

MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 Code 4th Edition - 2026)

as varied for CWSCA Senior Competitions

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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 19 (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 15 (b) & 18.

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 13. Fitness of Grounds, Weather, Light and Lightning. 13 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f)

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 apply: **Note: Law 9.8**

Law 10 - Covering the Pitch

Law 10 shall apply: **The pitch may be covered to assist in making further play possible.**

Law 11 - Intervals

Law 11 shall apply subject to the following:

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

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)**

Law 13 - Innings

Law 13.5 shall apply:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rule **5 (f), & Rules 10, & 11**

Law 14 - The Follow On

Law 14.2 shall apply:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rule **10 (l)**

Law 15 - Declaration and Forfeiture

Law 15.1 shall apply subject to the following:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rules **15 (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:

New: 18.13 Batter going to an end decided by players

18.13.1 When a batter is dismissed Obstructing the field, where the obstruction prevents a catch being taken, the captain of the fielding side shall decide whether the not out batter shall return to the wicket they have left, or the other end.

18.13.2 If the ball becomes Dead under Law 18.5.2 (Deliberate short running), the captain of the fielding side shall decide which batter is to face the next delivery.

18.13.3 If the ball becomes Dead under Law 41.5 (Deliberate distraction, deception or obstruction of batter), the batters at the wicket decide which batter is to face the next delivery.

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:

Law 20 – Dead Ball

Law 20 shall apply:

Law 21 – No Ball

Law 21 shall apply:

Law 22 – Wide Ball

Law 22 shall apply:

New: 22.1.3 The ball will be considered as passing wide of the striker if any delivery, after landing, passes over the head height of the striker standing upright at the popping crease.

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 2 (b) & (c), & 15 (g).

Unlimited rotation of the thirteen (13) nominated players is also permitted.

24.2 Fielder absent or leaving the field of play:

Refer to SMOC & Playing Conditions Rules 15 (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:

New: Law 27.3.1 The wicket keeper shall remain wholly behind the wicket at the striker's end from the instant of the bowler's delivery until a ball delivered by the bowler touches the bat or person of the striker, or passes the wicket at the striker's end, or the striker attempts a run.

Law 28 – The Fielder

Law 28 shall apply with the addition of SMOC & Playing Conditions Rule 17 (b)

Law 29 – The Wicket Is Broken

Law 29 shall apply:

Refer to New Appendices A2.7 & 2.8

A 2.7 Held in fielder's hand – to be considered held in fielder's hand or hands, the ball must be held with complete control in the fielder's palm or fingers, or in the palm or fingers of a wicket – keeper's glove.

A 2.8 Complete control over the ball means that, assuming no contact with any other person or object, the fielder could continue to hold the ball for as long as they choose, or to dispose of it wherever they choose.

Law 30 – Batsman Out Of Their 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:

Law 41 – Unfair Play

Law 41 shall apply subject to the following:

Law 41.7 Bowling of dangerous and unfair non – **landing deliveries**

41.7.3 Modified to the following. If the umpire considers a non – landing delivery, or a series of non – landing 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. Should there be a third dangerous such delivery by the same bowler in that innings, when the ball is dead, the umpire will inform the captain to suspend the bowler immediately from bowling. The suspended bowler shall not be allowed to bowl again in that innings.

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

Law 42 – Players’ Conduct

Refer to the C&WSCA Code of Conduct.

