

SENIOR COMPETITION REGULATIONS 2009

The following regulations shall apply to all Senior Competitions (i.e. Lewis Hohn Williams Seniors Cup, Dublin Grass Machinery 45 Over League, Senior League and 4FM Alan Murray Cup), except where otherwise stated. Please note in particular that the most recent Code of Laws of cricket will be fully applicable to all competitions except to the extent that matters are otherwise specifically dealt with in these General Regulations, or Specific Regulations in regard to individual competitions.

1 Scorers

For all Senior Competitions the following regulation shall apply:

- 1.1 At the same time as teams are nominated to the Umpires for the Match, each team must inform the Umpires who the designated scorer is for the Match. That scorer must be present for the entire game. It is permitted to designate two scorers, who between them must be in place for the entire game. In addition for both the 4FM Alan Murray Cup, the Dublin Grass Machinery League and the Leinster Senior League there must be at least one person available who is capable of applying the Duckworth/Lewis method.
- 1.2 If this regulation is breached the Umpires will record that fact on the Result Sheet and the matter will be referred to the Senior Competitions Committee who will seek an explanation from the club(s) concerned.
- 1.3 If no explanation is provided or if the Senior Competitions Committee is not satisfied with an explanation, the team having no scorer will be deducted 50% of the available win points, excluding bonus points. In the case of no person on the ground being capable of performing Duckworth/Lewis, should it be required and no satisfactory explanation is received by the Senior Competitions Committee, then both teams will be deducted 50% of the available win points, excluding bonus points.
- 1.4 Any club(s) who have points deducted under 1.3 or other regulations below, shall have the right of appeal to the Executive Committee but the onus shall be on the Club(s) to show that there were genuine reasons why the penalty should not apply.
- 1.5 In the event of a match being carried over to a subsequent evening, i.e. in the Lewis Hohn Williams Senior Cup or the semi-finals or final of the Dublin Grass Machinery 45 Over League, it shall be permissible for a team to have as a scorer on subsequent evenings, a scorer who has not been the original designated scorer. However, a team shall be required to have a scorer for each evening that the match continues, at the time that the match recommences, otherwise the provisions of this general regulation 1 shall apply.

2 Wide Deliveries

The following provisions shall apply to all Senior Competitions;

2.1 Law 25 Wide Ball - judging a Wide

Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to Law 25.1 in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket.

As a guide if the ball passes either side of the wicket sufficiently wide to make it virtually impossible for the striker to play a "normal cricket stroke" both from where he is standing and from where he should normally be standing at the crease, the Umpire should call and signal "Wide". This will not apply if the Batsman makes contact with the ball.

2.2 Law 42.6 The Bowling of Short Pitched Balls In addition to the provisions of Law 42.6 the following will apply:

"If the ball passes, or would have passed, above the shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the crease, the Umpire at the Bowler's end shall call and signal No Ball irrespective of the pace at which the ball is delivered.

3 Umpires

The Umpires shall be the sole arbiters as to whether the pitch is playable and/or the suitability of, ground, weather and light. Umpires should liaise vigilantly with the scorers in recording time lost and the number of overs bowled at any time during the match. Scorers are required to mark the score at the end of each over of each Innings.

cancelling of matches: No match may be called off irrespective of weather conditions before the official starting time except with the agreement of the officially appointed Umpires, at least one of whom shall have first inspected the pitch and determined that no play would be possible on that day. The Umpires shall decide

whether the pitch is playable or not taking into account the ground authority's view.

The toss shall be made not sooner than 30 minutes and not later than 15 minutes before the commencement of play. Umpires shall move to the wicket 5 minutes before play is due to commence. The fielding side and opening batsmen shall take the field immediately after the Umpires to ensure a prompt start to the game.

If official Umpires are not present 30 minutes before the official starting time then the responsibility falls on both Captains who must agree on the appointment of Umpires to ensure a prompt start to a match. Umpires may be selected from participating players or spectators. If subsequently official Umpire(s) arrive, then they may, if both teams agree, take over for the remainder of the match.

4 Wicket Covers

Once play has commenced and is interrupted by weather then wicket covers must be provided.

Where practicable wicket covers must also be used prior to a senior match if the weather necessitates same.

The home club is primarily responsible for ensuring the wicket is covered as quickly as possible when required.

