

Office Cricket

At your Australia Day at Work celebration, round up the team to play a quick game of Office Cricket. After all, you've got to earn that tea break!

What you need

- ▶ 1 x Soft ball (perhaps a scrunched up piece of paper)
- ▶ 1 x Cricket bat (a ruler will do the trick)
- ▶ 2 x Rubbish bins
- ▶ An umpire to officiate and record the scores



How to play

1. Before you start you'll need to collectively agree on a scoring system that suits your office layout. For example, the photocopier and printer might be worth 4 points, the manager's door and coffee machine 6 points.
2. Make a short pitch by placing a rubbish bin at opposite ends of the wicket.
3. One player bowls the ball to the batter – gently!
4. If the batter hits the ball (again, gently) they have to run – each run between the wickets scores one point.
5. If the bowler hits the wicket (rubbish bin) behind the batter, the batter is out.
6. If the batter hits the ball they can be run-out at either end of the wicket.
7. A one-handed catch off the wall or ceiling, as well as a direct hit to the manager is out!
8. The batter must retire after scoring 30 points.
9. The bowler has a six-ball over and the task is rotated so that all players have a chance to bat, bowl and field.
10. Each wicket taken by the bowler or a fielder is worth 5 points to their score.
11. Once all players have had their turn, the umpire tallies the scores, announces the winner and awards the prize of bragging rights for the year!

