

Statement Regarding the New Law 20.4.2

Law 20.4.2 “the ball will be considered dead at the instant of the incident causing the ball to become dead” (NEW in 2022)

Law 20.4.2.2 (Ball is dead when) “a possibly serious injury occurs to a player or umpire”

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“There has been significant discussion around the practical application of one of the changed Laws this season, namely Dead Ball and the scenario when a batter suffers a “possibly serious injury” and a dismissal subsequently occurs.

After significant consultation with Cricket Australia (CA) and the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), I’ve been advised that the current MCC position is as follows:

1. *If Dead Ball is called by (either) umpire before the incident causing the dismissal (i.e. treading on the stumps or a catch being taken), that Dead Ball call is back-dated to the moment of the impact and so the dismissal cannot stand, as the ball was already dead.*
2. *If Dead Ball is not called by either umpire before the incident causing the dismissal, the ball becomes dead at the moment of the dismissal, and so the dismissal will stand.*
3. *When #2 above happens, there is no need for the umpire to call & signal Dead Ball, because the ball has already become dead on the dismissal - but only assuming it's given out, when the ball is deemed to be dead at the instant of the incident causing the dismissal.*
4. *An umpire, thinking of the player's safety, may call Dead ball and summon medical aid after the "dismissal" and before raising his/her finger for giving it out. Of course, with this happening quickly and having the plight of the injured player rightly in mind, it creates a bit of a grey area. In such circumstances, a dismissal is probably warranted but it would be up to the umpires on the day to make what they feel to be the correct decision in the circumstances.*

The scenario may well also be discussed at a future MCC Laws subcommittee meeting. Should there eventually be any variation to the above interpretation then this will be communicated to you.”

HEAD TRAUMA PLAYER SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS TO CLUBS

(signed by all clubs on joining the association at the start of each season.)

https://qsdca.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/QSDCA_Head_Trauma_Safety_Instructions_with-Injury-Report-Form_ver_5-1_5-Aug-19_FILLABLE_PDF.pdf

HEAD TRAUMA AND CONCUSSION RESOURCES

<https://qsdca.com.au/18-head-trauma-and-concussion/>

QSDCA INJURY REPORT FORM https://qsdca.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/QSDCA_Injury_Report_Form_Ver_1_31-Aug-18_FILLABLE_PDF.pdf

HEAD TRAUMA AND CONCUSSION GUIDELINES Playing Regulations Appendix D

https://qsdca.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/05h-Community_Cricket_Concussion_and_Head_Trauma_Guidelines_Appendix_D.pdf

QAS HEAD TRAUMA PRESENTATION

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