

WOMEN'S TEST MATCH PLAYING CONDITIONS



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Standard Women's ICC Test Match playing conditions shall apply with the following variations:

4 THE BALL

4.2 Approval and control of balls

4.2.1 shall be replaced by the following:

ECB shall provide **Grade 1 Dukes** cricket balls and spare used balls for changing during a match, which shall also be of the same brand. Note: The Home Board shall be required to advise the Visiting Board of the brand of ball to be used in the match(es) at least 30 days prior to the start of the match(es). However, for day-night Test matches, the precise brand, type and colour of ball shall be subject to prior approval of the visiting Board.

12 START OF PLAY; CESSATION OF PLAY

12.7 Hours of play; minimum overs requirement

Shall apply subject to the following:

Hours of Play shall be as follows:

All days: Scheduled hours of play shall be 11.00am to 6.00pm

Lunch interval: Normal commencement time for the lunch interval shall be 1.00pm

Tea interval: Normal commencement time for the tea interval shall be 3.40pm

12.7.1 Minimum Overs in the Day

Subject to clause 12.7.2 below:

Clause 12.7.1.1. shall be replaced by:

12.7.1.1 On days other than the last day, play shall continue on each day until the completion of a minimum target of 90 overs (or a minimum of 15 overs per hour) or the completion of the scheduled or rescheduled cessation time, whichever is the later but provided that play shall not continue for more than 30mins beyond the scheduled or rescheduled cessation time (permitted overtime). For the sake of clarity, if any of the minimum target number of overs have not been bowled at the completion of the permitted overtime, play shall cease upon completion of the over in progress. The overs not bowled shall not be made up on any subsequent day.

Clause 12.7.1.2 shall be replaced by:

12.7.1.2 On the last day, a minimum of 75 overs (or a minimum of 15 overs per hour) shall be bowled during the playing time other than the last hour of the match where clause 12.7.6 below shall apply. If any of the minimum of 75 overs, or as recalculated, have not been bowled when one hour of the scheduled playing time remains, the last hour of the match for the purposes of 12.7.6 shall be the hour immediately following the completion of these overs.

12.7.2 shall be replaced by:

12.7.2 Reduction in minimum overs

Except in the last hour of the match, for which clause 12.7.6 makes provision, if play is suspended due to adverse weather or light or any other reason (other than normal intervals) for more than 1 hour on any day, the minimum number of overs shall be reduced by 1 over for each full 4 minutes of the aggregate playing time lost. For the avoidance of doubt, the aggregate of 1 hour shall be inclusive of any time that may have been brought forward from previous days due to playing time lost on such previous days under clause 12.7.3.2 below.

12.7.3 shall be replaced by:

12.7.3 Making Up Lost Time

12.7.3.2 On Subsequent Days

If any time is lost and cannot be made up under clause 12.7.3.1 above, additional time of up to a maximum of 30 minutes per day shall be added to the scheduled playing hours for the next day, and subsequent day(s) as required (to make up as much lost time as possible). Any time carried forward in this way shall be added to the end of the last session of play. (see also clause 12.7.4). When such additional time is added, the minimum overs for that day shall be increased by one over for each four minutes of additional time or part thereof.

12.7.6 shall be replaced by:

12.7.6 Last Hour

A minimum of 15 overs shall be bowled in the last hour and all calculations with regard to suspensions of play or the start of a new innings shall be based on 1 over for each full 4 minutes (refer to clause 12.7.9)

On the final day, if both captains (the batters at the wicket may act for their captain) accept that there is no prospect of either side achieving a victory, they may agree to finish the match after (a) the time for the commencement of the last hour has been reached OR (b) there are a minimum of 15 overs to be bowled, whichever is the later.

12.7.7. shall be replaced by

12.7.7 Notwithstanding any other provision, there shall be no further play on any day, other than the last day, if a wicket falls or a batter retires or if the players have occasion to leave the field during the last minimum over within 3 minutes of the scheduled cessation time or thereafter. This shall also apply to the additional time permitted in order to complete the minimum over requirement for the day. If an over is interrupted in these circumstances stumps shall be drawn for the day and the over shall be completed on the resumption of play.

12.8 shall be replaced by:

12.8 Extra Time

12.8.1 At the End of the Day

The umpires may decide to play 30 minutes (a minimum of 8 overs) extra time at the end of any day (other than the last day) if requested by either captain if, in the umpires opinion, it would bring about a definite result on that day. This is in addition to the additional time provided for in clause 12.7.3. If the umpires do not believe a result can be achieved no extra time shall be allowed.

12.9 shall be replaced by:

12.9 Minimum Over Rates

12.9.1 The minimum over rate to be achieved in Test Matches shall be 15 overs per hour.

12.9.4 – 12.9.5 shall be included as follows (replacing the un-numbered paragraphs under 12.9.3.7):

12.9.4 The following conditions shall also be factored into the over rate calculation at the end of the match:

12.9.4.1 if the fielding team bowls out the batting team in 60 overs or less in any particular innings and the Minimum Over Rate requirement for that innings has not been exceeded (taking into account all of the time allowances described above), no account shall be taken of the actual over rate in that innings when calculating the actual over rate at the end of such Match.

12.9.4.2 if the fielding team bowls out the batting team twice and has not completed more than 120 overs in total across both of its fielding innings, no sanction may be imposed in respect of 12.9.1.

12.9.4.3 if the fielding team bowls has not completed more than 60 overs in a Match, no sanction may be imposed in respect of a breach of clause 12.9.1.

12.9.5 The current over rate of the fielding team (+/- overs compared to the minimum rate required), shall be advised by the third umpire every 30 minutes as a minimum, and shall be displayed on a scoreboard or replay screen at regular intervals.

12.10 Shall be replaced by:

12.10 Last hour of match – number of overs

The bowler's end umpire shall indicate the commencement of this 15 overs to the players and scorers. The period of play thereafter shall be referred to as the last hour, whatever its actual duration.

During an uninterrupted last hour, play will continue until the end of the over in progress when 60 minutes have been played, or until 15 overs have been bowled, whichever is the later.

12.11 shall be replaced by:

12.11 Last hour of match – interruptions of play

If there is an interruption in play during the last hour of the match, the minimum number of overs to be bowled shall be reduced from 15 as follows:

12.11.2 One over shall be deducted for every 4 minutes of time lost.

13 INNINGS

13.6 shall be replaced by:

13.6 Duration of Match

The Test Match shall be of 5 (five) days in duration.

14 THE FOLLOW ON

14.1.1 & 14.1.2 shall be replaced by:

14.1.1 The side which bats first and leads by at least 200 runs shall have the option of requiring the other side to follow their innings.

14.1.2 The same option shall be available in matches of shorter duration with the minimum leads as follows:

Five day test

- 150 runs in a match of 3 or 4 days;
- 100 runs in a 2-day match;
- 75 runs in a 1-day match.