



Proposals and suggestions for rule and playing condition changes

The majority of the changes which follow are clarifications or corrections of typos and other errors. However, there are a small number of proposals printed in red and contrasting font on which we will offer time for some discussion. There are also some debating points at the end of the document about rain rules where no specific changes are put forward but we will use the discussion to test the clubs' appetite for change.

Tier One

Schedule 2

1b - replace "tea" with "the interval" – ***clarification for consistency***

4b - Free Hits for all No Balls except over head high bouncers - ***rule change to come into line with the professional game***

7c, d and Note - Replace Duckworth/Lewis with Duckworth/Lewis/Stern – ***is now the correct name for this***

Schedule 3

1l - change "10 overs" to "20 overs" - ***rule change which failed narrowly a couple of years ago, which would create consistency with overs format***

Tier Two

Schedule 5

1b - replace "tea" with "the interval" – ***clarification for consistency***

1e – after "as reduced prior to the start of the match" add ", and overs will only be deducted from the second innings" - ***clarification***

3e – replace "Illustrations" with "Illustration" - ***typo***

replace "A 50 over innings" with "A second innings originally scheduled for 50 overs" - ***clarification***

4b (1) - Free Hits for all No Balls except bouncers over head high – ***see Tier One – rule change to come into line with the professional game***

7d Example - open bracket before "and 203" and "and 183" - ***typo***

Schedule 6



1h(iii) - change "10 overs" to "20 overs" - *see Tier One above - rule change which failed narrowly a couple of years ago, which would create consistency with overs format*

4c - change 7.20pm to 6.20pm – *correcting error*

Tier Three

Schedule 7

1c should appear in Schedule 8 end of 1c(1) – *Sch 7 refers to both types of format, this relates only to overs matches so should be in Sch 8*

3a - clubs in Div 5 1st XI or 2nd, 3rd or 4th XIs in the Championship - *incorrectly copied over from Tier Two, should be all clubs in these divisions*

Schedule 8

1a - align beginning of sentences - *typo*

1b - replace tea with the interval - *clarification*

2c - delete "only" - *clarification*

6f Example - open bracket before "and 203" and "and 183" – see Tier Two - *typo*

Schedule 9

1e - part of over shall be considered a whole over.

For all matches outside of 1st XI change to Round Up as 1st XI currently do.



Constitution Amendments

R10e - delivery instead of ball – **clarification** – ***a No Ball or a Wide is a delivery but not a ball***

R10f - change 10 to 3? - ***a rule change to encourage captains to deliver more timely and thus more useful reports on the umpires. Those that come in later have very little in the way of comments***

Appendix One

PC5c(2) - bowling points to 3, 6 , 9 wickets? - ***Change the current bonus points?***

PC5c(3) – delete stray " - **typo.**

Complete dismissal also where player(s) have retired out - **clarification.**
Insert “overs” between “of” and “recalculation” - **clarification.**

PC9a - 3rd XI regional divisions for 2017 only – ***requires a decision on what will apply in 2018***

PC13i - change last 4 matches to last 6? - ***crunch games are often a little earlier in the season***

PC15a - after “penalty runs” add “, to make any penalties for slow over rates or to apply the onfield disciplinary sanctions in Law 42. Behaviour warranting such sanctions should however be reported to the Disciplinary Committee.” - ***clarifying and extending the lack of powers of non-Panel umpires in the light of the new Law changes***

Debating Points

1. Rain affected games - Rain from the outset of the game
 - a. Timed Games - do we want to declare “Rain Days”
 - b. Overs Games - probably no change required
2. Rain affected games - Rain during the game.