

SECTION 2**Canterbury Cricket Association
Local Playing Conditions****1. Laws**

The Laws of Cricket (2000 Code 3rd Edition-2008), published by the Marylebone Cricket Club shall apply to all competition cricket under the jurisdiction of the association, subject to such modification and Local rules as may from time to time be agreed upon by the CCA. Local Rules presently in force are as follows:

2. Fitness of pitch, ground, weather and light**Games with officially-appointed Umpires**

Prior to the commencement of play a decision as to the fitness of conditions shall be left to the officiating umpires in consultation with team captains, unless the Christchurch City Council has decided the grounds are unfit for play.

Should it be necessary to cancel play on any day due to inclement weather conditions, an announcement will be broadcast over a designated local radio station. If there is no announcement by 11.00am matches will be played. When the CCA has decided that cricket is to be played then any further decision regarding fitness of conditions (pitch, ground, weather, light) shall be dealt with as follows:

a) Pitch, ground and weather

- 1) All decisions concerning the fitness of the pitch, ground and weather (excluding light) for play, shall be in the hands of the Umpires, provided that the Umpires shall not abandon play without consulting both captains.
- 2) Before deciding to suspend play or not to resume play after an interval, the Umpires shall establish whether both captains (the batsmen at the wicket may deputise for their Captain) wish to continue in unfit conditions; if so their wishes shall be met.
- 3) If after agreeing to continue in unfit conditions, either captain subsequently wishes play to be suspended, he may appeal to the Umpires who shall uphold the appeal only if, in their opinion, conditions have deteriorated since the agreement to continue was made.

b) Fitness of Light

The umpires will only suspend, or continue to suspend, play for bad light when they consider there is a risk of serious physical injury to the batsman. Among the facts to be considered are background, sightscreens and the types of bowling. Before deciding to suspend play, or not to resume play after an interval on account of bad light (but for no other reason), the Umpires shall establish whether the Captain of the batting team (the batsmen at the wicket may deputise for their Captain) wish to continue in unfair conditions. If so, their wishes shall be met.

- c) Decisions regarding fitness of pitch, ground, weather and light in games where there are no officially-appointed umpires are to be agreed by both captains.
- d) In the case of a dispute over a game continuing in obviously unfit conditions, because of the failure of both captains to agree, the CCA may declare the game to be drawn, or abandoned. The CCA reserves the right to rule on fitness of conditions in the game or games under dispute.

3. Stumps

- a) The host club (home games) for Premier games shall be responsible for supplying a full set of stumps and bails.
- b) Teams in all other grades (2A and below) shall carry 3 stumps and 2 bails for grass pitches.
- c) For games played on artificial pitches at Hagley Park (Polo Grounds and Hospital Corner), the controlling body is responsible for stumps and bails.

4. Use of covers

- a) Covers **must** be used in Premier Men's and 2A Grade matches except where f) shall apply, and they must be accessible during the duration of the match. (The covers must provide maximum protection to the pitch in the proper spirit of the game. The covers must be at least 30m x 6m in dimensions, and be fit **(i.e. the covers must not leak)** for the purpose of keeping water off the playing surface. The covers must be suitably anchored to the ground with enough metal pegs to ensure that the wind cannot lift the covers from their set position.

- b) *Hessian must be used in all grades that are required to use covers.*
- c) If it is not raining on the evening prior to the commencement of play the pitch shall be covered no later than 8.00pm to provide the necessary protection from the weather. *Every endeavour should also be made to protect the pitch against adverse weather conditions in the days prior to the commencement of the match.*
- d) Covers shall be removed with due care to ensure that no surface water is left on the match pitch or playing block. The covers shall be removed on the morning of the match no earlier than 5am and no later than 3 hours prior to the scheduled start time, unless it rains or rain is threatening.
- d) The same conditions must apply for both days of the two-day match.
- e) The host club is responsible for the carrying out of b), c) and d) above.
- f) The covers may be left off the pitch on the night prior to the commencement of play (on either day) to assist in drying of the pitch. *Both captains must agree to this action taking place.*
- g) Random inspections of covers will be occurring during the season by the CCA/CSCA and any infringement of the above conditions will result in a loss of half the available points from the days play for the team concerned. This penalty will be imposed at the discretion of the CCA or CSCA/CCA subcommittee.

5. Artificial Pitches

- a) If a ball, after delivery by the bowler, pitches on the grass or the edge of the composition strip it shall be ruled as “wide”.
- b) If a bowler does not have at least one foot on the composition pitch at the moment of delivery, a “no-ball” shall be called.
- c) Spikes must not be worn while playing on artificial wickets. Offending teams are liable to a fine at the discretion of the CCA.
- d) Games must take place on pitches allocated by the CCA/CSCA.

