

npower TEST MATCHES

Except as varied hereunder, the Laws of Cricket (2000 Code) shall apply.

1 Law 1 - The Players

1.1 Law 1.3 - Captain

The following shall apply in addition to Law 1.3 (a):

The deputy must be one of the nominated players.

2 Law 2 - Substitutes and Runners

2.1 Law 2.5 - Fielder Absent or Leaving the Field

Law 2.5 shall be replaced by the following:

If a fielder fails to take the field with his side at the start of the match or at any later time, or leaves the field during a session of play, the umpire shall be informed of the reason for his absence, and he shall not thereafter come on to the field during a session of play without the consent of the umpire. (See Law 2.6 as modified). The umpire shall give such consent as soon as practicable.

If the player is absent from the field for longer than 8 minutes:

- 2.1.1 the player shall not be permitted to bowl in that innings after his return until he has been on the field for at least that length of playing time for which he was absent. In the event of a follow-on, this restriction will, if necessary, continue into the second innings.
- 2.1.2 the player shall not be permitted to bat unless or until, in the aggregate, he has returned to the field and/or his side's innings has been in progress for at least that length of playing time for which he has been absent or,

if earlier, when his side has lost five wickets.

The restriction in Clauses 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 above shall not apply if the player has suffered an external blow (as opposed to an internal injury such as a pulled muscle) whilst participating earlier in the match and consequently been forced to leave the field. Nor shall it apply if the player has been absent for very exceptional and wholly acceptable reasons (other than injury or illness).

In the event of a fieldsman already being off the field at the commencement of an interruption in play through ground, weather or light conditions, he shall be allowed to count any such stoppage time as playing time, provided that he personally informs the umpires when he is fit enough to take the field had play been in progress.

2.2 Law 2.6 - Player Returning Without Permission

Law 2.6 shall apply, except that the reference to 'Governing Body' shall be replaced by 'ICC match referee' in Law 2.6 (iii).

3 Law 3 - The Umpires

3.1 Law 3.1 - Appointment and Attendance

The following shall apply in place of Law 3.1:

The following rules for the selection and appointment of Test Match umpires shall be followed as far as it is practicable to do so:

- 3.1.1 ICC shall establish an "Elite Panel" of umpires who shall be contracted to the ICC.
- 3.1.2 Each Full Member country shall nominate from its panel of first class umpires two umpires to an "International Panel" and one umpire to a "TV Panel".
- 3.1.3 ICC will appoint two umpires to stand in each Test

Match. Neither of such umpires shall be from the same country as the participating teams and shall be selected from the "Elite Panel" or the "International Panel".

- 3.1.4 As long as possible before each Test Match, ICC will advise the Home Board of the name of its appointees and the Home Board will advise the Manager of the touring team of both umpires' names.
- 3.1.5 The Home Board shall appoint a third umpire for each Test who shall act as the emergency umpire and officiate in regard to TV replays. Such appointment must be made from the "International Panel" or the "TV Panel".
- 3.1.6 The Home Board shall also appoint a fourth umpire for each Test from its panel of First Class umpires. The fourth umpire shall act as the emergency third umpire.
- 3.1.7 Neither team will have a right of objection to an umpire's appointment.
- 3.1.8 The umpires shall be present at the ground at least two hours before the scheduled start of the first day's play, and at least 1½ hours before the scheduled start of each succeeding day's play.

3.2 Third Umpire/TV Replays

The following shall apply in addition to Clause 3.1:

- 3.2.1 General
 - (a) The home Board will ensure a separate room is provided for the third umpire and that he has access to a television monitor and direct sound link with the television control unit director to facilitate as many replays as is necessary to assist him in making a decision.
 - (b) The third umpire shall call for as many replays from any camera angle as is necessary to reach a decision.

As a guide, a decision should be made within 30 seconds whenever possible, but the third umpire shall have discretion to take more time in order to finalise a decision.

- (c) The on-field umpire has the discretion whether to call for a TV replay or not and should take a common sense approach. Players may not appeal to the umpire to use the replay system - breach of this provision would constitute dissent and the player could be liable for discipline under the Code of Conduct.

3.2.2 Run Out, Stumping, Caught and Hit Wicket Decisions

- (a) The on-field umpire shall be entitled to call for a TV replay to assist him in making a decision about a run-out, stumping, caught or hit wicket appeal.
- (b) An on-field umpire wishing the assistance of a TV replay shall signal to the third umpire by making the shape of TV screen with his hands.
- (c) If the third umpire decides the batsman is out a red light is displayed; a green light means not-out. Should the third umpire be temporarily unable to respond, a white light (where available) will remain illuminated throughout the period of interruption to signify to the on-field umpires that the TV replay system is temporarily unavailable, in which case the decision will be taken by the on-field umpire. Where available, the third umpire's decision will be communicated via the giant replay screen.
- (d) When reviewing the TV replay, if the third umpire finds the batsman has been bowled rather than hit wicket or stumped, he shall display the red light (or use the giant replay screen as above) to show the batsman was dismissed.

3.2.3 Caught Decisions

- (a) Should the bowler's end umpire be unable to decide

whether or not a catch was taken cleanly, he shall first consult with the square leg umpire.

