

## MCC 2017 Code of Laws -Minor changes

This Summary of minor changes should be read in conjunction with: (1) The Summary of Substantial Changes; (2) The Notes summarising:(a) Laws 24 & 25 and (b) ECBACO notes on Law 42 and (3) Any other Hand-outs provided in connection with New Laws CPD Sessions. Readers in search of more information have a choice of the Blue Law Book containing the 2017 Code itself; and the MCC e-learning materials (available via <https://www.lords.org/mcc/laws-of-cricket/elearning/>). None of these documents concern themselves with purely drafting changes that do not impact substance, nor with the re-numbering or re-ordering of the Laws.

Attachment I to this Summary describes Appendices A to E of the New Laws and highlights any matters of particular relevance including identifying the numerous new Definitions included in Appendix A - definitions that along with the prior definitions may materially impact the interpretation of the New Laws. Neither Attachment I nor the Minor Law changes will be addressed in our CPD New Law Sessions

2017 Law	Prior Law	Summary of Minor Change
SofC /1.4/41.1	SoC/1.4/42.1	Deletion of reference to "traditions of the game" as S of C now describes these.
1.1	1.1	Number of players - Impact of reduction in nos after start (e.g. Law 42 suspensions). From the Toss onwards, as before, only a Nominated Player can deputise for the captain.
1.3.2	1.3(a)	Anyone associated with Team may deputise for captain but only to nominate players.
2.3	3.3/3.4	Matters to be dealt with at the Toss: now determined by the umpires (as opposed to be agreed with the Captains) and include use of covers - subsequent Laws covering these amended accordingly.
2.13.1.4	3.14(a)	With Short runs, bowler's umpire only tells scorers how many runs were scored <i>where more than 1 run is short</i> - previously this applied to all Short running.
5.8.3/AppB7	New	New category of junior bats that can be coloured and to an extent laminated.
8.3.4	New	Bails tethered to the stumps: now allowed if approved by appropriate Governing Body.
12.2	16.2	Call of Time: Law no longer specifies each occasion when called but leaves this to as required by the Laws.
12.5.2	16.5(b)	The time when an interval is taken earlier than the agreed time where a batsman is dismissed or retires or players leave the field is extended from 2 to 3 minutes before the agreed time.
12.6	16.6	Law now confirms that time element of "last hour" ends at scheduled close of play (say 7.00pm) even though it started late (say 6.03pm)
14.2	13.2	Decision to enforce follow-on cannot be changed. Ref to prior Law 10.1(e) deleted
15.3	14.3	Decision to declare or forfeit innings cannot be changed. Ref to prior Law 10.1(e) deleted
16.5	21.5	Improved wording defining a Tie and a Draw.
18.1/20.4.2.11	18.1(d)/18.8	Runs scored when Lost ball (prior Law 20) called, deleted. Lost Ball Law deleted.
18.12.1	18.12(a)	The final sentence of 18.12.1 clarifies that where runs are disallowed (see 18.2), the not out batsman is always returned the original end even if the batsmen had crossed where a batsman was dismissed caught, Run out or Obstructing the field.
21.6	24.6	"Finn" No Ball: Where the Bowler breaks the wicket at the bowler's end when his clothing or any other object falls on the wicket this is a No ball in just the same way as he does this with his person.
21.18	24.16	Out from a No Ball: No longer includes Handled the ball as that Law deleted & merged with Obstructing the field.
22.2	25.3	Moment at which a ball is considered a Wide: Now from instant bowler enters his delivery stride (not, as before, from instant of delivery) so a Wide occurs before the time frame within which Hit wicket can occur.
22.3	25.3(b)	Revoking a call of a Wide: Previously if there was any contact with striker's bat or person" to which New laws add "before the ball comes into contact with a fielder" e.g. where fielder tries a run out & ball touches striker.
33	32	Caught and Boundary Laws disentangled. Once the ball is a boundary, it's dead and so no catch can occur. Hence new boundary Laws involving outlawing certain athletic boundary fielding are key.
33.2.2.3	32.3(d)	Prior Law (and New Laws) allow a catch where ball touches an umpire, another fielder or the other batsman--to this list the New Laws add the wicket or a runner.
41.13	42.14	Bowler running on the Protected area: Law as before save that the bowler is to stay off the Protected area "without reasonable cause" e.g. to catch or field the ball.

