

Mastering Striking and Fielding with Max the Monkey

Swing with power, field with speed: Play fair and join the lead!

- **The Striker's Goal:** Use a controlled swing to strike the ball into open space, away from the opposing team's players.
- **Fielding Position:** Keep your eyes on the ball and stay in a 'ready' position with your knees slightly bent so you can move quickly.
- **Communication is Key:** Always call 'mine!' if you are going to catch the ball so that you do not collide with your teammates.
- **Bowling Accuracy:** When bowling, aim for a steady rhythm and release the ball towards the striker to challenge them.
- **Safe Returning:** Always throw the ball back to the designated base or backstop using a smooth, over-arm motion.

Did you know? Did you know? In many striking and fielding games, the ball travels faster after being hit by a bat than it does when it is thrown. This is why fielders must always watch the ball closely to anticipate where it will land!

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