

## Additional Notes:

**1. Helmets:** Under the previous Laws there were special provisions if the ball struck the worn helmet of a fielder or wicket keeper which prevented any advantage being gained if the ball rebounded off the helmet, in certain circumstances, effecting a catch, a run out or a stumping. Under the new Laws, with the wearing of helmets by wicket-keepers and close fielders now compulsory at many levels of the game, it has been decided that a worn helmet will be treated as being part of the fielder's person, meaning that a catch (run out or stumping) can be taken after the ball has struck the helmet, or become lodged in it.

Thus, the previous Laws (2000 Code 6<sup>th</sup> edition), which dealt with helmets differently to other parts of a person or equipment have been deleted. These were:

- Law 23.1(a) (vi) Dead Ball, if the ball lodged in a fielder's helmet
- Law 32.3(a) Not a fair catch if the ball lodged in a fielder's helmet
- Law 32.3 (d) Not out caught if the ball touched a fielder's helmet prior to catch being completed\*
- Law 38.2 Not Run out if ball rebounded off a fielder's worn helmet onto the stumps in certain circumstances\*
- Law 39.2(a)(i) Not out Stumped if the ball rebounded off a W-K's worn helmet\*
- Law 39.2(b) Not Run out in certain circumstances if the ball touched a W-K's worn helmet\*

\*Ball still not dead

## 2. Laws excluding award of 5 Penalty runs where the ball strikes the unworn fielder's helmet:

Law	Title of Law	Comment
18.5 - 1	Deliberate Short runs	5PRs awarded and any other PRS except under 28.3
23.3 - 2	Leg byes not to be awarded	Basic test for 'disallowance of runs'
25.6.6 3	Dismissal of batsman with a runner	Injured Striker himself run out
25.7 -4	Restrictions on a batsman's runner	New Law restricting a runner to stay within his ground until a certain time.
28.3	Protective helmets belonging to the fielding side	Basic Law covering the 5PRs not awarded under these exceptions.
34.4 - 5	Runs permitted from ball lawfully struck more than once [part of Hit the ball twice Law]	No runs other than for a No ball and/or 5PRs except for ball hitting the helmet
41.14 -6	Batsman damaging the pitch	Disallowance of runs for a second or subsequent offence under this Law
41.15 - 7	Striker in the protected area	Disallowance of runs for a second or subsequent offence under this Law
41.17 - 8	Batsman stealing a run	No runs allowed anyway except Penalties but not 28.3

On the occasions listed above where the batsman (or his runner) commits an offence which leads to the awarding of 5 PRs and/or the Disallowance of runs, there is an exclusion of any award to the batting side of the 5 PRs for the ball striking the unworn fielder's helmet which has been placed on the ground in line with the stumps, behind the wicketkeeper.

## Overview of MCC 2017 Code of Laws changes

### Key points

Although there have been considerable changes to the Laws in terms of ordering, numbering and style, *the substantial changes* fall broadly into 10 groups. Further information including Law application and associated fieldcraft for *Laws\** are covered in further sessions. This summary should be read in conjunction with (1) The Summary of Minor Changes (2) Notes summarising Laws 24 and 25. (3) The MCC Penalty Runs card and the ECBACO Law 42 Guidance Card. *For full text of the changes please do read the MCC Laws of Cricket 2017 Code and refer to the MCC on-line E-Learning programme.*