## ATTACHMENT I-- EXTRACTS FROM APPENDICES A TO E OF THE 2017 CODE OF LAWS

**OVERVIEW of the Appendices:** Appendix A Definitions: is important (see below). Appendix B (the Bat): like most of Law 5, contains much detail that an umpire is unlikely to memorise. Appendix C (the Pitch and the Creases): include relevant diagrams and dimensions. Appendix D (The wickets): includes, for reference purposes only, useful dimensions and Appendix E (Wicket-keeping gloves): includes a useful picture of what is permitted for reference purposes.

### APPENDIX A: Definitions and Explanations of Words or Phrases not defined in the Text (prior Laws Appendix D)

As with the prior Laws (“PLs”) there are many words and phrases that are used in the Laws but only defined in this Appendix. An understanding of these is crucial to the correct interpretation of the Laws. Some are defined in a way that the expression suggests otherwise. For example, A2.6 “Held in a batsman’s hand” means contact between a batsman’s hand, or glove worn on his/her hand and any part of the bat—so merely touching the bat with such hand or glove is enough. Others are an integral part of many Laws (or other definitions), for example: A2.3 A protective helmet; A2.4 Equipment; A2.5 The bat; A7.3 Fielder; A12.1 Person; A12.2 Clothing; A12.3 Hand.

This new Definitions section is now very well organised under a series of lettered headings starting with A1 The match. Definitions that have been added for the first time or definitions that include material amendments are listed below:

<p><b>A1 The Match</b>  A1.1: The game.  A1.2: A match.  A1.7: Playing time.  A2.3: A protective helmet: defined as before with words added at the end such that the description of the helmet includes faceguards.  A4.1: Behind the popping crease.  A4.2: In front of the popping crease.  A4.10: Inside edge</p>	<p><b>A8 Substitutes, Replacements and Runners</b>  A8.1: A Substitute: The definition is new and distinguishes between substitutes and replacement players. At the end of the definition it states (incorrectly) “A substitute’s activities are limited to fielding”. This ignores the changes that allow a substitute to wicket keep with the umpires’ approval (Law 24.1.2) except where Law 42.7.1 applies.  A8.2: A Replacement  A8.3: A Runner</p>
<p><b>A5 Umpires</b>  A5.1: Umpire. At the end of this definition, the following is added “Each umpire will be bowler’s end umpire and striker’s end umpire in alternate overs”.  A5.2: Bowler’s end umpire  A5.3: Striker’s end umpire</p>	<p><b>A10 The Ball:</b>  A10.2 Rebounds directly/strikes directly: This is the same definition as before. I think “rebounds directly” is no longer needed with changes to the Run-out and Stumped Laws involving the Ball contacting a worn fielder’s helmet.</p>
<p><b>A6 Batsmen:</b>  A6.1: Batting side  A6.2: Member of the batting side  A6.6: Guard position</p>	<p><b>A11 Runs:</b>  A11: A run not to be scored: the wording of the definition has been re-worked without changing the meaning.</p>
<p><b>A7 Fielders:</b>  A7.2: Member of the fielding side: now includes “a substitute for such nominated player”  A7.3: Fielder: the definition starts with “one of the 11 or fewer players who together represent the fielding side <u>on the field of play</u> [the words underlined were added to the prior definition.]</p>	<p><b>A13 Off side / on side; in front of / behind the popping crease:</b>  The Chart on page 76 of the April version of the new Code is a substantially improved, and a more informative version, of that in the prior Laws (Blue Book page 105)</p>

<p><b>APPENDIX B: The bat (Law 5) (Previously Law 6 and Appendix E)</b>  There have been major changes to both the Appendix and to new Law 5, some of which are discussed above under Law 5. Detail has been moved between the prior Appendix and the prior Law. There is new detail and changed detail and a new Bat Gauge (see B.8)</p>	<p><b>APPENDIX C: Laws 6 (The pitch) and Law 7 (The creases) (Previously Laws 7 and 9 and Appendix B)</b>  This Appendix contains no changes from PL Appendix B.</p>
<p><b>APPENDIX D: Law 8 (The Wickets) (prior Law 8 and Appendix C)</b>  This Appendix contains no changes from PL Appendix C save for the deletion of the requirements for Junior cricket; expressing parts of inches as decimals rather than fractions and rounding 3.49cm up to 3.50 cm.</p>	<p><b>APPENDIX E Wicket-Keeper’s Gloves (Law 27.2) (Previously Law 40.2 and Appendix C)</b>  This Appendix contains no changes from PL Appendix C.</p>