AIU Guidelines for Selection of the Cricket Team for the Vizzy Trophy

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) – Sports Division

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1. Purpose and Scope

These guidelines set out a transparent, uniform and defensible procedure for selecting the AIU cricket team for the Vizzy Trophy from players who have participated in the four AIU Zonal Inter-University Cricket Tournaments (North, South, East and West).

The guidelines aim to:

1. Identify the best-performing batsmen, bowlers, wicketkeepers and all-rounders from the zonal tournaments.
2. Prefer consistent performance over a single exceptional innings or match.
3. Recognise fielding, fitness, athleticism and match awareness as real contributions.
4. Ensure equal opportunity for eligible players from all four zones.
5. Maintain transparency, fairness and accountability.
6. Select a balanced team capable of performing effectively in the Vizzy Trophy.

2. Guiding Principles

No.	Principle	What it means in practice
i.	Pre-announced criteria	Criteria and scoring rubric are approved and published before selection begins
ii.	Uniform standards	The same framework applies in all four zones
iii.	Verified records	Official scorecards and, where possible, match video are the basis of statistics
iv.	Role-specific evaluation	Specialists are not compared on a single universal score
v.	Independent assessment	Each assessor scores individually before group deliberation
vi.	Fielding recognition	Fielding carries measurable weightage
vii.	Conflict-of-interest control	Declarations are recorded and conflicts managed
viii. ix.	Written reasons	Significant departures from the ranking are documented

3. Selection Committee

The final composition is determined by the competent AIU authority. The suggested composition is:

No.	Member	Responsibility
i.	Chairperson – Director, Sports of the host University/Head of the Sports	Overall supervision
ii.	AIU Observer nominated by AIU	Member
iii.	Former international or nationally experienced cricketer	Member
iv.	01 expert member from the State cricket Associations other than the state of the host university	Member
v.	Organizing Secretary	Coordination, documentation and submission of report

Every member must declare any relevant conflict of interest. No member may assess a player where the conflict cannot be appropriately managed. All members must assess the team comprehensively for Batting, bowling, fielding, Wicket keeping, overall and tactical assessment. **The decision on the FINAL TEAM must be preferably unanimous or by majority.**

4. Team composition

No.	Team composition	
i.	Batsmen	**04**
ii.	Fast bowlers	**03**
iii.	Spin bowlers	**02**
iv.	Batting all-rounders (Batsman who can also bowl)	**02**
v.	Bowling all-rounders (Bowler who can also bat)	**02**
vi.	Wicketkeepers	**02**
Total		**15**

A waitlist of 05 Players (02 Batsman, 02 Bowlers and 01 Wicket Keeper) may also be prepared to meet an eventuality of non-attendance from the selected team.

5. Eligibility and Data Verification

1. All applicable AIU eligibility requirements must be checked before the final team is confirmed.
2. All statistics must be verified against official scorecards and, where possible, video footage.
3. The committee must use a standard scoring sheet for all players in the same category.

Statistics to be collected

Category	Data required
Batsmen	Matches and innings, total runs, average, strike rate, highest score, meaningful contributions, fielding record
Bowlers	Matches, overs and balls bowled, wickets, average, economy rate, strike rate, extras conceded, fielding record
Wicketkeepers	Matches, catches and stumpings, documented missed chances and errors, byes attributable to the keeper, batting statistics, technical assessment

6. Evaluation Framework at a Glance

Each player is scored out of 100 on the sheet for his or her **primary role**. Marks are role-specific so that specialists are not disadvantaged.

Role	Core performance areas	Fielding weightage
Specialist batsman	Runs, average, strike rate, consistency, temperament	15 / 100
Specialist bowler	Wickets, average, economy, strike rate, consistency	15 / 100
Wicketkeeper-batsman	Wicketkeeping technique, dismissals, reliability, batting	10 / 100, assessed separately from wicketkeeping
All-rounder	Combined batting and bowling contribution, versatility	15 / 100

Fielding must carry a minimum weightage of 15% for specialist batsmen, specialist bowlers and all-rounders.

General reference framework (initial evaluation): batting 40, bowling 30, fielding 15, fitness, agility and athleticism 10, match awareness, discipline and teamwork 5. The role-specific sheets below are the scoring instruments and are used alongside this overall framework.

