



Umpires Pre-Season Meeting 2023
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Introduction

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Chairman Umpires and Scorers Sub-Committee

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AGENDA

Rob Bartlett – Chairman Umpires & Scorers Sub Committee

1. Introduction	Rob Bartlett
2. Discipline Process & Umpire Actions	Matt Stevenson
3. MCC Law Changes	Mark Greaves
4. Rules and Regulations	Simon Giles
5. Umpire Development	John Golding
6. AOB	Rob Bartlett

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Discipline Process & Umpire Actions

Matt Stevenson
TVCL Secretary

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MCC Law Changes

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Bucks ACO Education Officer
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MCC Law Changes October 2022

Yes, they are all now “batters”




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Law 18 – Scoring runs

18.11 Batter returning to original end

Law 18.11 has now been changed so that, when a batter is out Caught, the new batter shall come in at the end the striker was at, i.e. to face the next ball (unless it is the end of an over)



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Law 20 – Dead Ball

Call Dead Ball if either side disadvantaged by person or animal coming onto the field (as above for boundary)

Timing of when the ball becomes dead:

- Considered dead at the instant of the incident causing the ball to become dead not from the call of Dead Ball
- *(Unless the umpires decide it is from the call and not the incident!!!)
(i.e. so as not to disadvantage the non-offending side)*

Therefore any gap between the incident and the umpire calling "Dead Ball" will be disregarded due to the retrospective call.

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SCENARIO 1

In a game played in a park, a fielder near the square leg boundary is running to cut off the ball to prevent it going for a four.

A member of the public, oblivious to the game, walks across the fielder's path, and the two collide.

The fielder would otherwise have been able to reach the ball.

- What should the umpires do?
 - a) Call Dead Ball – re-bowl the delivery
 - b) Take no action - award the boundary
 - c) Call Dead Ball – the delivery stands with any runs scored up to this point counting.
 - d) Call Dead Ball and award the Boundary Four

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SCENARIO 2

In the same game, the same fielder is still near the square leg boundary. The batter plays a cut shot, which is going towards the deep point boundary, when a frisbee is thrown onto the field and hits the fielder at deep square leg.

- Call Dead ball – re-bowl the delivery
- Take no action
- Call Dead ball – the delivery stands with any runs scored up to this point counting.
- Call Dead Ball and award the boundary four

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SCENARIO 3

As the bowler is about to deliver the ball, a bail falls from the striker's wicket. The bowler releases the ball anyway, and it hits the stumps. The umpire calls Dead Ball under Law 20.4.2.4, but only after the ball has hit the stumps.

What is your decision?

Because the incident that caused the ball to be dead (the bail falling) happened before the ball hit the stumps, Dead Ball is applied from that moment.

Not Out and the ball does not count as one for the over.

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SCENARIO 4

While the bowler is running up, the fielder at long leg has come in to short fine leg. The umpire, who is watching for the front foot, does not notice this. The striker plays the ball straight to the fine leg fielder, who takes a catch. The umpires consult and determine that this was definitely unfair movement by the fielder

What is your decision?

It doesn't matter that they did not notice the offence until after the catch was taken – the incident causing the ball to become Dead happened while the bowler was still running up. The ball is therefore considered Dead from before the ball was delivered – Dead Ball, 5 Penalty Runs, and the ball does not count as one of the over.

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Law 22 – Wide Ball



A change in favour of the bowler!!!

22.1.1 If the bowler bowls a ball, not being a No Ball, the umpire shall adjudge it a Wide if, according to the definition in 22.1.2, the ball passes wide of where the striker is standing or has stood at any point after the ball came into play for that delivery, and which also would have passed wide of the striker standing in a normal batting position