- (b) Should both umpires be unable to make a decision, the bowler's end umpire may then call for the third umpire to review a TV replay of the catch as in Clause 3.2.2 (b).
- (c) The third umpire has to determine whether the batsman has been caught, not whether or not he hit the ball.
- (d) The third umpire shall communicate his decision by the red/green light system, as in Clause 3.2.2 (c).

3.2.4 Boundary Decisions

- (a) The on-field umpire shall be entitled to call for a TV replay to assist him in making a decision about whether the fieldsman had any part of his person in contact with the ball when he touched or crossed the boundary line or whether a four or six had been scored. A decision is to be made immediately and cannot be changed thereafter.
- (b) An on-field umpire wishing the assistance of a TV replay shall signal to the third umpire by use of a two-way radio - the third umpire will convey his decision to the on-field umpire by this method.
- (c) The third umpire may initiate contact with the on-field umpire by two-way radio if TV coverage shows a boundary line infringement.

3.2.5 Batsmen Running to the Same End

- (a) In the event of both batsmen running to the same end and the umpires are uncertain over which batsmen made his ground first, the on-field umpire may call for a TV replay to assist him in making a decision.
- (b) The procedure in Clause 3.2.2 (c) shall apply.

3.3 Law 3.2 - Change of Umpire

The following shall apply in place of Law 3.2:

- 3.3.1 An umpire shall not be changed during the match, other than in exceptional circumstances, unless he is injured or ill.

3.4 Law 3.4 - To inform Captains and Scorers

The following shall apply in addition to Law 3.4 (i):

The host country may provide for the ringing of a bell, which shall be rung 5 minutes before the termination of an interval, when the umpires shall go to the wickets. The host country shall inform the visiting country at the start of the tour that this practice is to be adopted.

3.5 Law 3.8 - Fitness of Ground, Weather and Light

Law 3.9 - Suspension of Play for Adverse Conditions of Ground, Weather or Light

Law 3.8 and 3.9 shall apply subject to the following:

- 3.5.1 If conditions during a rain stoppage improve and the rain is reduced to drizzle, the umpires must consider if they would have suspended play in the first place under similar conditions. If both on-field umpires agree that the current drizzle would not have caused a stoppage, then play shall resume immediately. In these circumstances the provisions of Laws 3.9 (b) (i) and 3.9 (c) (i) shall not apply.
- 3.5.2 The umpires shall disregard any shadow on the pitch from the stadium or from any permanent object on the ground.
- 3.5.3 If a shadow from the fielder falls across the striker's half of the pitch, the fielder must remain stationary from the time the bowler commences his run up until the striker has received the ball. In the event of a fielder moving before the striker receives the ball, the umpire shall call

and signal 'dead ball' if he considers the striker has been disadvantaged by the action.

3.6 Light Meters

3.6.1 It is the responsibility of each home Board to supply light meters to all umpires standing in International matches in accordance herewith.

3.6.2 Two light meters should be passed to the ICC referee when he arrives in the country of his appointment.

3.6.3 The referee will retain the light meters throughout the tour, passing it to the umpires for each Test.

3.6.4 At the completion of the tour the light meters are to be returned to the home Board.

3.6.5 The following procedure will apply for the use of light meters on the field of play:

(a) Once the umpires have judged the light to be unfit for play, the umpires shall offer the light to the batting side and immediately take a reading of the light level.

(b) The reading should be taken from the pitch, pointing the light meter (if the hand held version) at the sightscreens and in any other direction as the umpires see fit.

(c) Once the umpires have agreed on the reading it should be noted and used as a benchmark reading for the remainder of the stoppage.

(d) Only when the reading has subsequently increased above the benchmark reading should the umpires consider the light level is sufficient for play to resume.

3.7 Use of Lights

If in the opinion of the umpires, natural light is deteriorating to an unfit level, they shall authorize the ground authorities to use the available artificial lighting so that the match can continue in acceptable conditions.

The lights are only to be used to enable a full day's play to be completed as provided in Clause 16 - Hours of Play, Intervals and Minimum Overs in the Day. In the event of power failure or lights malfunction, the existing provisions of Clause 16.1 'Hours of Play, Intervals and Minimum Overs in the Day' shall apply.

4. Law 4 - The Scorers

4.1 Law 4.2 - Correctness of Scores

Attention is drawn to Clause 21.2.

5. Law 5 - The Ball

Law 5 shall apply subject to the following:

5.1 Law 5.2 - Approval and Control of Balls

Law 5.2 shall be replaced by the following:

The ECB shall provide Grade 1 BSI approved Dukes cricket balls and spare used balls for changing during a match, which shall also be of the same brand. The fielding Captain or his nominee may select the ball with which he wishes to bowl from the supply provided by the ECB. The fourth umpire shall take a box containing at least 6 new balls to the dressing room and supervise the selection of the ball.

The umpires shall retain possession of the match ball(s) throughout the duration of the match when play is not actually taking place. During play umpires shall periodically and irregularly inspect the condition of the ball and shall retain possession of it at the fall of a wicket, a drinks interval, or any other disruption in play.

5.2 Law 5.4 - New Ball in a Match of More than One Day's Duration

Law 5.4 shall be replaced by the following:

The Captain of the fielding side shall have the choice

of taking a new ball at any time after 80 overs have been bowled with the previous ball. The umpires shall indicate to the batsman and the scorers whenever a new ball is taken into play.

