

LAWS OF CRICKET

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Notes of the changes between the 3rd Edition and 4th Edition of the 2000 Code of the Laws of Cricket.

- 1 **DOUBLE BOUNCER** – NOT a change in the LAWS ONLY a Recommendation by ECB- MCC.
- 2 **PRACTICE BOWLING BY FIELDERS AFTER THE CALL OF “PLAY” – ie during the match**
Law 17.3 (b) (ii) specifically bans a bowler bowling a “practice ball” on to the ground after the call of “play”. Unless a Special Playing Regulation is passed by the League allowing this to take place then the bowler would be banned from bowling for 30 minutes.
- 3 **LAWS 3.8 & 3.9 (FITNESS FOR PLAY). It is solely for the umpires together to decide**
If the conditions are : (a) Playable, or (b) Unreasonable or Dangerous.
There will be no consultation with the Captains, in relation to Fitness for Play.
- 4 **LAW 3.14. Umpire at Bowlers End to make ALL signals to the Scorers.**
- 5 **LAW 12.4 The TOSS.** Umpire(s) should be present at the Toss and the Winning Captain to **advise his decision as soon as the Toss is completed.**
- 6 **LAW 17.** Practice on any part of the outfield is NOT practice on the SQUARE.
- 7 **LAW 19.4 & 32.3 Ball beyond the Boundary – A CATCH.** The Law requires that the fielder’s first contact with the ball must be when some part of his person is grounded within the boundary or, if he is airborne, that his final contact with the ground before touching the ball was within the boundary.
- 8 **LAW 24.5b. Front Foot Delivery.** The bowler’s front foot must land with some part of the foot, whether grounded or raised both behind the popping crease AND on the same side as the imaginary line joining the two middle stumps as the return crease.
- 9 **LAW 28.1. The Wicket is DOWN ...** if a bail(s) is removed by the striker’s bat if he is holding it or by any part of his bat that he is holding, or by the striker’s bat in falling if he has let go of it, or by any part of his bat becoming detached.
- 10 **LAW 29.1. Batsman out of his ground.** The batsman will be considered to be in his ground if, having grounded some part of his foot behind the popping crease, and still with his continuing forward momentum, he loses contact with the the ground.
- 11 **LAW 33.1. Out Handled the Ball.** Either batsman is out under this Law if, while the ball is in play, and without the consent of a fielder, he uses his hand or hands not holding the bat to return the ball to any fielder. **(No longer under Law 37.4 Obstruction).**
- 12 **LAW 42.14. (Batsman damaging the pitch).** The Law has been amended so that the batting side receives one less warning than under the current Law.
Initially the batsmen get a First & Final Warning and on a second offence will have runs disallowed and 5 Penalty runs awarded to the Fielding Side etc.

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