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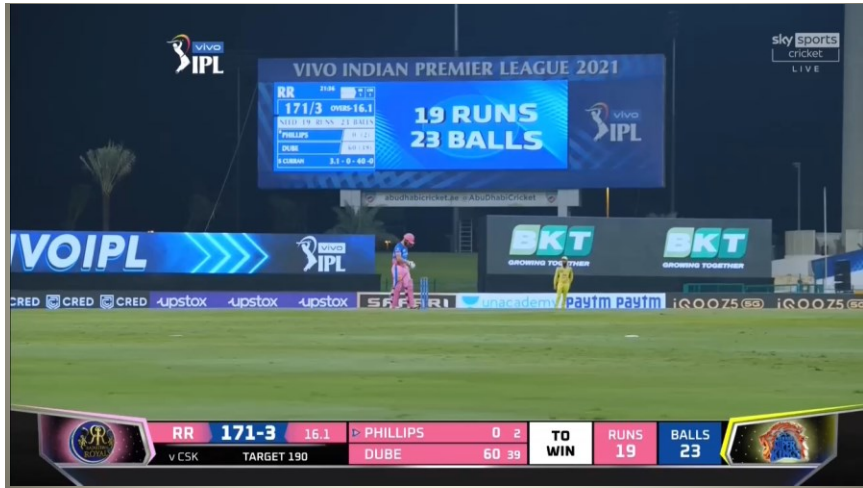


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Law 25.8 - Striker's right to play the ball
 Law 21.8 - Ball causing the striker to leave the pitch
 Call "No Ball" followed by "Dead Ball" if the striker attempts to play the ball and no part of his/her person, whether grounded or raised, remains within the pitch as defined in Law 6.1 (Area of pitch).
 Especially relevant in junior cricket for Health & Safety reasons!

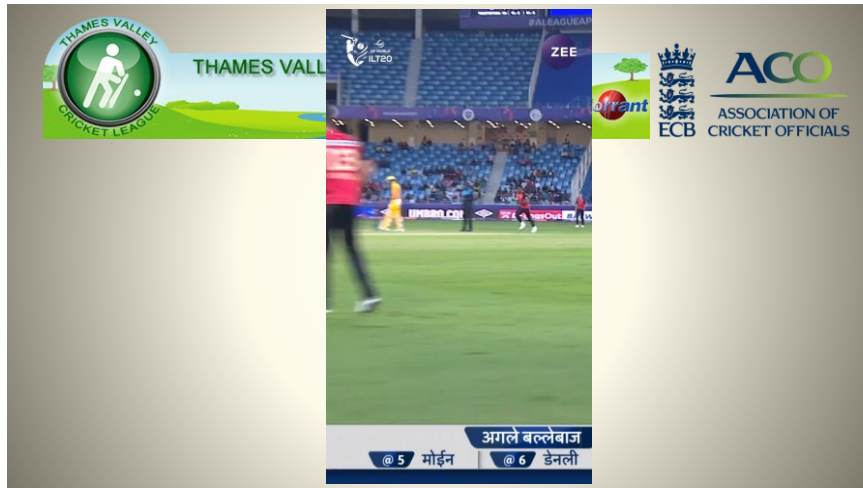
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Law 25.8 - Striker's right to play the ball

Law 21.8 - Ball causing the striker to leave the pitch

- Under old laws, batters had the right to chase after the ball and play it as long as they reached the ball before it came to rest – sometimes leading to incidents of batters running towards outfielders and trying to hit the ball.
- New Law allows the striker to play the ball so long as some part of his/her bat or person remains within the pitch.
- Should the batter venture beyond the pitch in an attempt to play the ball, then the umpire will call and signal Dead Ball.
- As recompense to the batter, any ball which would force them to leave the pitch will also be called No Ball.
- Note: The batter cannot 'manufacture' a No Ball, or a Dead Ball, by stepping off the pitch. The ball has to be wayward enough to force them to do so for this Law to apply!

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Law 38.3 - Non-striker leaving his/her ground early
Previously Law 41.66 – moved from Unfair Play to Run out
No change to the actual Law



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Law 41.3 - The match ball – changing its condition

Saliva is out
Sweat is OK

..and if they do insist on using saliva?

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Berkshire Education Team

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Preamble

- This is a summary – regulations (on web site/handbook) are definitive
Regulations affecting only lowest divisions may not be covered in
detail
- Red text is something that's different this year
- Blue text indicates regs that are different at different levels

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Ground, Weather and Light

- Grass pitch, marked as per laws and remarked between innings (wide markings, see later)
- Up to 12 noon – Home and Away teams can agree no play possible
- After 12
 - Panel Umpire (if none, Club Umpire) can decide no play possible
 - If no Umpires, Captains decide
- During match, Umpires are responsible for GWL decisions; if no Umpires, Captains decide)
- Covers can be requested by Captains during intervals

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The Toss, Team Sheets and Young Players