6. Overlapping Boundaries

When two or more matches are being played on the same ground and the boundaries for adjoining pitches overlap, the following will apply:

If the ball in play is stopped or obstructed, whether deliberately or otherwise, by anyone other than a member of the fielding side, except where the ball shall strike the umpire, the umpire will, if, in his opinion, the ball if not stopped or obstructed would have reached the boundary, signal the boundary in the usual manner and the ball shall then deemed to be 'dead'.

If the ball would not, in the opinion of the umpire, have reached the boundary, play will continue as if it had not been obstructed or stopped, but in such case the striker shall not be then liable to be given out caught.

7. Hours of Play

Men's Cricket

Grade	Session One	Session Two	Session Three
2 day Premier, 2A, Grades	10.30-1.00pm	1.40-3.40pm	4.00-6.00pm
Senior A	12.00-3.00pm	3.30-6.30pm	
2B Grade	11.00-1.00pm	1.30-3.50pm	4.00-6.00pm
1-day 2C Grade	12.30-3.05pm	3.25-6pm	
2 day Canterbury Schools, 3rd Grade Black	10.30-1.00pm	1.40-3.40pm	4.00-6.00pm
1-day Premier, 2A, Grades	10.30-1.45pm**	2.25-6.00pm	
2B Grade	11.00-2.15pm	2.45-6.00pm	
Senior A	12.00-3.00pm	3.30-7.00pm	
1-day	10.30	2.15-5.30pm	
Canterbury Schools, 3rd Grade Black	10.30-1.45pm	2.30-6.00pm	
3A, 3B, 3C, Pres, 4A, 4B, 4C Men	1.00-3.20pm *	3.40-6.00pm	

WOMEN'S CRICKET

Grade	Session One	Session Two	Session Three
Premier 1-day	11.00-2.00pm**	2.40-5.40pm	
1st Grade	1.00pm-2.40pm	3.10pm-	
2nd Grade	2.00-3.15pm	5.40pm	
Twenty20	2.00-3.20pm***	4.00-5.30pm	
Youth Grade	12.00-2.00pm	3.40-5.30pm	
		2.20-4.30pm	

YOUTH CRICKET

Grade	Session One	Session Two	Session Three
U18 Twenty20	1.00pm-2.15pm	2.30-3.45pm	
U14A	10.30-1.00pm	1.40-3.40pm	4.00-6.00pm
U14B	1.00-6.00pm		
C Twenty20	9.00am-12.00pm		

* *Approximate times only, sessions completed at end of 40 overs*

** *Sessions completed at end of 50 overs*

*** *Approximate times only, sessions completed at end of 20 overs*

Any over left uncompleted at the end or an innings is to be excluded from any calculations. In the case of all 2-day matches, play may be abandoned up to one hour prior to stumps on the second day, provided there is no prospect of a decision and subject to both captains agreeing.

If both teams have only completed their first innings after the tea interval on the second day and there is no likelihood of an outright decision being reached by either team, play may be abandoned subject to the agreement of both captains. Teams also have the option of continuing to the scheduled end of play to continue to accrue bonus points.

8. Drinks

Non-alcoholic drinks may be taken during any grade when agreed upon by both captains, and umpires.

9. The Toss

The toss should take place in all games at least 15 minutes prior to the commencement of play.

10. Play interrupted by rain (2-day matches)

In the event of delays in play caused by rain the time for the Lunch interval may be varied, having been agreed upon by Captains, or ordered by the Umpires.

11. Declarations (2-day matches)

Captains when declaring during an interval must notify the Umpires immediately, not only as an act of courtesy but also to ensure that the Umpires are aware of the exact time of declaration in order to determine when play shall recommence.

12. Balls

- a) 4-piece balls are to be used in all matches in Premier, Senior A, 2A and 2B grade men's matches (ie all Morning grades). All Afternoon grades (ie 2C, 3rd grade, 4th grade, Presidents) shall use 2-piece balls.
- b) The CCA/CSCA list of approved balls is provided below. These balls only may be used in club matches played under the jurisdiction of the CCA/CSCA. Additional balls may be added to this list from time to time after receiving the approval of the CCA/CSCA.
- c) For inappropriate use of a 2-piece ball in Premier, Senior A, 2A and 2B Men's Grades for not using approved balls in any grade, a loss of points will be imposed at the discretion of the CCA/CSCA.