5.3 Law 5.5 - Ball Lost or Becoming Unfit for Play

The following shall apply in addition to Law 5.5:

However, if the ball needs to be replaced after 110 overs for any of the reasons above, it shall be replaced by a new ball. If the ball is to be replaced, the umpire shall inform the batsmen.

5.4 Law 5.6 - Specifications

Law 5.6 shall not apply.

6 Law 6 - The Bat

6.1 Law 6.1- Width and Length

The following shall apply in addition to Law 6.1:

The blade of the bat shall have a conventional "flat" face.

7 Law 7 - The Pitch

Law 7 shall apply subject to the following:

7.1 Law 7.3 - Selection and Preparation

The following will apply in addition to Law 7.3:

Captains, umpires, the referee and Groundsmen shall co-operate to ensure that, prior to the start of any day's play, no one bounces a ball on the pitch or strikes it with a bat to assess its condition or for any other reason, or causes damage to the pitch in any other way.

Prior to the start of play on any day, only the Captain and team Coach may walk on the pitch to assess its condition. Spiked footwear is not permitted.

Prior to the commencement of a day's play and during the lunch and tea intervals, one TV commentator and camera crew of the official licensed TV broadcaster(s) (but not news crew) may be permitted to inspect the pitch and surrounds (without walking on the pitch or interfering with pitch preparation) subject to the following:

- 7.1.1 a ball must not be bounced on the pitch.
- 7.1.2 a key or knife may only be inserted in the pitch in the area between the popping and bowling creases.

In the event of any dispute, the referee in consultation with the Home Board will rule and his ruling will be final.

7.2 Law 7.4 - Changing the Pitch

Law 7.4 shall be replaced by the following:

- 7.2.1 In the event of a pitch being considered too dangerous for play to continue in the estimation of the match umpires, they shall stop play and immediately advise the match referee.
- 7.2.2 The match umpires and referee shall consult with both captains.
- 7.2.3 If the captains agree, play shall resume.
- 7.2.4 If the decision is not to resume play, the match umpires shall consider one of the options in the following sequence:
 - (a) whether the existing pitch can be repaired. Repair work will only be considered if there has been malicious damage to a non-crucial part of the pitch;
 - (b) whether an alternative pitch can be used;
 - (c) whether the match has to be abandoned.
- 7.2.5 When such a decision is made, the ground authority

shall make a public announcement as soon as possible following that decision.

- 7.2.6 In the event of a decision being taken in favour of Clauses 7.2.4 (a) or 7.2.4 (b) above, the supervision of the remedial or new preparatory work shall be the responsibility of the match umpires and the representative of the ground authority.
- 7.2.7 The rescheduled starting time and the rescheduled cessation time, together with any make-up procedures in either the existing or experimental regulations, shall be the responsibility of the match umpires.
- 7.2.8 In the event that the existing pitch can be made playable after suitable remedial work as in Clause 7.2.4 (a) above, the match shall continue from the point stopped.
- 7.2.9 If a new pitch is prepared as in Clause 7.2.4 (b) above, the match shall be restarted from the first ball (but see Clause 7.2.7) above).
- 7.2.10 If the decision is to abandon the match as in Clause 7.2.4 (c) above, the relevant officials from the Boards involved shall agree on whether the match can be replayed within the existing tour schedule.

7.3 Law 7.5 - Non-Turf Pitches

Law 7.5 shall not apply.

8 Law 8 - The Wickets

8.1 Law 8.2 - Size of Stumps

The following shall apply in addition to Law 8.2:

For televised matches the home Board may provide a slightly larger cylindrical stump to accommodate the stump camera. When the larger stump is used, all three stumps must be exactly the same size.

9 Law 9 - The Bowling, Popping and Return Creases

9.1 Law 9.3 - The Popping Crease

Law 9.3 shall apply, except that the reference to "a minimum of 6 ft" shall be replaced by "a minimum of 15 yards".

10 Law 10 - Preparation and Maintenance of the Playing Area

10.1 Law 10.1 - Rolling

The following shall apply in addition to Law 10.1:

10.1.1 Prior to tossing for choice of innings the artificial drying of the pitch and outfield shall be at the discretion of the Groundsman. Thereafter and throughout the match the drying of the outfield may be undertaken at any time by the Groundsman, but the drying of the affected area of the pitch shall be carried out only on the instructions and under the supervision of the umpires. The umpires shall be empowered to have the pitch dried without reference to the Captains at any time they are of the opinion that it is unfit for play.

10.1.2 The umpires may instruct the groundsman to use any available equipment, including any roller for the purpose of drying the pitch and making it fit for play.

10.1.3 An absorbent roller may be used to remove water from the covers including the cover on the match pitch.

10.2 Law 10.6 - Maintenance of Footholes

The following shall apply in addition to Law 10.6:

The umpires shall see that wherever possible and whenever it is considered necessary, action is taken during all intervals in play to do whatever is practicable to improve the bowler's foot holes. As soon as possible after the conclusion of each day's play, bowler's foot holes will be repaired.

11 Covering The Pitch

11.1 Law 11.1- Before the Match

The following shall apply in addition to Law 11.1:

The pitch shall be entirely protected against rain up to the commencement of play.