- Toss normally 30 mins before start
 - If pitch altered after toss, retoss and delay start accordingly
- If players arrive late
 - Toss when 7 players present (even if Captain missing)
 - Match to start with 15 minutes
- Teams sheets required in Div 1-3. [Recommended in other Divisions](#)
- Consent of Opposing Captain needed to change Team Sheet after submission
- All U19 players must be identified
- ECB directives and guidelines to be followed
 - Suspend play if ECB Fielding Regulations or Safety Guidance on Wearing of Helmets is not followed

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Balls

- 2 new TVCL balls (or better) to be provided; if not, if Umpires and Captains agree, play may continue, but home team forfeits toss
- 6 spare TVCL balls of varying wear to be provided
- New ball at start of each innings
 - Not to be reused, except as spare

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Intervals and Drinks

- Tea interval
 - Up to 30 minutes; between innings, or as agreed between Captains and Umpires
 - Teas need not be provided by home team
- Drinks
 - Agree with Captains at Toss
 - Normally one at midpoint of innings
 - In hot weather, may agree a 2nd drinks interval (add time allowance for over rate calculations)
- Home team should provide drinks

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Umpires: Payment and Cancellation

- Div1 & 2 – payment through TVCL
- Other Divisions – Panel Umpire paid by appropriate team (see WTU)
- Cancellation rules – Panel Umpires
 - Notified before travel – no payment
 - Umpires not notified and arrive: 50% – home team pays both umpires
 - Umpires arrive but match is cancelled before start: 50% – teams pay one Umpire each
 - After scheduled start time: 100% - teams pay one umpire each
- If only one Club/Panel umpire, will stand at both ends in levels 3 and below, unless Umpire waives right to do so
- Panel Umpires complete forms and reports at end

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Unfair Play and Player Conduct

- Law 41: fully implemented in Div 1-4, but only by Panel or Club Umpires
- Div 5 and below: only 5 run penalty awarded is for ball hitting helmet on ground (Law 28)

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Unfair Play and Player Conduct

- Law 42 – Players' Conduct
 - To be applied only in Div 1 & 2, and only by Panel Umpires
 - Otherwise to be reported after the match per the Discipline, Complaints & Appeals Procedures
- Level 1 report will incur automatic final warning
- Level 2,3,4 reports will incur automatic ban

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Traditional (timed) Matches - General

- Timed games scheduled only for Div 1-6
 - Weeks 6-14 (10/06-5/08) 13:00 start
 - Div 4-6 may start at 12:30 by prior agreement
- 100 overs – max 52 for 1st inn, balance for 2nd (round up part over in 1st)
- Max 15 overs per bowler
 - Even if overs are reduced
 - Part overs (e.g for injury/suspension) count towards both bowler's allowances

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Traditional (timed) Matches - Timings

- Delays and interruptions
 - Ignore first 30 mins
 - Deduct 1 over from each innings per 7 mins lost before or during 1st innings
 - No reduction in 2nd innings
 - 1st innings must be at least 37 overs, otherwise match is Abandoned
 - Match must start by 15:22
- Unless 1st innings is completed early, 2nd innings is 4 overs fewer
 - See table in regs
- Any interruption > 30 mins ending after 19:45 => match abandoned
- Div 3-6, Captains can agree to abandon at 19:45

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Traditional (timed) Matches - Penalties

- Over rate penalties only for Div 1-2
 - 17 overs per hour (3.5 minutes per over); see table in handbook for allowable time
 - Add 3 minutes for extra drinks break
 - Add appropriate time for prolonged ball searches, injuries etc
 - Points deduction after the match; inform Captains
 - Up to 2 overs => 1 point
 - 2.1 to 4 overs => 2 points
 - More than 4 overs => 5 points
 - Do not apply if innings is completed in less than 40 overs

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Win/Lose Matches - General

- Div 1-6: Win/lose matches
 - Weeks 1-5 (6/05-3/06) 13:00 start
 - Weeks 15-18 (12/08-2/09) 12:30 start
 - Div 1-2 50 overs per innings
 - Div 3-6 45 overs per innings
- Div 7: all matches are 45/45 win/lose
- Div 8-10: all matches are 40/40 win/lose
- In Div 4 and below 13.00 starts may move to 12.30 by prior agreement
- No Declarations
- 20 overs each for result

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Win/Lose Matches – Bowling Restrictions

- Bowler may bowl maximum of 1/5 of available overs
 - Calculated at start
 - Recalculated after interruption
 - Part over (injury/suspension) counts for both bowlers

