

Old Subdistricts Cricket Association Inc.

Umpires Meeting 20-Sep-2022

Following on from the Umpires Meeting on Tuesday night, you all should be familiar with these new laws and, if you want, feel free to raise 'em with captains before the toss of the coin..

LAWS

- 18 Batters do not cross when out caught.
- 22 Wides max limit now includes whole batter movement. e.g. if batter starts by standing on return crease then moves and bowler sends the ball through on the return crease.... it's not a wide.)
- 27+28 Illegal fielder/WK movement -> call dead ball and award 5p runs (Bowlers don't bowl until your field is settled.) Illegal fielder/WK movement is WK jogs up to stumps while the bowler is running in, fielder moves backwards or sideways, fielder is not facing the pitch.
- Also Matthew Skinner (QC) has provided an official clarification statement from Cricket Australia.
 - Clarification from Cricket Australia re: movement by fielders (other than the wicket-keeper). I note that we had some discussions during the pre-season seminars where the inclination was to penalise the fielder, even if they were trying to avoid a fielding restriction breach. Please note that if players were seen to be taking advantage of this discretion then umpires may rightfully decide to move towards penalising the fielding team on the grounds that leniency has been given previously within the innings.

LAW 28.6 Movement by any fielder other than the wicket-keeper - Interpretation

- Fielder movements other than walking towards the striker or striker's wicket are unfair.
- Should there be additional movements detected by the umpires then "dead ball" should be called **immediately** and the reason for the potentially unfair movements should be determined. Benefit of doubt goes to the fielder.
- In assessing the situation, unless there has been an oversight resulting in a fielder **clearly** attempting to avoid a fielding restriction breach, then any movements that have intentionally deceived or distracted a batter should see 5 penalty runs awarded to the batting side.
- No time allowances will be provided for the fielding team.
- Note that there should be no "friendly warnings" utilised during the process.
- In QSDCA, only Super 20 matches have any fielding restriction circles but some games have other fielding restrictions. See Playing Regulation 29.4 for each type of match.
- 40 Timed out. Batters have **3 minutes** to be ready to face up. (Not take guard, tie shoelaces, itch 'emselfes... FACE up) In Super 20 it's **90 seconds**
- 41.3 No Saliva on the ball by fingers or lips/tongue or gobbing. Sweat is ok. Anything else is a no. (Ball replacement, 5p runs, report and bowler suspension is on offer)

See new Laws Presentation here: <https://qsdca.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/QC-2022-Law-Changes-Presentation-v2.pdf>

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