11.2 Law 11.2 - During the Match

Law 11.2 shall be replaced by the following:

The pitch shall be entirely protected against rain up to the commencement of play and for the duration of the period of the match. It shall be wholly covered at the termination of each day's play or providing the weather is fine, within a period of two hours thereafter.

Note: the covers must totally protect the pitch and also the pitch surroundings, a minimum 5 metres either side of the pitch and any worn or soft areas in the outfield.

11.3 Law 11.3 - Covering Bowlers' Run Ups

Law 11.3 shall be replaced by the following:

The bowler's run-ups shall be covered to a distance of at least 10 x 10 metres.

11.4 Law 11.4 - Removal of Covers

Law 11.4 shall be replaced by the following:

The covers shall be removed no earlier than 5.00am and no later than 7.00am on each morning of the match (including the rest day) provided it is not raining at the time, but they will be replaced if rain falls prior to the commencement of play.

12 Law 12 - Innings

12.1 Number of Innings

Law 12 shall apply subject to the following:

12.1.1 Law 12.1 (a) shall be replaced by the following:

A match shall be two innings per side subject to the provisions of Law 13.1.

12.1.2 Law 12.1 (b) and 12.3 (e) shall not apply.

Matches shall be of five days scheduled duration, and of two innings per side.

The two participating countries may:

- (a) Provide for a rest day during the match, and/or a reserve day after the scheduled days of play.
- (b) Play on any scheduled rest day, conditions and circumstances permitting, should a full day's play be lost on any day prior to the rest day.
- (c) Play on any scheduled reserve day, conditions and circumstances permitting, should a full day's play be lost on any day. Play shall not take place on more than 5 days.
- (d) Make up time lost in excess of five minutes in each day's play due to circumstances outside the game other than Acts of God.

13 Law 13 - The Follow-On

Law 13 shall apply subject to the following:

13.1 Law 13.3 - First Day's Play Lost

If the provision of Clause 16.1.1 (v) is applied, the additional time is regarded as part of that day's play, i.e. it is the number of days remaining, and not the total number of hours available.

14 Law 14 - Declaration and Forfeiture

Law 14 shall apply.

15 Law 15 - Intervals

Law 15 shall apply subject to the following:

15.1 Law 15.3 - Duration of Intervals

15.1.1 Luncheon Interval: The interval shall be of 40 minutes duration.

15.1.2 Tea Interval: the interval shall be of 20 minutes duration.

15.2 Law 15.6 - Changing Agreed Time for Lunch Interval

Law 15.6 shall be replaced by the following:

Where an innings concludes, or there is a break in play within 10 minutes of the scheduled or rescheduled interval, the interval will commence at that time and be limited to 40 minutes.

15.3 Law 15.8 - Tea Interval-9 Wickets Down

Law 15.8 shall be replaced by the following:

If at the scheduled time for the tea interval, the ninth wicket of the innings in progress is already down, or it falls at, or after that time, or falls when less than two minutes remain before that time, play will continue for a period of 30 minutes unless the players have cause to leave the field of play, or the innings is concluded earlier.

15.4 Law 15.9 Intervals for Drinks

The provisions of Law 15.9 shall be strictly observed except that under conditions of extreme heat the umpires may permit extra intervals for drinks.

An individual player may be given a drink either on the boundary edge or at the fall of a wicket, on the field, provided that no playing time is wasted. No other drinks shall be taken onto the field without the permission of the umpires. Any player taking drinks onto the field shall be dressed in proper cricket attire

16 Law 16 - Start of Play; Cessation of Play

Law 16 shall apply subject to the following:

Start and Cessation Times

All days: Scheduled hours of play shall be 10.45am to 5.45pm

Lunch interval: Normal commencement time for the lunch interval shall be 12.45pm

Tea interval: Normal commencement time for the tea interval shall be 3.25pm

16.1 Minimum Overs in the Day

16.1.1 Play shall continue on each day until the completion of a minimum number of overs or until the scheduled cessation time, whichever is the later. The minimum number of overs to be completed, unless an innings ends or an interruption occurs, shall be:

- (a) on days other than the last day - a minimum of 90 overs (or a minimum of 15 overs per hour).
- (b) on the last day - a minimum of 75 overs (or a minimum of 15 overs per hour) for playing time other than the last hour of the match when Clause 16.1.5 below shall apply.
- (c) Additional Hour: Subject to weather and light, except in the last hour of the match, in the event of play being suspended for any reason other than normal intervals, the playing time on that day shall be extended by the amount of time lost up to a maximum of one hour. For the avoidance of doubt, the maximum of one hour shall be inclusive of any time that may have been added to the scheduled playing time due to playing time having been lost on previous days under Clause (e) below. In these circumstances, the minimum number of overs to be bowled shall be in accordance

with the provisions of this clause i.e. a minimum of 15 overs per hour and the cessation time shall be rescheduled accordingly.