7. Role-Specific Scoring Sheets

7.1 Specialist Batsmen (100 marks)

No.	Component	Max	Assessment criteria
1	Total runs scored	15	Aggregate runs, adjusted for matches played and opportunities
2	Batting average	15	Runs per dismissal
3	Strike rate	10	Scoring rate suited to the format and batting role

No.	Component	Max	Assessment criteria
4	Consistency and contribution	10	Repeated contributions, useful innings under pressure
5	Quality of opposition	10	Performance against stronger attacks and in important matches
6	Fielding	15	Catching, ground fielding, throwing, run-saving
7	Fitness and agility	10	Speed, endurance, movement, sustained performance
8	Match awareness and temperament	10	Shot selection, partnerships, strike rotation, handling pressure
9	Teamwork and discipline	5	Team contribution, sportsmanship, adherence to rules
	Total	**100**	

Assessment notes

- **Runs:** Rank eligible batsmen by aggregate and convert relative position into marks out of 15. Consider innings played so players with fewer opportunities are not automatically disadvantaged.
- **Average** = Total runs ÷ Times dismissed. A high average over very few innings should not automatically outweigh a consistent record across the tournament.
- **Strike rate:** Judge by role (top order: establish and score efficiently; middle order: maintain momentum and build partnerships; finishers: accelerate when required). It must not be judged in isolation.
- **Consistency:** Look at frequency of meaningful scores, contributions in more than one match, batting with different partners, performance after early wickets, and contributions in winning or close matches.
- **Fielding** is recorded independently of batting so that a high scorer does not receive extra credit.

7.2 Specialist Bowlers (100 marks)

No.	Component	Max	Assessment criteria
1	Wickets taken	20	Total wickets, with matches played and opportunities considered
2	Bowling average	15	Runs conceded per wicket
3	Economy rate	15	Runs conceded per over, interpreted by format
4	Bowling strike rate	10	Balls bowled per wicket
5	Consistency and pressure performance	10	Delivery in important phases and against strong line-ups
6	Fielding	15	Catching, ground fielding, throwing, run-saving
7	Fitness and workload capacity	5	Endurance, agility, sustaining an appropriate workload

No.	Component	Max	Assessment criteria
8	Tactical awareness and discipline	10	Line and length, execution of plans, adaptability, control of extras
	Total	**100**	

Formulae

1. Bowling Average = Total runs conceded ÷ Wickets taken
2. Economy Rate = Total runs conceded ÷ Total overs bowled
3. Bowling Strike Rate = Total balls bowled ÷ Wickets taken

Assessment notes

1. Where bowlers have similar wicket totals, consider matches played, opportunities and quality of opposition.
2. Avoid relying on averages from very small samples, and read average, economy and strike rate together; no single statistic is decisive.
3. A bowler assigned to attack in the final overs should not be judged by the same expectations as one whose role is to restrict scoring in the middle overs.
4. **Bowling roles** for squad balance: fast or fast-medium, swing or seam, left-arm pace, leg-spin, off-spin, left-arm orthodox or other specialist spin, and bowling all-rounders. No category receives automatic preference.

7.3 Wicketkeepers (100 marks)

No.	Component	Max	Assessment criteria
1	Wicketkeeping dismissals	20	Catches and stumpings, with opportunities and context
2	Technical wicketkeeping	20	Glovework, footwork, positioning, clean collection, balance
3	Errors and reliability	15	Avoidable byes, dropped catches, missed stumpings
4	Batting performance	15	Runs, average, strike rate, partnerships
5	Fielding and throwing	10	Throwing accuracy, speed of release, other fielding
6	Fitness and agility	10	Mobility, reflexes, flexibility, endurance
7	Match awareness and communication	10	Awareness of batters, communication with bowlers, tactical contribution
	Total	**100**	

Assessment notes

1. Dismissals must not be used in isolation. A keeper who receives fewer chances because of the bowlers should not automatically rank below one who receives more.
2. Technical assessment covers stance, balance, footwork, clean collection, work against pace and spin, standing up and standing back, and consistency under pressure. If match footage is

inadequate, a standardised practical assessment by qualified wicketkeeping experts may be used.

3. Errors are judged in context: difficult chances, poor deliveries and chances created by fielding mistakes elsewhere are not automatically counted against the keeper.
4. The fielding score reflects additional fielding contributions and must not duplicate marks given for wicketkeeping.

Special provision: A good batsman who lacks the necessary keeping ability must not be selected as a specialist wicketkeeper on batting alone. An excellent wicketkeeper must not be rejected merely because his or her batting aggregate is lower than a specialist batsman's.

7.4 All-Rounders (100 marks)

No.	Component	Max
1	Batting performance	30
2	Bowling performance	30
3	Fielding performance	15
4	Fitness and athleticism	10
5	Match awareness and adaptability	10
6	Teamwork and discipline	5
	Total	**100**

1. The committee must verify a meaningful contribution in **both** batting and bowling in the zonal tournament. Occasional batting or bowling does not qualify a player as an all-rounder.
2. A batting all-rounder may receive greater consideration for batting, and a bowling all-rounder for bowling, but the combined score must stay within 100 marks.

