

Summary of major changes to MCC Code of Laws/NZC Playing Conditions

2017

1. Wicketkeeper: A substitute is permitted to act as wicket keeper at the umpires approval
2. Batsman's Ground: A batsman is now protected from being Run Out if his bat or person has been grounded while running but subsequently leaves his ground as the wicket is put down
3. No Balls: - Deliberate front foot No Ball (bowler removed from attack)
 - Delivery bounces more than once before reaching the popping crease
 - Delivery pitches off edge of pitch
 - Over the head short pitched delivery **(NZC are not adopting this change. An over the head short pitched delivery is still a wide in competitions administered by BOPCA)**
4. Batsman's guard and stance: Position not permitted if it will take batter in to "Protected Area"
5. Run Out of Non Striker (Mankad): May occur from the start of the bowler's run up to the point of ball delivery
6. Helmets: Batsman can now be caught, stumped, or run out from a ball deflecting off a fielder's helmet
7. Deliberate Short Runs: Immediate penalty (5 penalty runs) rather than a first and final warning
8. Match Ball: Any cloth used for drying a ball must be approved by the umpire(s)
9. **Player Conduct (Law 42):** Now 4 levels of offence to be considered (see NZC Playing Conditions).
 - Level 1:** (Mistreating equipment, excessive/double appealing, minor dissent)
First warning to team captain, then 5 penalty runs for a repeat offence
 - Level 2:** (Major dissent, advancing toward umpire, player abuse)
5 penalty runs awarded to opposition
 - Level 3:** (Abusing umpire, threatening players with violence, smashing stumps or other equipment)
Player suspended for predetermined number of overs, 5 penalty runs awarded, COC issued, no substitute allowed
 - Level 4:** (Any act of player assault, violence threat of an umpire)
Player removed from field of play for rest of match, COC issued, 5 penalty runs awarded, no substitute allowed