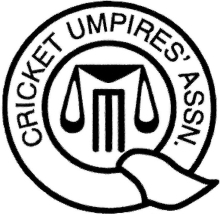


Summary of Unfair Play Laws

Current in 2025/26 (courtesy QC 2023)

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<div> <div>Unfair Play</div> <div> The Laws of Cricket 2017 (3rd Edition 2022) </div> </div> <div>  </div>	<div> The Laws of Cricket 2017 (3rd Edition 2022) </div> <div> Unfair Play </div> <div> <div> 18.5 Deliberate short run All occurrences: 5 penalty runs. Disallow all runs. Return batters to original ends + REPORT </div> <div> 24.4 Fielder returning without permission and coming into contact with ball in play All occurrences: 5 penalty runs. Ball is dead on contact. Ball not counted in over. Runs completed plus where batters have crossed shall count + REPORT </div> <div> 25.7 Runner at square leg leaves popping crease before the delivered ball reaches the striker Ball is dead at completion of first run. Disallow all runs. Return batters to original ends. Ball counts in over </div> <div> 27.4 Unfair movement by wicket keeper All occurrences: 5 penalty runs. Ball is dead upon breach + REPORT. If delivered, the ball does not count in the over </div> <div> 28.2 Illegal fielding (use of cap, leaving a glove on the ground, etc) All occurrences: 5 penalty runs. Runs completed plus where batters crossed shall count. Ball not counted in over. REPORT </div> </div>	<div> 28.3 Ball in play hitting helmet on the ground All occurrences: 5 penalty runs. Ball becomes dead on contact. Runs completed plus where batters crossed shall count </div> <div> 28.6 Unfair movement by fielders All occurrences: 5 penalty runs. Ball is dead upon breach + REPORT. If delivered, the ball does not count in the over. </div> <div> 41.2 Unfair Play not covered in the Laws 1st instance: 1st and final warning. Applies to all of that team for remainder of the match 2nd Instance: 5 penalty runs + REPORT </div> <div> 41.3 Changing the condition of the ball (now includes the use of saliva) 1st instance: 5 penalty runs + REPORT. Give option to other side to change ball or not. 2nd instance: Repeat above, + remove person who bowled the last ball for rest of the MATCH </div> <div> 41.4 Distraction of striker preparing to receive a delivery All occurrences: 5 penalty runs + REPORT. Call and signal dead ball when illegal act occurs. Ball not counted in over. Neither batter can be dismissed off that delivery </div>
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