5 Returns of Result Sheets and Umpires Grading Forms

5.1 Results sheets for all matches (Including the 4FM Alan Murray Cup where previously such were not required) must be completed and signed by both captains and both umpires and sent immediately to G. Byrne, 56 Carrickbrennan Lawn, Monkstown, Co. Dublin (or by fax to 01 2809932 or by email if available to byrnegy@iol.ie) by the captain of the home team, or, in the case of the LHW Alan Murray Cup, by the Host Club. Sheets must arrive within 7 days of the date of the game. Otherwise, in the case of the Dublin Grass Machinery 45 Over League or the Leinster Senior League, the Senior Competitions Committee will be advised and the home team will be deducted one point unless the club can establish, to that committee's satisfaction, that the delay was caused by exceptional circumstances. Any such deduction is subject to a right of appeal to the Executive Committee as per 1.4 above.

5.2 Umpire Grading Sheets for each match must be forwarded by both captains to Martin Russell, 75 Mourn View, Skerries, Co Dublin, martinrussell111@hotmail.com. Sheets must arrive within 7 days of the date of the game. Otherwise, in the case of the Dublin Grass Machinery 45 Over League or the Leinster Senior League, the Senior Competitions Committee will be advised and the team whose report has not been received will be deducted one point unless the club can establish, to that committee's satisfaction, that the delay was caused by exceptional circumstances. Any such deduction is subject to a right of appeal to the Executive Committee as per 1.4 above.

6 Sanctions

The Senior Competitions Committee may impose penalties as it sees fit for a breach of any of the Senior Competitions Regulations or of any of the General Playing Regulations relating to a match or matches in a Senior Competition.

7 Any matter arising that is not covered in these regulations, or any of the individual regulations applicable to any of the Senior Competitions, shall be ruled on by the Senior Competitions Committee. If an issue arises during the course of a match which requires an immediate determination, the decision shall be made by the umpires.

8 No fixtures made and appearing in the handbook may be altered, save where either team scheduled to play in a fixture is also due to play on the same day in a Bob Kerr Irish Senior Cup Match, Dublin Grass Machinery 45 Over League Quarter-Final, Semi-Final or Final, or a Lewis Hohn Williams Senior Cup Match, for any reason without the prior permission of the Senior Competitions Committee or, in case of emergency, the Officers of the Union.

9 Where a refixture is necessary then the following shall apply:-

9.1 Dates for rearranged matches must be notified to the Hon. Secretary immediately.

9.2 In rearranging postponed matches the home team must offer three dates to their opponents on which the game can be played.

9.3 If no agreement is reached within seven days then the Hon. Secretary of the home team must notify the Union Hon. Secretary immediately. A mandatory date will be then set by the Senior Competitions Committee to ensure the early completion of the fixture.

N.B. Failure to comply with any aspect of this regulation will result in a 10 points penalty deduction. The Senior Competitions Committee will decide whether the penalty will apply to one or both teams.

10 Restriction on Placement of Fieldsmen

At the instant of delivery a minimum of four fieldsmen (plus the bowler and wicket-keeper) must be within an area bounded by two semi-circles centred on each middle stump (each with a radius of 30 yards) and joined by 2 parallel lines on each side of the pitch. This area shall be known as the fielding circle. In the event of an infringement, the Striker's End umpire shall call No Ball.

The fielding circle should be marked by painted white dots at five-yard intervals. Each dot must be covered by a white plastic or rubber disc seven inches in diameter.

11 Penalty Runs

In any match where no official umpire is officiating Penalty Runs shall not be awarded, except as may result from the application of Laws 41.2, 41.3 and 2.6, unless both teams agree otherwise.

12 Overs Penalties

Penalties for not bowling the stipulated number of overs in the prescribed time allocation will be as laid down in the regulations for the individual competitions. Under these regulations, umpires may allow time for time lost because of unusual delays, e.g. injury to a player. Players are reminded, however, that a lost ball is not regarded as a cause for an unusual delay and spare balls should be readily to hand. A series of lost balls might be unusual.

When additional time is allowed, the umpires should advise the batsmen and the captain of the fielding side immediately. It is desirable that the umpires also advise the scorer(s) of time added.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

Attention is particularly drawn to "Safety Regulations" as printed in the General Regulations. These will be strictly applied by the Umpires in all Senior Matches.