8. Fielding Assessment (15 marks)

No.	Fielding skill	Max	Assessment criteria
1	Catching ability	4	Reliability, safe hands, performance under pressure
2	Ground fielding	3	Speed, agility, stopping the ball, clean collection
3	Throwing accuracy	3	Accuracy, strength suited to the situation, direct hits
4	Boundary fielding	2	Preventing boundaries, efficient return
5	Athleticism and anticipation	3	Reaction time, positioning, movement, reading the game
	Total	**15**	

Rating scale (score as a percentage of component marks)

Performance level	Score range
Exceptional	90–100%
Very good	75–89%
Good	60–74%
Average	40–59%
Below expected standard	Below 40%

For example, 13 out of 15 indicates a strong fielding contribution.

Rule: Fielding marks must rest on observed performance, not reputation or personal recommendation. Use match video, official scorecards and documented observations wherever available.

9. Converting Statistics into Marks

1. Use a standard scoring sheet for all players in the same category.
2. Statistical indicators may be scored by relative ranking or by normalised scores within the category; for example, the best eligible batting average earns full marks and others earn proportionate marks.
3. Do not rely exclusively on relative rankings: a weak overall tournament could otherwise inflate the top player's score.
4. Combine five inputs: verified performance statistics, consistency across matches, role-specific technical assessment, fielding performance, and fitness and match awareness.
5. Account for differences in matches played, batting and bowling opportunities and workload, format and conditions, strength of opposition, player roles, and availability of reliable statistics.
6. Where two players have comparable scores, record the reasons for the final decision.
7. The written scoring rubric must be approved before the selection process begins.

10. Selection Procedure

Stage I – Performance-based shortlisting

After the zonal tournaments, the committee prepares a shortlist from verified performances: top batsmen, top pace and spin bowlers, best wicketkeepers, all-rounders and exceptional fielders. A player is not automatically excluded for missing the top statistical positions in his or her zone, provided documented evidence supports consideration.

Stage II – Technical evaluation

A panel of suitably qualified cricket experts assesses shortlisted players on:

i. Batting technique and temperament
ii. Bowling skills and tactical adaptability
iii. Wicketkeeping technique
iv. Fielding skills
v. Fitness and agility
vi. Team balance and suitability for the Vizzy Trophy

If a trial or practical assessment is held, the same standards apply to all comparable candidates. A practical assessment supplements, and does not arbitrarily override, verified zonal performance.

Stage III – Final selection

The committee prepares the final list considering, in order:

1. Overall marks
2. Role-specific performance
3. Balance of batting and bowling resources
4. Availability of specialist wicketkeepers
5. Pace and spin bowling requirements
6. Fielding standards
7. Fitness and eligibility
8. Team composition and competition requirements

Reasons for significant departures from the scoring ranking must be recorded. The final selection is approved by the competent AIU authority under the applicable rules.

11. Player Assessment Form

A standard form is maintained for every selected player.

Particular	Details to be recorded
Player's name	Full name
University	University represented
Zone	North, South, East or West
Playing role	Batsman, bowler, wicketkeeper or all-rounder
Matches played	Verified number
Batting statistics	Runs, average, strike rate, innings
Bowling statistics	Wickets, average, economy, strike rate
Fielding assessment	Marks out of 15, where applicable
Technical assessment	Role-specific marks
Fitness assessment	Marks and assessment record
Total marks	Out of 100
Selection recommendation	Selected, reserve or not selected
Remarks	Justification, where necessary
Signatures	Assessing members and authorised officials

Statistics, technical evaluations, scoring sheets and committee minutes must be retained to support transparency and answer any legitimate queries about the selection.

12. Safeguards for Fair Selection

No.	Safeguard	Requirement
1	Pre-announced criteria	Publish criteria before selection begins
2	Uniform standards	Same framework in all four zones
3	Verified records	Official scorecards and other reliable evidence
4	Independent assessment	Assessors score individually before deliberation
5	Fielding recognition	Appropriate, measurable weightage
6	Role-specific evaluation	No comparison of specialists on identical indicators alone
7	Conflict-of-interest control	Declarations recorded, conflicts managed
8	Written reasons	Document significant departures from ranking
9	Eligibility verification	Check all AIU requirements before finalising
10	Record retention	Keep scoring sheets, verified statistics and minutes

13. Approval and Review

The marks and weightages in these guidelines are a starting point for formal consideration. The final criteria must be approved by the competent AIU authority before implementation, and may be reviewed after the Vizzy Trophy to refine weightages and procedures.

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