2017 Law	A. Unfair play and Player behaviour
S of C	Spirit of Cricket now shorter and emphasises positives and teamwork
16.3.2*	A match can be awarded if Captains refuse to remove a player under Law 42
18.5	Deliberate short run is 'disallowed' and carries an immediate penalty
41.3.2/3*	Damaging the ball: Tighter controls for fielders and batsmen can also be considered to damage a ball, other than in playing at it.
41.3.4/5*	Opposing side can chose if a tampered ball should be changed. If bowler is suspended, it is for the rest of the match
41.4	Removal of warning for deliberate distraction
41.5*	Adds deception when fielding, as unfair. Physical contact may be Law 42
41.6/7*	Bowling bouncers and beamers separated and warning reduced to one
41.6.1/.2/3	Bouncers over head-height always No balls (see 'No balls' Law 21.10) but can be considered unfair if repetitive, although not dangerous, but repetition is not a condition for dangerous body bouncers
41.7*	Height for any pace of illegal beamers now above waist
41.8*	Deliberate front foot No ball is dangerous - penalty as for deliberate beamer
41.14	Striker entering protected area in playing/at the ball must move off quickly or potentially damaging the pitch. See also 41.15
41.15	Striker not to adopt stance or guard in or too close to the protected area.
41.16*	'Mankad' Law: Onus is on the non-striker to stay in ground and until the bowler would normally be expected to release the ball.
41.19*	Warning/report then 5 PRs/report for unfair actions not covered in Law
42*	4 levels of unacceptable conduct all reportable with escalating penalties. <i>See card</i>
<b>B. Umpire responsibilities</b>	
2.7.1/.4	Specific guidance for umpires on 'fitness for play' criteria
2.8.2	Either umpire can decide to suspend play or not allow play to start/restart
2.11	Disagreements and disputes to be decided by the umpires together.
2.12	Any decision (not just an appeal) may be changed if done promptly
2.13.1.3*	New signals for Levels 3 & 4 offences under Law 42
2.13.2	Signals to be given to scorers in the order in which they occur.
19.2.7*	If ball intercepted by non-player/animal umpires decide if it is a boundary.
19.5.1*	Decide if a fielder in chain of contact is considered grounded beyond boundary.
26.1/.2	Decision to allow practice on square (excl. pitch) only with umpire approval. Bowling off the square parallel to the pitch not allowed.
41/42*	Reporting must include Captain and relevant individuals or team.
42*	Decisions on what Level of misconduct has occurred and applying Law. <i>See separate ECBACO Umpires Card which covers this major new Law.</i>

2017 Law	C. Runs scored
18.2/18.6/28.3*	If runs are disallowed 5PRs are allowed except in those situations when the ball hits the unworn helmet behind the wicket keeper. <i>See notes below.</i>
18.10/ 23.1/23.2*	Runs off a No ball are credited as 1 to No ball extras plus others to runs, Byes or Leg byes as scored
34.4*	No runs scored when a ball is lawfully struck more than once, except for 1 No ball and 5PRs if awarded, but not if the ball hits the unworn helmet.
<b>D. Dead balls</b>	
20	Ball is now not Dead if it lodges in a worn fielder's helmet
20.4.2.2	Dead ball to be called if there is the ' <i>possibility of</i> ' a serious injury
20.4.2.10	If the ball is Lost or cannot be recovered within the field of play the umpire to call Dead ball and no extra runs are awarded. This replaces the old 'Lost Ball' law
20.4.2.11	Other Dead balls include new calls under Laws 21.9; 25.7; 41.15; 41.19; 42.
25.7.2/34.4/ 41.19/42.1.2	Call of Dead ball to be delayed if chance of dismissal or to avoid disadvantaging the non-offending side.
<b>E. No balls</b>	
21.1.2/21.3.1	Underarm bowling unfair, unless otherwise agreed, and included with throwing as a No ball. First offence = 1 <sup>st</sup> & Final warning, 2 <sup>nd</sup> offence suspend bowler for rest of innings.
21.7	Ball bouncing more than once a No ball – in line with first class game
21.7	Ball pitching off the pitch a No ball not a Wide
21.9	Ball intercepted by a fielder during delivery is a No ball + Dead ball
21.10*	Ball bouncing over head-height always No ball, can become unfair under 41.6.2
21.11	Lists other No balls inc new Deliberate front foot No ball under Law 41.8
21.12*	No ball call to be revoked if Dead ball is called under 20.4.2.4 to .9.
21.16*	1 run as No ball extra any other runs credited as runs to striker, Byes or Leg Byes unless disallowed.
<b>F. Dismissal methods</b>	
25.6.5	Injured striker protected from stumping if not attempting a run off a No ball. <i>See also Notes on Laws 24 &amp; 25</i>
33.2.2/39.2	Can be caught, run out or stumped off worn fielder's helmet
36	LBW: Simultaneous interception of the ball with bat and pad counts as bat
37.1.2	Handled the ball now merged with Obstructing the field
<b>G. Restrictions on fielders and batsmen incl. 'in their ground' excl. Laws 24 &amp; 25</b>	
19.5.1*	Fielder grounded beyond the boundary cannot intentionally make contact with fielder within the field of play.
19.5.2*	Only a fielder whose first touch of the ball is within boundary, may field the ball whilst airborne from beyond the boundary.
26.2.2 / 26.4	Fielding and bowling practice during the match is allowed on the outfield during play, subject to restrictions. If a breach by fielder, or batsman, warning applies to whole team and 5PRs + report for repetition
30.1.2*	Batsman has made his/her ground if some part of person or bat, having been grounded, with forward momentum leaves the ground when running or diving to make that ground. Could impact whether a batsman is out Run out or Stumped
41.16*	Non-striker to stay in ground until bowler reaches expected point of release.

