



2023

PLAYING REGULATIONS

3.2 Match Durations

Tier	Max Innings Overs	Max Overs per Bowler	Allotted Time
1	50	10	3 Hours and 15 Minutes
2	45	10	2 Hours and 55 Minutes
3	40	10	2 Hours and 36 Minutes

Declarations are not accepted and should the team batting first be bowled out before the allocated overs per first innings, these overs are lost. The team batting second will have their full allocation of overs for the innings available (or the adjusted number overs, in the case of a delayed start or inclement weather)

A part completed over shall be regarded as a completed over for both innings.

TIME / OVERS LOST TABLE – 3.90 Minutes / Over.

Time Lost	Overs Lost	Time Lost	Overs Lost	Time Lost	Overs Lost
0 hrs 04 min	1	2 hrs 28 min	38	4 hrs 53 min	75
0 hrs 08 min	2	2 hrs 32 min	39	4 hrs 56 min	76
0 hrs 12 min	3	2 hrs 36 min	40	5 hrs 00 min	77
0 hrs 16 min	4	2 hrs 40 min	41	5 hrs 04 min	78
0 hrs 20 min	5	2 hrs 44 min	42	5 hrs 08 min	79
0 hrs 23 min	6	2 hrs 48 min	43	5 hrs 12 min	80
0 hrs 27 min	7	2 hrs 51 min	44	5 hrs 16 min	81
0 hrs 31 min	8	2 hrs 55 min	45	5 hrs 20 min	82
0 hrs 35 min	9	2 hrs 59 min	46	5 hrs 24 min	83
0 hrs 39 min	10	3 hrs 03 min	47	5 hrs 28 min	84
0 hrs 43 min	11	3 hrs 07 min	48	5 hrs 32 min	85
0 hrs 47 min	12	3 hrs 11 min	49	5 hrs 35 min	86
0 hrs 51 min	13	3 hrs 15 min	50	5 hrs 39 min	87

3.3 Interruptions to Play – Waiver Time

- i. If the match commences after the waiver time has been exceeded, then one over shall be deducted from each innings for every 8 minutes.

Tier	Waiver Time
1	1 Hour
2 & 3	30 Minutes

3.4 Wide Balls

The Laws of Cricket have been amended but for all NCL matches the regulations regarding wides remains unchanged

- i. Any offside delivery, which in the opinion of the umpire, does not give the striker a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a wide. As a guide to the umpires for the calling of off-side wide balls, the pitch markings must be expanded to include lines 17 inches (43.18cm) inside either return crease at both ends of the pitch (see below).
- ii. If the batter moves into the offside the line moves with them, however if the ball pitches off the pitch, as per Laws of Cricket, it will be called a no-ball and a free hit awarded.
- iii. **When a switch hit or reverse sweep is played or the batsman gets in a position to play the shot and then aborts it: The striker is deemed to bring the ball sufficiently within his reach on both sides of the wicket • The Wide Guideline (Off Side) shall apply on both sides of the wicket.**

These 17-inch lines are mandatory for the NCL Premier Division and Divisions 1 to 5 inclusive but optional for all other divisions.

4.2 Duration of NCL Matches

The following table summarises the match duration in overs and the time allocation to bowl the allotted overs for all NCL divisions:

NCL Divisions	Maximum Overs per Match	Maximum Overs, First Innings	Time Allocation / Innings
Tier 1	100	50	3 Hours 15 Minutes
Tier 2	90	45	2 Hours 55 Minutes
Tier 3	80	40	2 Hours 36 Minutes

If the side batting first is dismissed or declare before their maximum over allocation is completed, then any complete overs remaining are allocated to the side batting second.

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4.4 Wide Balls Tier 1

The Laws of Cricket have been amended but for all NCL matches the regulations regarding wides remains unchanged.

Off-Side Deliveries – see the Laws of Cricket.

Leg Side Deliveries - A wide should be called for any ball that passes on the leg side of the wicket. The only exception to this rule is if the ball passes between the batsman and the leg stump then a wide is not called.

4.5 Fielding Restrictions (Tier 1)

Two 30 yard or 27.4 metres (radius) semi-circles, centred on the middle stump at both ends of the pitch and joined by two parallel lines running the length of each side of the pitch shall be identified, by white nonmetal discs, that should be always clearly visible to both umpires.

4.6 Inner Circle and Power Play

- i. At the instant of delivery, there may not be more than five fielders on the leg side.
- ii. Inner Circle Restrictions. In Tier 1 there may be a maximum of 5 fielders outside the inner circle throughout the innings
- iii. In the event of an infringement of the above fielding restriction, the umpire at the striker's end shall call and signal 'No Ball'.

