

UMPIRING GUIDE

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Purpose of this guide

This Umpiring Guide is intended to provide a quick overview of the most common umpiring decisions applicable to BWC competitions.

Full details on umpiring issues are described in the BWC Cricket Competition Rules.

The BWC Cricket Competition Rules shall take precedence over this guide in all respects in the event of any inconsistency between the two.

BWC Cricket Competition rules are based on the Laws of Cricket as administered by the MCC. If the BWC Cricket Competition rules are silent on a particular issue, then the current Laws of Cricket apply.

The BWC Cricket Competition Rules must be applied without modification for all games in BWC competitions.

Pre-Match Preparation

1. Meet the coaches (if they aren't the umpires) and other umpire

2. Check completed JLT form

3. Agree on wide and no ball interpretation with other umpire

4. Hold the toss with coaches and captains on the field not less than 15 minutes before the start of play

5. Inform the coaches and captains five minutes before the start of play

6. 2 minutes before the start of play walk out onto the field with the ball so you are ready to start on time

Interaction with Scorers

- Signals and calls by the Umpire to the scorers must be clear, understood and acknowledged. (One signal at a time - wait for Scorers' response.)
- The game should not proceed until the Scorers have acknowledged each signal.

Where to Stand at the Acting End

For Delivery

When you are umpiring at the bowler's end, stand far enough back from the stumps that you can see the popping crease at the bowler's end and be able to see the batter and stumps at the other end of the pitch without having to tilt your head.

For Run Outs

Stand in line with the crease so you have a side on view of the stumps and crease without having to move you eyeline.

Where to stand at Square Leg

Stand on the leg side of the field at the position square leg (adjust for right and left handers) in line with the popping crease. Stand about 20m - 30m away from the stumps at the strikers end. If the sun is in your eyeline you can move to the exact same position except to the off side to point.

No Ball

Front Foot No Ball

Event

Bowler's front foot lands in front of the popping crease with nothing behind the line

Ruling

If no part of the foot lands grounded or raised behind the popping crease, then it shall be signalled a no ball (all runs scored of the bat or byes are counted)

Result

1 run + runs scored by batter (or byes)

Double Bounce No Ball

Event

The ball bounces twice before reaching the popping crease

Ruling

No Ball is signalled runs scored off the bat or as byes are counted in addition to the no ball (batter can not be dismissed bowled or caught)

Result

1 run for the no ball + any extra runs scored

Full Toss No Ball

Event

Ball is bowled on the full above the waist of the batter in regular standing position

Ruling

If the ball is bowled at medium or fast pace on the full above the batters waist in their regular standing position it is deemed a no ball. "Waist height" is the point at which the top of the batter's trousers would conventionally be when they are standing upright at the popping crease. Additional runs can be scored off the bat or as byes. Two of these infringements by the same bowler in the same innings will result in the bowler being withdrawn.

Result

1 run + any additional runs scored

NOTE:

The no ball is to be signalled by the square leg umpire and then confirmed to the scorers by the umpire at the bowlers end.

Bouncer No Ball

Event

Ball is bowled and bounces above the shoulder of the batter in their regular standing position (a short pitched delivery).

Ruling

Umpire advises the bowler and the batter on strike that a a short pitched delivery has been bowled.

If the bowler bowls more than two short pitched deliveries in an over, No Ball is signalled and a warning/reminder is given to the bowler to keep it down. If this occurs more than twice in an innings, the bowler shall be taken off immediately and must not bowl again in the innings.

(Note: Additional runs can be scored from a short pitched delivery, even if it is a no-ball.)

Result

1 run + additional runs

NOTE:

The no ball is to be signalled by the square leg umpire and then confirmed to the scorers by the umpire at the bowlers end.

Stumps Broken - No Ball

Event

Stumps broken (bails knocked off) in the delivery stride by the bowler

Ruling

If the bowler breaks the wicket before completion of the stride after they bowled the ball (includes clothing and foot) it shall be signalled a no ball and additional runs are counted towards the batting team

(NOTE This rule only applies if the ball is released by the bowler)

Result

1 run for the no ball + any extra runs scored

Wides

Offside Wide

Event

Ball passes the striking batter outside the off stump more than 90cm

Ruling

Wide is signalled

Result

1 run awarded + byes ran (if any)

Leg Side Wide

Event

Ball passes the striking batter outside the leg stump more than 30cm

Ruling

Wide is signalled

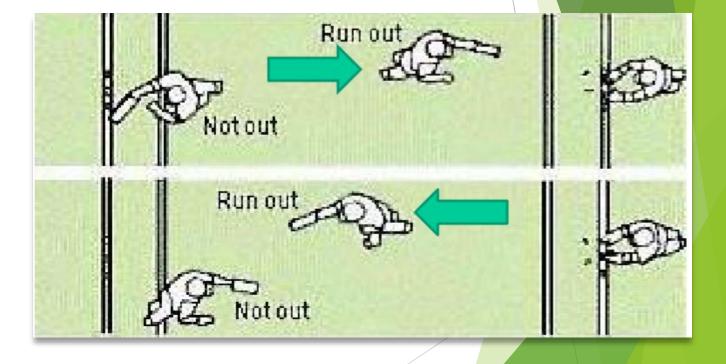
Result

1 run awarded + byes run (if any)

Run Outs

Who is Out?

Whichever batter is closer to the wickets being broken is out in ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.





LBW Criteria

LBWs in BWC competitions must be 'plumb'. This means that the ball must pitch in line with the stumps, strike the batter without first contacting the bat, strike the batter in line with the stumps and be going on to hit the stumps.

JUDGING LBW