2017 Law	H. Penalty Time for absent Fielders, impact on Batsmen, Subs and Runners
24*	Law deals only with <i>Fielders and Substitutes</i> and introduces new Penalty time restrictions on when to bowl (and/or bat) after time off the field.
24.1.2	Umpires may consent to a sub acting as wicket-keeper (but not if suspended)
24.2.1	A fielder briefly outside the boundary in carrying out duties is not absent.
24.2.2*	Except as under 24.3, all playing time off field counts as Penalty time to be served before bowling and can be carried over to next innings (batting or fielding)
24.2.3/.4/.5*	Penalty time is cumulative but is limited to 90 mins maximum per player.
24.2.6.2*	If fielder informs umpire, during an unscheduled break, he/she is ready to return and takes the field at end of break, time from notification reduces Penalty time
24.2.7/25.3.3*	Penalty time rolls over into next (batting or fielding) innings and next day
24.2.8 & 9*	Time a fielder or substitute is suspended under Law 42 Level 3 is not added to Penalty time if the nominated player returns at the end of suspension.
24.3*	No Penalty time exemption unless external blow/acceptable cause, but not ill etc.
25*	Deals only with <i>Batsmen and Runners</i> and Penalty time carried over.
25.1	Runners only allowed if batsman's injury affects ability to run.
25.3.1*	Player with unserved penalty time cannot bat or act as runner, but can bat when 5 wickets down.
25.3.2*	Batting Penalty time is served during Playing time but not if player is suspended under Law 42; unscheduled breaks count once umpires informed batsman ready
25.5.2*	Umpires to ensure appropriate batsman acts as a runner and change when possible if opening bat was injured.
25.7*	Runner to stay in ground until striker receives ball or it passes popping crease. Sanction: Dead ball (delayed if chance of a catch) and runs disallowed
<b>I Timings</b>	
11.3.2	After declaration or forfeiture next innings starts minimum of 10 mins later
11.7	Lunch and tea interval delayed for 30 mins if 9 wickets down within 3 mins of agreed time for interval.
31.7/31.8	Time available to recall batsman or withdrawal of appeal extended.
42*	'Time' to be called when Law 42 is breached and 'Play' when dealt with
<b>J. Equipment</b>	
4.4	A new ball can be taken after 80 overs
5.7.2/App B*	Size of bat edge and depth is limited and a bat gauge introduced
6.1	Width of pitch limited if next to an artificial pitch closer than 5ft
8.4	Governing body to decide dimensions for junior cricket pitches & wickets.
10.2	Cover whole pitch to end of return creases and if possible bowler's run ups
19.1.2	Boundary must be marked to allow full movement of sightscreens outside.
33.2.2/39.2/A2.2/ A12.1*	Fielder's helmets when worn are now considered part of the player's person. <i>See Dismissal methods above.</i>
28.2.1/.2	Wilful use of hands to extend clothing to field a ball is now illegal fielding
28.2.1.3/28.2.2	It is illegal fielding + 5PRs if the ball hits an item of clothing, equipment or objects, <i>wilfully discarded</i> onto the ground by a fielder. <i>See also Law 28.3</i>
28.3*	If the ball touches the fielder's unworn helmet when placed on the ground behind the wicket keeper in line with the stumps 5 PRs are awarded. However, these Penalty runs are <i>not scored</i> if the batsmen have runs 'disallowed' under other Laws, though other penalties may be awarded. <i>See Note 2 on page 4</i>