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Win/Lose Matches – Fielding Restrictions

- All Divisions: no more than 5 fielders on leg side
- Div 1, 2
 - Powerplays normally 10/30/10 overs; see handbook for reductions
 - Powerplay 1: max 2 fielders outside 30^x ring
 - Powerplay 2: max 4 fielders outside 30^x ring
 - Powerplay 3: max 5 fielders outside 30^x ring
- Div 3-7 max 5 fielders outside 30^x ring **at any time**
- No-ball if infringed at instant of delivery

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Win/Lose Matches – No Ball


- Div 1-2
 - **2 run** penalty
 - At most **one** fast short pitched (over shoulder height) delivery allowed per over
- Div 3-10
 - 1 run penalty
 - **All** short pitched over shoulder height deliveries are No Balls (even if hit)
- **All No Balls** incur a Free Hit

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Win/Lose Matches – Free Hit

- Free Hit must be valid delivery, or Free Hit is repeated
- Only possible dismissals are:
 - **Run Out, Obstructing the Field or Hit the Ball Twice**
- Field changes not allowed except
 - If facing batsman has changed
 - To correct a fielding infringement
 - Any fielder within 15^x may retreat to 15^x on same line

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Win/Lose Matches – Wides

- 17" lines mandatory in Divs 1-7, recommended in Divs 8-10
- Div 1-4
 - Strictly interpreted
 - Outside return crease is always wide
 - Outside 17" marking on off side is wide, unless batsman has moved significantly
 - Outside batsman and leg stump is wide
 - Switch hit (actual or attempted) both sides use 17" marking as guide
 - 1 run penalty
- Div 5-10
 - Less strict interpretation, see handbook

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Win/Lose Matches – Over Rates Div 1-2

- 17 overs/hour – 3.5m/over
- Fielding side must complete 49th over within **3h 5m** from start
 - i.e. 49 x 3.5m/over + 13.5m allowance for drinks, ball retrieval etc
 - Umpires add allowance under exceptional circumstances (e.g injury, prolonged ball searches, extra drinks breaks)
- If innings is interrupted and reduced, cut-off time will be recalculated
 - No of overs x 3.5m + 13.5m + exceptional allowances (round up to whole no)
 - No penalty if innings completed before cut-off time, or if innings is less than 20 overs
- Penalty – 6 runs for each **full** over not yet bowled
 - Imposed as soon as ball is dead after cut-off time is reached
 - Ignore any part over in progress; calculate on full overs unbowed
 - In second innings, if target is reached as a result, match is completed


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Win/Lose Matches – Over Rates Div 3-10

- Fielding side to bowl at rate that allows scheduled number of overs to be completed
- If no interruption then first innings is deemed completed after 3h 30m
 - Provided 20 overs have been bowled
 - Over in progress is completed
 - Second innings is reduced to same number of overs

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Win/Lose Matches – Delays and Interruptions Div 1-2

- Match must start by 16:30 (13:00 start) or 16:00 (12:30 start)
- 'Golden half hour' applies: no overs reduction until 30 minutes have been lost
- Prior to match and during 1st Innings
 - Reduce overs by 2 (1 from each innings) for every 7 minutes lost (to minimum 20 overs)
 - Recalculate Target Score at end of innings using DLS
- After 1st or during 2nd Innings
 - Reduce overs by 1 for every 3.5 minutes lost (to minimum 20 overs)
 - Any remaining balls in over when play was suspended are added to calculated overs to go
 - Recalculate Target Score after every interruption using DLS

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Win/Lose Matches – Delays and Interruptions Div 3-10

- No 'Golden 30 minutes'
- Prior to match, or before 5 overs are bowled – reduce overs by 2 (1 from each innings) for every 8 minutes lost (to minimum of 20 overs each)
- During 1st Innings (after 5 overs bowled)
 - First innings **not** further reduced
 - Reduce overs available for 2nd innings by 1 for every 4 minutes lost (to minimum of 20 overs)
 - Recalculate Target Score at end of innings using Adjusted Run Rate method
- After 1st or during 2nd Innings
 - Reduce overs by 1 for every 4 minutes lost (to minimum 20 overs)
 - Any remaining balls in over when play was suspended, are added to calculated overs to go
 - Recalculate Target Score after every interruption using Adjusted Run Rate method

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Win/Lose Matches - DLS Div 1-2

