

COVID-19 SUPPLEMENT PLAYING CONDITIONS (27 Sep 21)



CRICKET NSW

APPLICATION

These Supplement Playing Conditions are provided for the use in competitions across New South Wales.

LAW 4.2.2 (THE BALL)

- a) At the taking of a wicket, or at any interval for drinks, the player who last fielded the ball will be responsible for placing it next to the stumps at the end of the pitch where the next ball/over will be bowled.
- b) At the conclusion of the session, or if play is suspended for ground, weather, light or any other reason, the fielding captain shall provide the ball to an official umpire or place the ball in a location that will maintain the integrity of the ball.

LAW 8.1 (THE WICKETS)

- a) An official umpire shall be responsible for the maintenance of the stumps prior and during the match. Should there not be an official umpire in attendance the home side is required responsible for the stumps prior to the match. During the match only the player umpire at the time of the wicket being broken shall undertake the maintenance of the wicket when required.

LAW 13 (THE INNINGS)

Law 13.1 (The Toss)

- a) At the coin toss, both captains and if present an official umpire shall maintain physical distancing requirements. The home captain shall supply their own coin and be responsible for the toss of the coin. The away team captain shall call.
- b) Physical team sheets shall be used and be available for perusal at the toss. Prior to the toss each captain shall show the opposing captain and if present an official umpire the team sheet for their team. Each captain shall take a photograph of the oppositions team sheet prior to the toss. Each captain shall keep the photograph of the oppositions team sheet until the end of the season.

LAW 41 (UNFAIR PLAY)

41.3.1

Should an official umpire need to inspect the ball, the fielding captain should be instructed to present the ball to the umpire who will then visually inspect the condition of the ball. Should any repair work be required, or the umpire wishes to further inspect the shape of the ball, they may undertake this work personally. However, umpire(s) should sanitise their hands immediately before and after completing the work on the ball.

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41.3.2

It is an offence for any player to take any action which changes the condition of the ball.

Except in carrying out their normal duties, a batsman is not allowed to willfully damage the ball other than, when the ball is in play, in striking it with the bat.

A fielder may, however:

- a) polish the ball on their clothing provided that no artificial substance is used and that such polishing wastes no time.
- b) remove mud from the ball under the supervision of an official umpire.
- c) dry a wet ball on a piece of cloth that has been approved by an official umpire.

Saliva must not be used to polish cricket balls (or any other equipment). Sweat from the face, neck or arms must not be used.

41.3.6

If an official umpire believes that saliva or sweat from the face, neck or arms has been applied to the ball, the umpire shall:

- a) If it is a first instance during an innings, summon the captain of the fielding side and issue a first warning.
- b) If it is a second instance during an innings, summon the captain of the fielding side and issue a second and final warning and warn the captain of the fielding side that any further such offence by any member of the team during the innings shall result in the award of 5 Penalty runs to the batting side.
- c) If it is a third or subsequent instance, award 5 Penalty runs to the batting side.
- d) The ball shall not be changed, but the umpire shall wipe the ball with a microbial cloth.

STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT DURING PLAY

1) Bowler fielding on the boundary

At the conclusion of the previous over, the new bowler may place their equipment, that would normally be provided to the umpire (hat, sunglasses, vest etc.), over the nearest boundary point to where they are currently fielding. The equipment may be collected by the individual at the completion of the over. The process may be repeated until the end of the bowler's spell. At no stage shall the umpire be required to hold/handle the players' equipment during the match.

2) Bowler fielding in the infield

- a) At the conclusion of the previous over, the new bowler, currently fielding in the infield, can undertake either of the following actions (whichever is the quickest option);

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- i) Place their equipment, that would normally be provided to the umpire (hat, sunglasses, vest etc), on the ground directly behind the wicketkeeper (like a fielder's helmet). The bowler is responsible for the storage and collection of the material from this area. Should the ball strike this equipment, that would normally be provided to the umpire (hat, sunglasses, vest etc), during play, the ball shall remain in play and play shall continue.
 - ii) Place their equipment, that would normally be provided to the umpire (hat, sunglasses, vest etc), over the nearest boundary point to the end they are bowling from.
- b) At no stage shall the umpire be required to hold/handle the players' equipment during the match.

Wicketkeeper/Fielder's Helmet

No change from the normal playing conditions and laws of cricket around the storage of equipment on the field. However, everyone is responsible for the carrying of their own equipment to and from the normal storage position.
