

Marylebone Cricket Club (M.C.C.) Laws of Cricket (LOC) Code 2017

After the BHRDCA held its 2017 AGM the Marylebone Cricket Club (M.C.C.) released an update to the Laws of Cricket (LOC), with the new Laws codified 2017.

As a member of the VMCU, the BHRDCA is obliged to follow the lead from the VMCU and in turn Cricket Victoria and Cricket Australia in adopting the changes to the M.C.C. LOC that effect the local competition. In essence these changes reflect the following in the BHRDCA Rules and/or where reference remains applicable in the LOC, when a ruling is not expressly made in the local Rules

These interpretations should be taken as a guideline to the manner in which they have been implemented in the BHRDCA Playing Rules for 2017/18. **NOTE:** Some M.C.C. LOC have been renumbered and where applicable these have been reflected in the 2017/18 BHRDCA Rules

- All reference to **Gender specific terms** has now been removed from the LOC and the BHRDCA Rules e.g. batsman in now batter, batsmen is now batters etc. **Multiple changes have been made in compliance with this requirement in the BHRDCA Rules**
- **Law 4** – The Ball – a new ball can now be taken after the completion of the 80th over in an innings – unlikely though it may be, **This change has been added to the BHRDCA Rules**
- **Laws 6, 9 & 10** – References Turf or natural surface cricket and are **not applied in the BHRDCA Rules**
- **Law 11** – References to a player being Timed Out – this time is now extended to **Three Minutes** and **will be applied in the BHRDCA** (**NOTE:** Not documented in the BHRDCA Rules)
- **Law 18** – Lost Ball – now removed from the LOC, therefore any such incident on the field of play (i.e. lost in long grass), will now be called **“Dead Ball”**. Any runs scored until the **“Dead Ball”** call shall be scored from any such ball. **This change will be applied in the BHRDCA** (**NOTE:** Not documented in the BHRDCA Rules)
- **Law 20** – Ball is ‘dead’ when it **becomes lodged** in a batter’s Helmet (Same principal as applicable to a ball lodged in a pad flap) **This change will be applied in the BHRDCA** (**NOTE:** Not documented in the BHRDCA Rules)
- **Law 20** – A catch may be claimed if a ball struck on the full becomes lodged in a fielder’s helmet or if the ball deflects off a fielder’s helmet to another fieldsman on the full. **This change will be applied in the BHRDCA** (**NOTE:** Not documented in the BHRDCA Rules)
- **Law 21** – Underarm bowling is now disallowed **This change will be applied in the BHRDCA** (**NOTE:** Not documented in the BHRDCA Rules)
- **Law 21** – A ‘suspect’ bowling action, if called will now incur a **first and final warning** and a **NO BALL** call, after which any such call in the same innings will result in the bowler being suspended from bowling in that innings
- **Law 21** – a ball which bounces twice before the popping crease will now result in a **NO BALL** call. **This change has been added to the BHRDCA Rules**
- **Law 21** – ball bouncing over the head of the Striker in his standing position at the popping crease will now result in a **NO BALL** call. **This change has been added to the BHRDCA Rules**
- **Law 21** – **DELIBERATE Front-Foot NO BALL or ABOVE WAIST HIGH FULL TOSS** will now result in a NO BALL call, and the bowler will be suspended from bowling immediately for the remainder of that innings. **This change has been added to the BHRDCA Rules**
- **Law 21** – **NO BALL Byes and Leg Byes** are now not recorded as **NO BALL EXTRAS**, but as One NO BALL, with any Byes or Leg Byes recorded as such e.g. previously a NO BALL subsequently went for 4 Byes and was recorded as **5 NO BALLS**, whereas now this will be recorded as **1 NO BALL and 4 BYES**. **This change has been added to the BHRDCA Rules**
- **Law 22** – **WIDE BALL** – There is no change similar to Law 21 for runs resulting from a Wide, with all runs from the **WIDE BALL** designated against the Bowler. **This change has been added to the BHRDCA Rules**
- **Law 23** – **BYES & LEG BYES** – Refer **Law 21 & Law 22** above
- **Law 24** – A substitute **may now act as a Wicket- keeper**. **This change has been added to the BHRDCA Rules**
- **Law 41** – principally to do with **Unfair Play, Time wasting, No Ball & Wides, etc**, inclusive of the Penalty runs applied where the LOC apply. The application of penalty runs **will not be applied in the BHRDCA** (Including any cross references where they apply to any other LOC), however all other conditions associated with Law 41 will be upheld by the BHRDCA (**NOTE:** Not documented in the BHRDCA Rules)
- **Law 42** – principally to do with **Player Conduct**, inclusive of the Suspension of players from the field during a match, **will not be applied in the BHRDCA** (Including any cross references where they apply to other LOC)