- (d) If play has been suspended for 30 minutes or more prior to the commencement of the scheduled or rescheduled tea interval, the tea interval shall be delayed for half an hour.
- (e) If any time is lost and cannot be made up under Clause (c) above, additional time of up to a maximum of one hour per day shall be added to the scheduled playing hours for the next day, and subsequent day(s) as required (to make up as much lost time as possible). Any time carried forward in this way shall be added to the end of the last session of play. The timing of the lunch and tea intervals will be adjusted to provide a scheduled 2¹/₂ hour session and not affect the starting time.
- (f) On any day's play, except the last day, when the scheduled hours of play have been completed, but the required number of overs have not been bowled and weather or bad light causes play for that day to be abandoned, the remaining overs on that day shall be made up on the next or subsequent days [refer Clause (e) above for timings]. On any one day, a maximum of 15 additional overs shall be permitted.
- (g) When additional time is added to subsequent day(s), no scheduled day's play shall exceed 7 hours. The length of each session of play is subject to the provisions of Law 15.
- (h) Under Law 15.5 timings can be altered at any time on any day if playing time is lost, not necessarily on that day. The captains, umpires and the referee can agree different timings under those circumstances before play starts on any day.

16.1.2 When an innings ends a minimum number of overs

shall be bowled from the start of the new innings. The number of overs to be bowled shall be calculated at the rate of one over for each full four minutes to enable a minimum of 90 overs to be bowled in a day. The last hour of the match shall be excluded from this calculation when Clause 16.1.5 shall apply.

Where a change of innings occurs during a day's play, in the event of the team bowling second being unable to complete its overs by the scheduled cessation time, play shall continue until the required number of overs have been completed.

Where there is a change of innings during a day's play (except at lunch or tea or when play is suspended due to unfit ground, weather or light conditions or for exceptional circumstances), 2 overs will be deducted from the minimum number of overs to be bowled.

- 16.1.3 Except in the last hour of the match, for which Clause 16.1.5 makes provision, if play is suspended due to adverse weather or light for more than one hour in aggregate on any day, the minimum number of overs shall be reduced by one over for each full 4 minutes of the aggregate playing time lost. For the avoidance of doubt, the aggregate of one hour shall be inclusive of any time that may have been brought forward from previous days due to playing time lost on such previous days under Clause 16.1.1 (e) above.
- 16.1.4 On the last day, if any of the minimum of 75 overs, or as recalculated, have not been bowled when one hour of scheduled playing time remains, the last hour of the match for the purposes of Clause 16.1.5 shall be the hour immediately following the completion of those overs.
- 16.1.5 Laws 16.6, 16.7 and 16.8 will apply except that a minimum of 15 overs shall be bowled in the last hour and all calculations with regard to suspensions of play or the start of a new innings shall be based on one

over for each full 4 minutes (refer Clause 16.1.9 below). If, however, at any time after 30 minutes of the last hour have elapsed both Captains (the batsmen at the wicket may act for their Captain) accept that there is no prospect of a result to the match, they may agree to cease play at that time.

16.1.6 Notwithstanding any other provision, there shall be no further play on any day, other than the last day, if a wicket falls or a batsman retires or if the players have occasion to leave the field during the last minimum over within 2 minutes of the scheduled cessation time or thereafter.

16.1.7 An over completed on resumption of a new day's play shall be disregarded in calculating minimum overs for that day.

16.1.8 Except on the final day, if in the event of ground, weather or light conditions causing a suspension of play and/or if the players are already off the field at the re-scheduled cessation time or any time thereafter, stumps shall be drawn.

16.1.9 Fractions are to be ignored in all calculations re the number of overs except where there is a change of innings in a day's play, when the over in progress at the conclusion shall be rounded up.

16.1.10 The scoreboard shall show:

(a) the total number of overs bowled with the ball currently in use: and

(b) the minimum number of overs remaining to be bowled in a day.

16.1.11 Penalties shall apply for slow over-rates (refer ICC Code of Conduct).

16.2 Extra Time

The umpires may decide to play 30 minutes (a

minimum of eight overs) extra time at the end of any day (other than the last day) if requested by either captain if, in the umpire's opinion, it would bring about a definite result on that day [this is in addition to the maximum one hour's extra time provided for in Clause 16.1.1 (c) above]. If the umpires do not believe a result can be achieved no extra time shall be allowed.

If it is decided to play such extra time on one or more of these days, the whole period shall be played out even though the possibility of finishing the match may have disappeared before the full period has expired.

Only the actual amount of playing time up to the maximum 30 minutes extra time by which play is extended on any day shall be deducted from the total number of hours of play remaining, and the match shall end earlier on the final day by the amount of time by which play was previously extended under this clause.

17 Law 17 - Practice on the Field

17.1 Law 17.1 - Practice on the Field

The following shall apply in addition to Law 17.1:

The use of the square for practice on any day of any match will be restricted to any netted practice area on the square set aside for that purpose.

18 Law 18 - Scoring

Law 18 shall apply subject to the following:

18.1 Law 18.5 - Deliberate Short Runs

The reference to 'Governing Body' shall be replaced by 'ICC match referee' in Law 18.5 (b) (iv).

19 Law 19 - Boundaries

Law 19 shall apply subject to the following:

19.1 Law 19.1 - The Boundary of the Field of Play

The following shall apply in addition to Law 19.1:

The playing area shall be a minimum of 140 yards from boundary to boundary square of the pitch. The pitch shall be a minimum 60 yards from one boundary square of the pitch. When this minimum distance is used, the pitch has to be a minimum 80 yards from the opposite square boundary. The straight boundary at both ends of the pitch shall be a minimum of 60 yards. Distances shall be measured from the centre of the pitch to be used.

Any ground on which a Test or One Day International has been played prior to 1st July 1995 which does not conform with these minimum dimensions shall be exempt from this playing condition. Any new ground must conform to these minimum dimensions.