4.7 Free Hits are no longer awarded for any type of no ball in this format.

5 APPLICATION OF LAWS 41 & 42

5.1 Penalty Runs

Penalty runs shall be awarded in all NCL divisions in accordance with the following table:

Division	Penalty Runs Apply?	Applicable Note(s)
Premier & Division 1	Yes	Note 1 & 2
Divisions 2 to 15	Yes (see exceptions)	Note 3

Notes

1. In Premier and Division 1, penalty runs and player sanctions for Level 3 & 4 offences (involving the immediate removal of players from the field of play) can only be awarded by NACO appointed panel umpires and cannot be awarded by opposing players or anyone else standing-in as an umpire.
2. In Premier and Division 1, when penalty runs awarded to the bowling side in the second innings the scorer / batting side should ensure that the score board indicates the correct runs required.
3. In Divisions 2 to 15 inclusive, five penalty runs will **only** be awarded when the ball is in play and strikes an unworn helmet which is on the field of play and for illegal fielding e.g. fielding the ball with cap.

5.2 Players Conduct. Law 42

It should be noted that whilst no penalty runs or on-field sanctions can be awarded for Level 1, 2, 3 and 4 offences in NCL divisions 3 - 15 inclusive, irrespective of who the umpires are, it is expected and a requirement of any player, match official or club member to report all breaches of the adopted Code of Conduct to the **NCL Chief Executive and Honorary General Secretary**

In the event of a breach of the Anti-Discrimination Code (appendix 4&5 General Conduct Regulations) any such offence will be considered as a Level 3 or 4 and will be dealt with by the on-field umpires under Law 42 in the same manner as other level 3 or 4 offences. i.e. Law 42.4.2 or Law 42.5.2 depending on the level of offence.

5.4 Dangerous and unfair short pitched deliveries. Law 41.6

Applies to Premier and Division 1 only in addition to Law 41.6 the following regulation shall apply:

1. A bowler shall be limited to TWO fast short pitched balls per over. (The umpire at the bowler's end shall make it clear to both the bowler and the batsmen at the wicket when such a delivery has been bowled.)
2. A fast-short pitched ball is defined as a ball which, regardless of its width, passes or would have passed clearly over shoulder height of the batsman standing upright at the popping crease.
3. A fast short pitched ball which, regardless of its width, passes or would have passed clearly over head height of the batsman standing upright at the popping crease does NOT invoke a free hit.
4. If the bowler exceeds his limit of two short pitched deliveries in an over, not only must the umpire at the non-strikers end call "No Ball", on each occasion, but he must also invoke the procedures of Laws 41.6.3 (cautioning the bowler, first and final warning, inform colleague, fielding captain and both batsmen) and 41.6.4. (any further such deliveries will result in bowler suspended for the rest of the innings, plus umpires to report incident) followed by a free hit.

NOTE: the above regulation is in addition to Law 21.10 (Ball bouncing over head height of the striker), which shall also apply.

6. GENERAL

The umpires together, shall monitor all time delays which could unfairly penalise the bowling side or where possible allowing the fielding side to recover time lost. For example:

- Time wasting by the batting side.
- Injury to a player or umpire.
- Time spent in searching for balls, which have left the field of play.
- A reasonable time allowance for ball drying.
- Drinks break(s), a maximum of 5 minutes per break. **All drinks breaks must be taken on the field of play. Players may only leave the field of play with the umpire(s) permission.**
- Where player(s) have to leave (or don't take to) the field of play for any other reason.

There shall be no right of appeal where independent panel umpires have officiated.

6.1 Slow play (Tier 1) When at least one panel umpire is officiating

- i. All sides are expected to be in position to bowl the first ball of the last over of their innings in accordance with the Scheduled or rescheduled time determined by the umpires
- ii. If the team fielding first fails to bowl the required number of overs by the scheduled time or rescheduled time, for the cessation of the first innings, the full quota of overs will be completed, and the batting side will be credited with 6 runs for every whole over that has not been bowled. **The calculation for penalty runs is based on the completion of the penultimate over, ie in an innings of 50 overs the calculation is to the completion of the 49th over.** Umpires should make captains of the fielding team aware of the newly calculated deadlines for completion of the innings at regular intervals.

This will apply to both innings of the match

6.4 NCL Match Balls and Lost Balls

Each fielding side shall provide a new ball supplied by The League. The fielding side shall hand to the umpire, before each innings commences the match ball and a spare ball of the same quality.

Division	Ball Grade
Tier 1	Dukes County International "A"
Divisions 3 to 14	Hunts County – "Lords Senior Match Ball"

In the case of lost balls, the bowling side should always have spare balls available of the correct grade.

For the purposes of polishing the ball players are allowed to apply perspiration to the ball. Saliva may NOT be applied to the ball at any time. Application of saliva to the ball will be considered to be altering the condition of the ball and penalized accordingly.

6.9 Law 38.3

Run out of the non-striker by the bowler for leaving his ground before the ball has been released. So called "Mankadding"

Should any bowler feel that the non-striking batsman is backing up too early he is entitled to attempt to run out the non-striker within the terms of the Law. However, for all NCL matches a first and final warning **MUST** be given to each transgressing batsman. Should a batsman repeat the offence, on appeal, the umpire shall give the non-striker out- Run Out. The umpire shall not ask the fielding captain if he wishes to withdraw the appeal and the fielding captain is under no obligation to do so.

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