- Home team must provide DLS Manager (may be the Scorer)
- Home team must provide computer, DLS Professional 2.0 software and optionally printer
 - If computer fails, and no backup available, DLS Manager must be competent to calculate using DL Standard Edition tables; Umpires and Captains to be notified
 - If interruption occurs and no DLS calculation possible, Home team forfeits match
- Home team must display DLS Par Score at end of each over and fall of each wicket
 - Panel Umpires to report any failure

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Adjusted Run Rate Div 3-10

- If **unequal** overs in each innings, revised Target Score must be calculated
- ARR calculator is on website
- If no interruption prior to 2nd innings, ARR is simply 1st innings run rate
 - $ARR = (1st\ Innings\ Runs / 1st\ Innings\ Completed\ Overs)$
- If there was a prior interruption, ARR is calculated **once** immediately prior to start of 2nd innings
 - $ARR = (1st\ Innings\ Runs / 1st\ Innings\ Completed\ Overs) \times (100\% + (overs\ difference \times 1.2)\%)$
- Target Score (to win) = 2nd innings overs x ARR
 - Round up to next whole number if necessary
 - Further reductions - apply **same** ARR to **new** number of overs

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Thank You

Any Questions?

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Panel AND Club Umpires

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Umpire Development – So what should I do?

- You can do nothing, carry on as you but become better informed
- Continue as a Club or Panel Umpire & CONTINUE to develop yourself
- Join a League Panel or not on a Panel & CONTINUE to develop yourself
- Join one of your County Development Programmes
- Above all ENJOY YOURSELF

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Umpire Development

- Most of you have seen this
- Panel Umpires will be at Level 4
- New and Club Umpires should be at Level 5
- So to help you



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Umpire Development

Pre-Season In Season Development Post-Season

The diagram illustrates the Umpire Development process across three stages: Pre-Season, In Season Development, and Post-Season. In the Pre-Season stage, there is a green box 'Are You Ready To Call PLAY?' and a green oval 'Pre-Season Practice Matches'. In the In Season Development stage, there are two blue boxes 'Workshop or CPD Session' and a blue oval 'Mentoring & Coaching'. In the Post-Season stage, there is a blue box 'How has YOUR season been Wrap Up'. A blue oval 'Mentoring & Coaching' is also positioned below the In Season Development stage, connected to the Pre-Season stage by a horizontal line.

- Designed for those starting on their journey
- An ideal refresher for the experienced
- Voluntary Sessions designed to look at issues observed in the field

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Keep your eyes peeled.
 We will send out info via WTU as to workshops time, place etc.

In the meantime there are CPD modules on
[CPD Courses \(berkscoa.co.uk\)](http://berkscoa.co.uk)

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The SIX ECB Officiating Competencies in Performance

1. Preparation	For fairness and consistency at all levels and across the country
2. Decision Making	ALL Observations will be now undertaken using these headings
3. Match Management	
4. People Management	
5. Presentation	
6. Teamwork	

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Now this leads on to a NEW captains Marking Form

- It is used in ALL ECB & League competitions where you are appointed using WTU
- It is in essence the same as all match Observers will use
 - Apart from those in an accreditation programme or early stages of their career.
- Fortunately/Unfortunately we are one of the few leagues that use WTU – Guess what
- We **HAVE** to change.

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Captains Marks on Umpire Performance

Identification: For Performance Only
 Name:
 Date:
 Venue:
 Score:

Please provide constructive feedback relating to the umpire's performance during your match. There is no requirement to make the umpire's name or to give any details that may be necessary.

IMPORTANT: It is mandatory to provide comments when giving a score of 2 or below

Decision Making	Match Management	Player Management	Presence & Image	Teamwork
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Umpire appeared calm, well positioned, confident and offers clarity if explaining decision making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensured a safe and positive playing environment and applied the laws & playing conditions accurately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked well with players and captains pre-, during, and post match and dealt with player behaviour challenges early and fairly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used a variety of communication styles to interact positively with players and captains for the benefit of the game 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showed effective co-operation with officiating colleagues for an effective game
5 - Outstanding	5 - Outstanding	5 - Outstanding	5 - Outstanding	5 - Outstanding
4 - Above Standard Expected	4 - Above Standard Expected	4 - Above Standard Expected	4 - Above Standard Expected	4 - Above Standard Expected
3 - Standard Expected	3 - Standard Expected	3 - Standard Expected	3 - Standard Expected	3 - Standard Expected
2 - Below Standard Expected	2 - Below Standard Expected	2 - Below Standard Expected	2 - Below Standard Expected	2 - Below Standard Expected
1 - Poor	1 - Poor	1 - Poor	1 - Poor	1 - Poor