Sightscreens shall be provided at both ends of all grounds. Advertising shall be permitted on the sightscreen behind the striker, providing it is removed for the subsequent over from that end.

19.2 Law 19.2 Defining the Boundary - Boundary Marking

The following shall apply in addition to Law 19.2:

All boundaries must be designated by a rope or similar object of a minimum standard as authorised by the ICC from time to time. Where appropriate the rope should be a required minimum distance (3 yards minimum) inside the perimeter fencing or advertising signs. For grounds with a large playing area, the maximum length of boundary should be used before applying the minimum three yards between the boundary and the fence.

19.3 Law 19.3 - Scoring a Boundary

The following shall be added to Law 19.3:

If an unauthorized person enters the playing arena and handles the ball, the umpire at the bowler's end shall be the sole judge of whether the boundary allowance should be scored or the ball be treated as still in play or called dead ball if a batsman is liable to be out as a result of the unauthorized person handling the ball. See also Law 19.1 (c).

20 Law 20 - Lost Ball

Law 20 shall apply.

21 Law 21 - The Result

Law 21 shall apply subject to the following:

21.1 Law 21.2 - A Win- One Innings Match

Law 21.2 shall not apply

21.2 Law 21.8 - Correctness of Result

Any query on the result of the match as defined in Laws 21.1, 21.3, 21.4, 21.5, 21.8 and 21.10 shall be resolved as soon as possible and a final decision made by the umpires at close of play.

22 Law 22 - The Over

Law 22 shall apply subject to the addition of the following to Law 22.5:

22.1 Law 22.5 - Umpire Miscounting

Whenever possible the third umpire or TV umpire shall liaise with the scorers and if possible inform the on-field umpires if the over has been miscounted.

23 Law 23 - Dead Ball

Law 23 shall apply.

24 Law 24 - No Ball

Law 24 shall apply subject to the following:

24.1 Law 24.1 - Mode of Delivery

Law 24.1 (b) shall be replaced by the following:

The bowler may not deliver the ball underarm. If a bowler bowls a ball underarm the umpire shall call and signal no ball, and the ball is to be re-bowled overarm.

24.2 Law 24.2 - Fair delivery - the arm

The reference to 'Governing Body' shall be replaced by 'ICC Match Referee' where it appears in Law 24.2 (iii).

25 Law 25 - Wide Ball

25.1 Law 25.1 - Judging a Wide

Law 25 shall apply with the following addition to Law 25.1 (Judging a wide):

For bowlers attempting to utilise the rough outside a batsman's leg stump, not necessarily as a negative tactic, the strict limited over wide interpretation shall be applied.

For bowlers whom umpires consider to be bowling down the leg side as a negative tactic, the strict limited over wide interpretation shall be applied.

26 Law 26 - Bye and Leg Bye

Law 26 shall apply.

27 Law 27 - Appeals

Law 27 shall apply.

28 Law 28 - The Wicket Is Down

Law 28 shall apply.

29 Law 29 - Batsman Out of His Ground

Law 29 shall apply.

30 Law 30 - Bowled

Law 30 shall apply.

31 Law 31 - Timed Out

Law 31 shall apply.

32 Law 32 - Caught

Law 32 shall apply.

33 Law 33 - Handled the Ball

Law 33 shall apply.

34 Law 34 - Hit the Ball Twice

Law 34 shall apply.

35 Law 35 - Hit Wicket

Law 35 shall apply.

36 Law 36 - Leg Before Wicket

Law 36 shall apply.

37 Law 37 - Obstructing the Field

Law 37 shall apply.

38 Law 38 - Run Out

Law 38 shall apply.

39 Law 39 - Stumped

Law 39 shall apply.

40 Law 40 - The Wicket-Keeper

Law 40 shall apply.

41 Law 41 - The Fielder

Law 41 shall apply subject to the following:

41.1 Law 41.1 - Protective Equipment

In addition to Law 41.1:

The exchanging of protective equipment between members of the fielding side on the field shall be permitted provided that the umpires do not consider that it constitutes a waste of playing time.

41.2 Law 41.2 - Fielding the Ball

The reference to 'Governing Body' shall be replaced by 'ICC match referee' in Law 41.2 (c).

42 Law 42 - Fair and Unfair Play

42.1 Law 42.3 - The Match Ball - Changing its Condition

Law 42.3 shall apply, subject to the following:

42.1.1 The reference to 'Governing Body' shall be replaced by 'ICC Match Referee' in Law 42.3 (d) (vi).

42.1.2 Law 42.3 (e) (ii) shall be replaced with the following:

(a) Inform the captain of the fielding side of the reason for the action taken.

42.1.3 In addition to Law 42.3:

(a) The Umpires shall report the incident to the Referee under the ICC Code of Conduct.

(b) In the event that a ball has been interfered with and requires replacement the batsman at the wicket shall choose the replacement ball from a selection of six other balls of various degrees of usage (including a new ball) and of the same brand as the ball in use prior to the contravention.

