

MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 Code 3rd Edition - 2022)

as varied for CWSCA Senior Competitions

Law 1 - The Players

Law 1 shall apply subject to the following:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rules 2 (a), (b) & (c)

Law 2 – The Umpires

Law 2 shall apply subject to the following:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rules 20 (c) & 14 (a), (b), (c) & (d)

Law 3 – The Scorers

Law 3 shall apply:

Law 4 – The Ball

Law 4 shall apply subject to the following:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rules 16 (b) & 19

Law 5 – The Bat

Law 5 shall apply:

Law 6 – The Pitch

Law 6 shall apply subject to the following:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rule 14 (c)

Law 7 - The Creases

Law 7 shall apply:

Law 8 - The Wickets

Law 8 shall apply:

Law 9 - Preparation and Maintenance of the Playing Area

Law 9 shall not apply:

Law 10 - Covering the Pitch

Law 10 shall not apply:

Law 11 - Intervals

Law 11 shall apply subject to the following:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rules 9 (a), (b), (c) & (d)

Law 12 - Start of Play, Cessation of Play

Laws 12.1 to 12.5 shall apply:

Laws 12.6 to 12.11 shall not apply:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rules 8, 10, 11 & 12

Law 13 - Innings

Law 13.5 shall apply:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rule 5 (g) & Rules 10, 11 & 12

Law 14 - The Follow On

Law 14.2 shall apply:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rules 10 (l) & 12 (l)

Law 15 - Declaration and Forfeiture

Law 15.1 shall apply subject to the following:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rules 16 (a)

Law 15.2 shall apply except for the first (1st) innings of any match.

Law 15.3 shall apply:

Law 16 - The Result

Law 16 shall apply:

Law 17 - The Over

Law 17 shall apply:

Law 18 - Scoring Runs

Law 18 Scoring Runs shall apply:

18.4. Unintentional short runs

New: 18.4.2 If, after either or both batters run short, a boundary is scored the umpires shall disregard the short running and shall not call or signal Short run, unless the boundary is the result of an Overthrow or wilful act of a fielder.

18.11 Batter returning to original end

New: 18.11.1.7 Batter out Caught.

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 last ball of an over)

New: 18.11.1.8 Batter out Obstructing the field, where the obstruction or distraction prevents the striker being out caught. (Same as above)

Law 19 Boundaries

Law 19 Boundaries shall apply subject to the following:

19.1 (a) Minimum Boundary Size for all matches shall be 50 metres.

19.1 (b) The Maximum Boundary size for all matches shall be 70 metres.

19.1 (c) Where a Boundary Line has been marked by Council it shall be used & take precedence over 19.1(a) & 19.1 (b) above.

19.1 (d) Boundaries where possible should be positioned closer to the maximum distance rather than the minimum distance as defined above.

19.1 (e) As a safety measure, all venues that are defined by a Boundary fence shall have a Boundary line, or cones/ witches' hats positioned at least two (2) metres inside the fence to define the Boundary.

Laws 19.2 to 19.8 inclusive shall apply:

New: 19.2.7 A person, animal or **object** coming onto the field of play while the ball is in play shall not be regarded as a boundary unless the umpires determine otherwise at the time of the contact between the ball and such a person, animal **or object** is made for each separate occurrence.

Law 20 – Dead Ball

Law 20 shall apply:

New: 20.6 Dead ball not to be revoked

Once the ball is Dead no revoking of any decision can bring the ball back into play for that delivery.

Law 21 – No Ball

Law 21 shall apply:

New: 21.4 Bowler throwing towards striker's end before delivery

If the bowler throws the ball towards the striker's end wicket before entering the delivery stride, it is not a No ball, and the procedure in stated in 21.3 shall not apply. However, the umpire shall call and signal Dead ball.

Law 22 – Wide Ball

Law 22 shall apply:

Law 23 – Bye and Leg Bye

Law 23 shall apply:

Law 24 – Fielder's Absence; Substitutes

Law 24 shall apply subject to the following:

24.1 Substitute fielders:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rules 18 (b) 2 (b) & (c), unlimited rotation of the thirteen (13) nominated players shall be permitted.

24.2 Fielder absent or leaving the field of play:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rules 16 (h) & (i)

Laws 24.2.8 & 24.2.9 shall not apply:

Laws 24.3 & 24.4 shall apply:

Law 25 – Batsman's Innings; Runners

Law 25 shall apply except for 25.3:

Law 26 – Practice on the field

Laws 26.1 & 26.4 shall not apply:

Laws 26.2 & 26.3 shall apply:

Law 27 – The Wicket – Keeper

Law 27 shall apply:

Law 28 – The Fielder

Law 28 shall apply with the addition of SMOC & Playing Conditions Rule 18 (b)

Law 29 – The Wicket Is Broken

Law 29 shall apply:

New 29.2.1.4 The wicket is broken fairly if the striker's person or any part of his/her clothing or equipment being worn, or by any part of the striker's clothing or equipment becoming detached from his/her person. **However, any detached equipment shall not include the striker's protective helmet, or any part thereof, as defined in Appendix A.2.3**

Appendix A.2.3 A protective helmet is headwear made of hard material and designed to protect the head, neck and/or the face. For the purposes of interpreting these Laws of Cricket, such a description shall include faceguards, grilles and neck guards.

Law 30 – Batsman Out of His/Her Ground

Law 30 shall apply:

Law 31 – Appeals

Law 31 shall apply:

Law 32 – Bowled

Law 32 shall apply:

Law 33 – Caught

Law 33 shall apply:

Law 34 – Hit the Ball Twice

Law 34 shall apply:

Law 35 - Hit Wicket

Law 35 shall apply:

Law 36 – Leg Before Wicket

Law 36 shall apply:

Law 37 – Obstructing the Field

Law 37 shall apply:

Law 38 – Run Out

Law 38 shall apply:

Law 39 – Stumped

Law 39 shall apply:

Law 40 – Timed Out

Law 40 shall apply:

New 40.11 After the fall of a wicket or the retirement of a batter, the incoming batter must, unless Time has been called, be ready to receive the ball, or the other batter to receive the next ball within 3 minutes of the dismissal or retirement. If this requirement is not met, the incoming batter (on appeal) will be out Timed out.

Law 41 – Unfair Play

Law 41 shall apply subject to the following:

41.3 The match ball – changing its condition

A fielder may, however

New 41.3.2.1 polish the ball on his/her clothing provided that no artificial substance is used, that the only natural substance used is sweat (no saliva) and that such polishing wastes no time. (if saliva is seen to be used officially appointed umpires shall award 5 penalty runs to the batting side)

Law 41.7 Bowling of dangerous and unfair non – pitching deliveries

41.7.3 **Modified to the following.** If the umpire considers a non – pitching delivery, or a series of non – pitching deliveries, to be dangerous under 41.7.2 when the ball is dead, the umpire shall repeat the No ball signal to the scorers and then caution the bowler, indicating that this is his **first warning**. The umpire shall also inform the other umpire, the captain of

the fielding side and the batsmen of what has occurred. This caution shall apply to that bowler throughout the innings. Should there be a second dangerous such delivery by the same bowler in that innings, the umpire shall issue a **second and final warning** to that bowler and inform in the same manner as above.

The remainder of Law 41 shall then be followed where applicable.

Law 42 – Players’ Conduct

Refer to the C&WSCA Code of Conduct.