Comments from Captain:

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2 - Below Standard Expected	2 - Below Standard Expected	2 - Below Standard Expected	2 - Below Standard Expected	2 - Below Standard Expected
1 - Poor	1 - Poor	1 - Poor	1 - Poor	1 - Poor

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The NEW captains Marking Form

- There is supposed to be new analysis software available on WTU only for us Development Officers.
- However, I have updated the software I used for the previous seasons to analyse your marks.
- And it looks (TO ME) like this.


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Umpire	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total	Score	%
Decision Making	4		5	4															4.93	86.6%	
Match Management	5			4															3.42	63.0%	
Player Management	5			5	3														4.93	86.6%	
Presence & Image	4			4	3														3.67	73.3%	
Teamwork	5			5	5														5.00	100.0%	
Any Comments? Yes or No	1			0	0														25.00	50.00%	
Marks for Area Captains (Performance)	20			20	18																
Decision Making	5			5	5														5.00	100.0%	
Match Management	4			4	3														4.33	86.6%	
Player Management	4			5	4														4.93	86.6%	
Presence & Image	4			4	3														3.67	73.3%	
Teamwork	5			5	5														5.00	100.0%	
Any Comments? Yes or No	1			0	0														25.00	50.00%	
Marks for Area Captains (Performance)	20			20	18																
Average of 2019-21 Captain	22			20	18														22.7	86.5%	
Range of 2019-21 Captain	22.5			20.5	18.5														22.5	86.5%	

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Name	No of Matches	Overall Total Performance	Decision Making	Match Management	Player Management	Presence & Image	Teamwork	TVL Band
Bucks and Other	4	96.25%	85.00%	96.25%	83.50%	95.18%	83.57%	A
Bucks and Other	6	95.75%	85.00%	95.75%	85.45%	95.08%	84.23%	A
Berks	9	95.67%	86.79%	95.67%	86.67%	95.00%	84.00%	A
Bucks and Other	13	95.05%	83.60%	95.05%	83.25%	95.00%	84.00%	A
Bucks and Other	5	95.00%	80.00%	95.00%	83.57%	94.87%	83.39%	A
Berks	14	94.81%	83.85%	94.81%	84.23%	94.75%	85.00%	A
Berks	15	94.73%	84.64%	94.73%	84.00%	94.46%	81.17%	A
Berks	16	94.67%	83.33%	94.67%	84.00%	93.98%	82.55%	A
Berks	12	94.45%	83.45%	94.45%	83.39%	93.96%	81.67%	A
Berks	16	94.38%	82.59%	94.38%	85.00%	93.84%	81.07%	A
Bucks and Other	11	94.13%	82.50%	94.13%	81.17%	93.75%	82.78%	A
Berks	14	94.01%	82.92%	94.01%	82.55%	93.56%	82.31%	A
Bucks and Other	17	93.64%	83.56%	93.64%	81.67%	93.44%	82.44%	A
Bucks and Other	6	93.58%	81.67%	93.58%	81.07%	93.21%	79.64%	A
Bucks and Other	15	93.48%	81.07%	93.48%	82.78%	93.19%	80.56%	A
Berks	13	93.44%	79.58%	93.44%	82.31%	92.45%	78.45%	A
Bucks and Other	4	93.33%	80.00%	93.33%	82.44%	92.40%	79.94%	A
Berks	15	93.20%	80.11%	93.20%	79.64%	91.28%	78.57%	A
Berks	15	92.87%	80.38%	92.87%	80.56%	91.25%	74.50%	A
Bucks and Other	10	92.03%	79.86%	92.03%	78.45%	91.17%	78.67%	A
Berks	15	91.85%	79.20%	91.85%	79.94%	90.63%	75.00%	A
Berks	14	90.42%	77.08%	90.42%	78.57%	87.90%	71.96%	A
								Average

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Now this leads on to a NEW captains Marking Form

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- It is in essence the same as all match Observers will use
 - Apart from those in an accreditation programme or early stages of their career.
- However:
 - You will NOT have access to your marks!

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