42.2 Law 42.4 - Deliberate Attempt to Distract Striker

Law 42.4 shall apply, subject to the following:

42.2.1 The reference to 'Governing Body' shall be replaced by 'ICC match referee' in Law 42.4 (b) (iii).

42.2.2 In addition, the umpires shall report the incident to the referee under the ICC Code of Conduct.

42.3 Law 42.5 - Deliberate Distraction or Obstruction of Batsman

Law 42.5 shall apply subject to the following:

42.3.1 The reference to 'Governing Body' shall be replaced by 'ICC Match Referee' in Law 42.5 (b) (vi).

42.3.2 In addition, the umpires shall report the incident to the referee under the ICC Code of Conduct.

42.4 Law 42.6 - Dangerous and Unfair Bowling

42.4.1 Law 42.6 (a) - The Bowling of Fast Short Pitched Balls

Law 42.6 (a) shall be replaced by the following:

- (a) A bowler shall be limited to two fast short-pitched deliveries per over.
- (b) A fast short-pitched ball is defined as a ball, which passes or would have passed above the shoulder height of the Batsman standing upright at the crease.
- (c) The umpire at the bowler's end shall advise the bowler and the batsman on strike when each fast short pitched delivery has been bowled.
- (d) In addition, for the purpose of this regulation and subject to Clause 42.4.1 (f) below, a ball that passes above head height of the batsman, that prevents him from being able to hit it with his bat by means of a normal cricket stroke shall be called a wide.
- (e) For the avoidance of doubt any fast short pitched delivery that is called a wide under this playing condition shall also count as one of the allowable short pitched deliveries in that over.

- (f) In the event of a bowler bowling more than two fast short-pitched deliveries in an over as defined in Clause 42.4.1 (b) above, the umpire at the bowler's end shall call and signal no ball on each occasion. A differential signal shall be used to signify a fast short pitched delivery. The umpire shall call and signal "no ball" and then tap the head with the other hand.
- (g) If a bowler delivers a third fast short pitched ball in an over, the umpire, after the call of no ball and when the ball is dead, shall caution the bowler, inform the other umpire, the captain of the fielding side and the batsmen at the wicket of what has occurred. This caution shall apply throughout the innings.
- (h) If there is a second instance of the bowler being no balled in the innings for bowling more than two fast short pitched deliveries in an over, the umpire shall advise the bowler that this is his final warning for the innings.
- (i) Should there be any further instance by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall call and signal no ball and when the ball is dead direct the captain to take the bowler off forthwith. If necessary, the over shall be completed by another bowler, who shall neither have bowled the previous over, or part thereof, nor be allowed to bowl the next over, or part thereof.
- (j) The bowler thus taken off shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings.
- (k) The umpire will report the occurrence to the other umpire, the batsmen at the wicket and as soon as possible to the captain of the batting side.
- (l) The umpires will then report the matter to the ICC Match Referee who shall take such action as is considered appropriate against the captain and the bowler concerned. (Refer also to Law 42.1 Fair and

Unfair Play - Responsibility of the Captains.)

The above is not a substitute for Clause 42.6 below which umpires are able to apply at any time.

42.5 Law 42.6 (b) - Bowling of High Full Pitched Balls

Law 42.6 (b) shall be replaced by the following:

- 42.5.1 Any delivery, other than a slow paced one, which passes or would have passed on the full above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease is deemed dangerous and unfair, whether or not is it likely to inflict physical injury on the striker.
- 42.5.2 A slow delivery, which passes or would have passed on the full above shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the crease, is to be deemed dangerous and unfair, whether or not it is likely to inflict physical injury on the striker.
- 42.5.3 In the event of a bowler bowling a high full pitched ball as defined in Clauses 42.5.1 and 42.5.2 above (i.e. a beamer), the umpire at the bowler's end shall adopt the following procedure:
- 42.5.4 In the first instance the umpire shall call and signal no ball and when the ball is dead, caution the Bowler and issue a first and final warning. The umpire shall inform the other umpire, captain of the fielding side and the striker of what has occurred.
- 42.5.5 At the first repetition call and signal no ball and when the ball is dead direct the captain of the fielding side to take the Bowler off forthwith and to complete the over with another Bowler, provided that the Bowler does not bowl two overs or part thereof consecutively.
- 42.5.6 Not allow the Bowler, thus taken off, to bowl again in the same innings.
- 42.5.7 At the first opportunity report the occurrence, with the

other umpire, to the captain of the batting side and the ICC match referee responsible for the match who shall take any further action, which is considered to be appropriate against the Captain and the Bowler concerned. (Refer also to Law 42.1 Fair and Unfair Play - Responsibility of the Captains.)

42.6 Law 42.7 - Dangerous and Unfair Bowling - Action by the umpire

Law 42.7 shall be replaced by the following:

Regardless of any action taken by the umpire as a result of a breach of Clauses 42.4, 42.5 and 42.7 the following shall apply at any time during the match.

