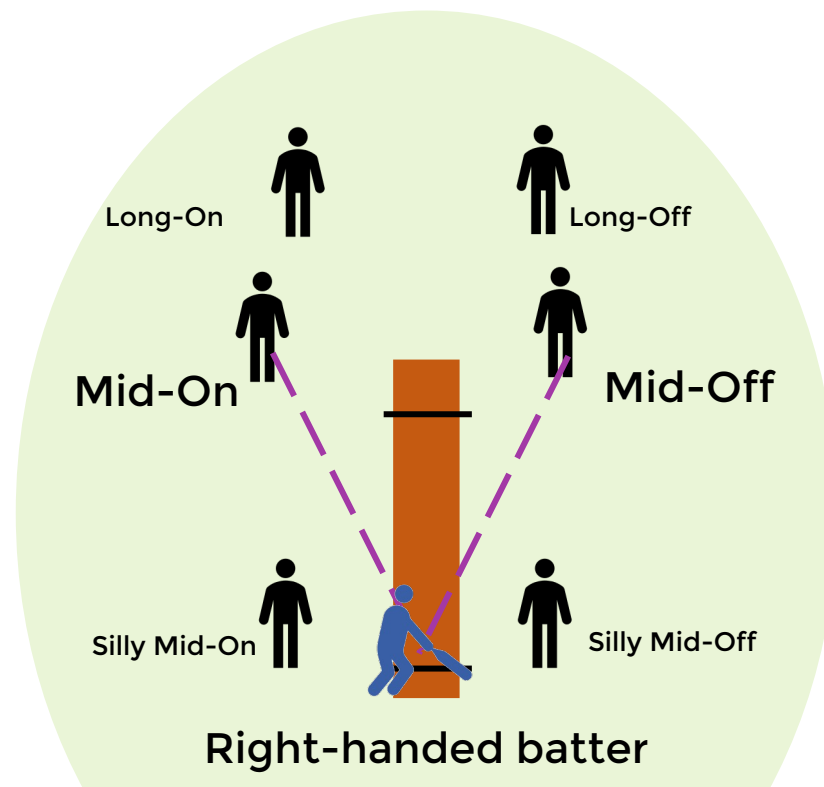


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1 Mid-On/Off – when a fielder is positioned straight about 25 yards away from the batter. They are there to stop any quick singles by the batters after a drive shot is played.

2 Silly Mid-On/Off – when a fielder is positioned straight, very close to the bat. They are there to catch any balls hit in the air that stay close to a batter.

3 Long-On/Off – when a fielder is positioned straight next to the boundary. They are there to stop any boundaries from being hit by a batter playing a drive shot.



This picture shows the fielding positions for a right-handed batter. Remember the on-side and off-side of the pitch swap depending on whether a batter is left or right-handed.