

Matters to be discussed at the Toss of the Coin

○ **Covid Protocols.**

Clear understanding from both captains that they understand Umpires will not be holding caps or jumpers, and these items are **NOT** to be placed on the ground behind the bowler's run up or behind the keeper.

- **Saliva is NOT PERMITTED to be used on the match ball.**
- **Sweat is permitted.**

○ **Drinks Breaks.**

Discuss when standard drinks break will take place and Umpires' expectation of length of interval (3 minutes).

On days of 'extreme weather' determine when additional breaks will take place. Also protocols to be observed regarding running out drinks to batsmen.

○ **Boundaries.**

Clear understanding of boundaries and clarify position of fieldsman near boundary as to whether they are in or outside field of play. Ensure the 3m fence clearance is maintained throughout – players and spectators must not encroach.

○ **Spirit of Cricket.**

Warning of individual players and the captain for non-compliance.

○ **Spare Cricket Balls, Bails and First Aid Kit.**

Clarify where spare cricket balls & bails and first aid kit are located should they be required. Umpires to check location prior to play commencing.

○ **Playing Conditions/Pennant Rules.**

Ensure captains have a clear understanding of the playing conditions.

This is Important on days where adverse weather could intervene. In lower XI's in particular, this is an opportunity to review how wides will be judged and called.

○ **Replacement Player.**

Captains to discuss and ensure opposition captain aware of any replacement player or players.

○ **Slow Over Rates.**

Reductions of match points now apply, so umpires will be continually liaising with the captains regarding their sides over rates.

○ **Maintaining Score Books (2nd, 3rd & 4th XI's).**

Umpires to discuss with captains that scorebook need to be crosschecked at the completion of every over to ensure books agree. Play to be halted until any errors are rectified to the satisfaction of both captains and umpires.

○ **Checking with Umpires after the Conclusion of Play.**

It is requirement (PR 16.23) that captains/club representatives check with Umpires after the conclusion of each day's play to receive the 'all-clear' or receive any feedback on any behavioural issues or slow over rate infringement.