- 42.6.1 The bowling of fast short pitched balls is unfair if in the opinion of the umpire at the Bowler's end he considers that by their repetition and taking into account their length, height and direction, they are likely to inflict physical injury on the Striker, irrespective of the protective clothing and equipment he may be wearing. The relative skill of the Striker shall also be taken into consideration.
- 42.6.2 In the event of such unfair bowling, the umpire at the Bowler's end shall adopt the following procedure:
- (a) In the first instance the umpire shall call and signal no ball, caution the Bowler and inform the other umpire, the Captain of the fielding side and the Batsmen of what has occurred.
 - (b) If this caution is ineffective, he shall repeat the above procedure and indicate to the Bowler that this is a final warning.
 - (c) Both the above caution and final warning shall continue to apply even though the Bowler may later change ends.
 - (d) Should the above warnings prove ineffective the

umpire at the Bowler's end shall:

- (i) At the first repetition call and signal no ball and when the ball is dead direct the Captain to take the Bowler off forthwith and to complete the over with another Bowler, provided that the Bowler does not bowl two overs or part thereof consecutively. See Law 22.8. (Bowler incapacitated or Suspended during an Over).
- (ii) Not allow the Bowler, thus taken off, to bowl again in the same innings.
- (iii) Report the occurrence to the Captain of the batting side as soon as the Players leave the field for an interval.
- (iv) Report the occurrence to the Executive of the fielding side and to the ICC match referee responsible for the match who shall take any further action, which is considered to be appropriate against the Captain and the Bowler concerned (Refer also to Law 42.1 Fair and Unfair Play - Responsibility of the Captains.)

42.7 Law 42.8 - Deliberate Bowling of High Full Pitched Balls

Law 42.8 shall be replaced with the following:

If the umpire considers that a high full pitch, which is deemed dangerous and unfair as defined in Clause 42.5 was deliberately bowled, then the caution and warning process shall be dispensed with.

The umpire at the bowlers end shall:

42.7.1 Call and signal no ball.

42.7.2 When the ball is dead, direct the captain to take the bowler off forthwith.

42.7.3 Not allow the bowler to bowl again in that innings.

42.7.4 Complete the over with another Bowler, provided that the Bowler does not bowl two overs or part thereof consecutively.

42.7.5 At the first opportunity report the occurrence, with the other umpire, to the captain of the batting side and the ICC match referee responsible for the match who shall take any further action, which is considered to be appropriate against the Captain and the Bowler concerned. (Refer also to Law 42.1 Fair and Unfair Play - Responsibility of the Captains).

42.8 Action by the umpires for dangerous and unfair Bowling

Should the umpires initiate the caution and warning procedures set out in Clauses 42.4, 42.5, 42.6 and 42.7, such cautions and warnings are not to be cumulative.

42.9 Law 42.9 - Time Wasting by the Fielding Side

Law 42.9 shall apply subject to Law 42.9 (b) being replaced by the following:

42.9.1 If there is any further waste of time in that innings, by any member of the fielding side the umpire shall:

- (a) Call and signal dead ball if necessary, and;
- (b) Award 5 penalty runs to the batting side (see Law 42.17).
- (c) Inform the other umpire, the batsman and, as soon as practicable, the captain of the batting side of what has occurred.
- (d) Report the occurrence, with the other umpire, as soon as possible to the Executive of the fielding side and to the ICC Match Referee responsible for the match, who shall take such action as is considered appropriate against the captain and the team concerned under the ICC Code of Conduct.

42.10 Law 42.10 - Batsman Wasting Time

Law 42.10 shall apply, subject to the following:

42.10.1 That the reference to 'Governing Body' shall be replaced by 'ICC match referee' in Law 42.10 (b) (iii).

42.10.2 In addition, the umpires will report the incident to the ICC match referee under the ICC Code of Conduct.

42.11 Law 42.12 - Bowler Running on the Protected Area after Delivering the Ball

42.11.1 Law 42.12 shall apply, except that the reference to 'Governing Body' shall be replaced by 'ICC match referee' in Law 42.12 (c) (iii).

42.12 Law 42.13 - Fielder Damaging the Pitch

42.12.1 Law 42.13 shall apply, except that the reference to 'Governing Body' shall be replaced by 'ICC match referee' in Law 42.13 (b) (iii).

42.13 Law 42.14 - Batsman Damaging the Pitch

42.13.1 Law 42.14 shall apply, except that the reference to 'Governing Body' shall be replaced by 'ICC match referee' in Law 42.14 (c) (vi).

42.14 Law 42.16 - Batsmen Stealing a Run

42.14.1 Law 42.16 shall apply, except that the reference to 'Governing Body' shall be replaced by 'ICC match referee' in Law 42.16 (v).

42.15 Law 42.18 - Players' Conduct

42.15.1 Law 42.18 shall apply, except that the reference to 'Governing Body' shall be replaced by 'ICC match referee' in Law 42.18 (iii).

APPENDIX A

All penalty runs in the Laws of Cricket 2000 Code now apply in International Cricket. Some penalty runs can be referred to the ICC Match Referee for further action if necessary.

The following grid should be read in conjunction with these Standard Playing Conditions.

Playing Condition Clause No.	Law	Action on Field	Award of Penalty Runs	Report to ICC Match Referee
2.2	2.6 (iii)	Yes	Yes	As Law
18.1	18.5	Yes	Yes	As Law
41.2	41.2 (c)	Yes	Yes	As Law
N/a	41.3	Yes	Yes	No
42.1	42.3	Yes	Yes	Yes
42.2	42.4	Yes	Yes	Yes
42.3	42.5	Yes	Yes	Yes
42.9	42.9	Yes	Yes	As Law
42.10	42.10	Yes	Yes	As Law
42.12	42.13	Yes	Yes	As Law
42.13	42.14	Yes	Yes	As Law
42.14	42.16	Yes	Yes	As Law