A new ball may be taken after 70 overs. Teams in Grades below Premier, Senior A and 2A do not have to use a new ball in the second innings of a match.

Approved List of Cricket Balls

Kookaburra

4-piece 2-piece

Turf 156gm

Senator 156gm

Special Test 156 & 142gm

Club Match 142 & 156gm

Tuf Pitch 156gm

Regulation 156gm

Red King 156 & 142gm

Special Test 142 & 156gm

Practice 142 & 156gm

Crown 136, 142 & 156gm

13. Bowler breaking down -Incomplete overs

- a) If, during any match, a bowler is unable to complete the over, the remaining balls shall be bowled by another bowler.
- b) No bowler shall participate in consecutive overs or any part thereof.

14. Throwing

For a delivery to be fair the ball must be bowled not thrown. If either Umpire is not entirely satisfied with the absolute fairness of a delivery in this respect he shall call and signal "no ball" instantly upon delivery. A ball shall be deemed to have been thrown if, in the opinion of either

Umpire, the process of straightening the bowling arm, whether it be partial or complete takes place during the part of the delivery swing which directly precedes the ball leaving the hand. This definition shall not debar a bowler from the use of the wrist in the delivery swing.

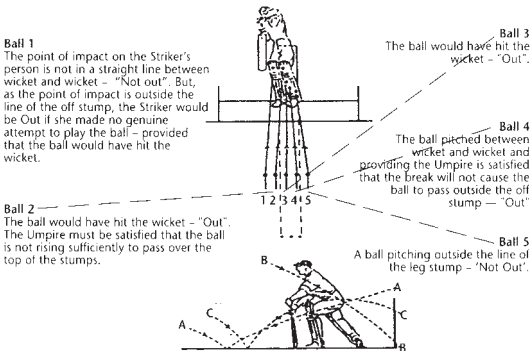
15. Number of leg-side fieldsmen

No more than two fieldsmen may be placed behind the popping crease on the on side at the time the bowler delivers the ball. In the event of any infringement of this rule, the Umpire shall call and signal "no ball" at the instant of delivery or as soon as possible thereafter.

16. No Ball

- a) The Umpire at the bowler's wicket shall call and signal "no ball" if he is not satisfied that in the delivery stride:
 - 1) The bowler's *back foot* has landed within and not touching the *return crease* or its forward extension: or
 - 2) Some part of the front foot whether grounded or raised was *behind the popping crease*.
- b) Any high full-pitched ball (*regardless of its pace*) which passes or would have passed above waist height of the batsman *standing upright* at the crease shall be called and signalled No Ball by the Umpire at the bowler's end. In the event of a bowler bowling a 'fast' high-pitched ball (i.e. a Beamer), the Umpire at the bowler's end shall adopt the procedure of caution, final warning, action against the bowler and reporting. However, if *the Umpire* at the bowler's end considers that such a fast high full pitch has been bowled '*deliberately*' at the batsman he *shall call and signal No Ball* and direct the Captain of the fielding side *to take the bowler off forthwith* without adopting the procedure of caution and final warning.

17. Leg Before Wicket (LBW)



18. Wides – 1-Day Cricket

Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket or over the batsman's head. The following criteria should be adopted as a guide for Umpires:

Wide calls are subject to the judgment of an umpire. In 1-day cricket if the ball passes on the off side sufficiently wide to make it virtually impossible for the striker to play a normal cricket stroke from his normal guard position the umpires shall call and signal wide. *If the ball pitches outside leg stump and moves further away to leg* the umpire shall call and signal wide. The aim should be that consistency is maintained during the match. Team captains and/or coaches are encouraged to agree on the interpretation of the wide rule *before the commencement of play*. If the captains cannot agree then the above ruling should be used. *Where possible four lines indicating wides shall be painted on the crease* to be used as a guide for all umpires. The dimensions are as follows 800mm on the off-side and 500mm on the leg side. All measurements are taken from the middle stump.

19. Penalty Runs

Penalty runs may only be awarded by officially appointed Umpires.

20. Pitch and Umpire Reports

Reports on umpires and pitch conditions shall be completed by captains of all Grades with officially appointed umpires (i.e. Premier Men and Senior A Men). Such reports must be returned to the Reports Collection Officer, Mike Fisher (PO Box 789, Christchurch, mfisher@canterburycricket.org.nz, fax 365 3073), *within 72 hours* following the completion of each match. Failure to provide reports by the due time will result in a warning. ***After a further 24 hours***, a transgression will result in a ***loss of 2 points*** from the round of play, at the discretion of the CCA. The reports will be supplied by the CCA. (See pages 126-129).