

Purpose:

The Illawarra Cricket Umpires Association (ICUA) have developed and prepared the following procedures and guidelines to highlight and assist players in maintaining the standards and etiquette required within the game when acting as a player umpire in matches.

Statement:

Cricket Illawarra (CI) fully support and endorse these guidelines. These guidelines are applicable whether in partnership with an appointed ICUA umpire or solely within team umpired games (grade or juniors).

All players (and team officials) are expected to uphold these standards and values.

Procedure:

THE DOs:

- ✓ When changing player square leg umpires do so quickly, plan ahead, be aware of drink breaks or if doing in 10 over stanzas, when the 10 overs is up, so as to cause as little interruption to play as possible.
- ✓ Wear clothing that will differentiate you to players (e.g. a Club supporters/training shirt) so as to minimise confusion for both batsmen and fielders, but not the same colour as the ball.
- ✓ Have a ball counter so can count balls bowled, and signal to the bowlers end Umpire when there are 2 legal deliveries remaining in the over.
- ✓ Be on the lookout for short runs, hit wicket, and position of the WK when up to the stumps.
- ✓ Assist the bowlers end umpire with the height of full tosses above the waist and short pitched bowling above the shoulder/head with a pre-determined signal.

THE DON'Ts:

- ✗ Bring a phone, I-pod, camera, etc. onto the field.
- ✗ Come onto the field wearing thongs or bare footed – wear covered shoes.
- ✗ Stand more than 30 metres from the pitch; you need to be able to see the crease lines.
- ✗ Don't decide to leave the field of play until a replacement is standing on the boundary line, and ready to take his/her place.
- ✗ Stop to chat with the batsmen between each over, move quickly into position, so as not to hold up play.
- ✗ If playing on turf, don't walk over the pitch, walk around the protected area of the pitch.
- ✗ Offer opinions about decisions made – decision made and move on. If there is a concern about the decision made the Captain is the one to approach the officially appointed umpire (if there is one).

THE REMINDERS:

A couple of things for the player square leg umpire to remember:

- On the line is out – a batsman person (or his/her bat grounded) must be behind the crease line to be not out from a stumping or run out attempt.
- The player square leg umpire's primary responsibility is to be a square leg umpire – not a batting coach or chief tactician.

- Assist the bowlers end umpire with boundaries when they are close call, and are closer to the ball – the position of boundary markers can make it difficult in some instances.
- When a catch is taken, assist the bowler's end umpire if the batsmen have crossed.

The fielding side needs to remember:

- That the player square leg umpire is to be treated the same as you would treat a qualified umpire: with respect.
- Abuse of player square leg umpires will not be tolerated, and could lead to being placed on report.
- If a fielding team wishes to make a comment about a player square leg umpire they are to do so via their captain to the umpire standing in the match.