



CHANGES TO ICC PLAYING REGULATIONS

The changes are not amendments to the Laws of Cricket and none of them will apply to recreational cricket unless special regulations are introduced by a country's Governing Body such as the ECB or a local league.

The latest amendments to the International Cricket Council's (ICC) playing conditions for Tests, One Day Internationals (ODI) and Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is) will come into effect from October 1. The changes were recommended by the ICC's Cricket Committee in May and approved by the ICC's Executive.

Runners have been outlawed in all forms of the international game a move that has since flowed into interstate cricket in Australia.

Batsmen are being discouraged from running between a fielder's throw and the stumps, a clause in the revised ICC regulations giving the fielding side the right to appeal for 'Obstructing the field' in such a circumstance whether a 'run out' would have been successful or not. When responding to such an appeal the on-field umpires will be able to consult with the third umpire should they feel the need.

In addition, international batsmen will need to be more cautious about backing up as the bowler will now be allowed to attempt to run out the non-striker provided he puts down the wicket before his delivery action has been completed.

A new condition for Test matches has been added whereby either captain can request an extra 15-minute period of play at the scheduled lunch or tea interval if they feel a result can be achieved in that time. Also, should a team approach lunch with nine wickets down, then the interval will now be delayed for a maximum of 30 minutes.

Two balls will be used per innings in ODIs, one from each end, a move that means the mandatory ball change at the end of the thirty-fourth over will no longer apply; and the minimum interval between innings in such games has been increased from 20 to 30 minutes. In addition the two five-over batting and bowling Power Plays in ODIs will now have to be taken between overs 16 and 40, and not between overs 11 and 50 as in the past.