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| **L&DCC – Umpires Pitch Grading Table** |
| **Pitch Grading Criteria** | **Bounce Consistency (Question 8a)** | **Seam Movement (Question 8b)** | **Carry & Bounce (Question 8c)**  | **Turn** **(Question 8d)** | **Mark** |
| **Very Good** | No variation | Very little | Good | Consistently very little | **5** |
| **Good** | Little variation | Little | Just lacking | Consistently little | **4** |
| **Average** |  Some variation every few overs | More than a little movement once an over | Lacking | More than a little turn once an over | **3** |
| **Below Average** | Some variation every over | Significant movement on a more regular basis  | Minimal | Significant turn on a more regular basis | **2** |
| **Poor** | Large variation every over |  Large movement on a regular basis | Very minimal | Excessive | **1** |
| **Unfit** | **A pitch is only rated unfit if it is dangerous** | **0** |
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| * **Assessment of seam movement and turn must be based on balls pitching within the ‘protected area’.**
* In the event of a ‘spinner’ not bowling in the match and it is not possible to score ‘Category – Turn’, an average of the marks for the other three categories should be given to enable the calculation of the Total Pitch Score. If unsure leave blank and make a suitable comment.
* A minimum of 50 overs must be bowled for the Total Pitch Score to be used in the season’s records.
* Umpires must make due allowance for the abilities of the bowlers and wear and tear of the pitch during the afternoon.
* The scores are to be entered on the Umpires Report Card at Questions 8a to 8d. Umpires must include a comment on the Report Card for a score of 2 or less for any of the four criteria or for a total score of 12 or less.
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| **L&DCC ECB Premier League – Umpires Pitch and Boundary Markings**  |
| **Grading Criteria** | **Pitch Markings** **(Part of Question 7)** | **Outfield Appearance & Grass Length (Question 9)** | **Outfield Unevenness (Question 10)** | **Boundary Markings (Question 11)** | **Marks** |
| Very Good | Pitch properly marked with markings3/4” to 1” wide. Popping creases min 16 feet long and in line across square | Cut & stripedBelow 3/4" (20mm)No grass cuttings | None | Rope (1“ min dia.) in good condition with flags at 20 yd intervals | **5** |
| **Good** | Pitch properly marked with clear markings <3/4” or >1” wide. Popping creases min 16 feet long and in line across square | Cut &/or stripedBelow 3/4" (20mm)No grass cuttings | Little | Rope in good condition or very clear line with flags at 20 yd intervals | **4** |
| **Average** | Pitch properly marked with variable width markings. Popping creases min 16 feet long not in line.. | Cut &/or stripedBelow 3/4" (20mm).Some cuttings left | Slightly uneven | Rope in reasonable condition or clear markings with some flags | **3** |
| **Below Average** | Pitch not clearly marked or popping creases less than 16 feet long or not in line | Cut longer than 3/4"(20mm).Impairs ball movement | Very uneven | Condition less than above markings not clear but some flags | **2** |
| **Poor** | Pitch not clearly marked with markings missing, eg for protected area. | Long Grass. Impairs free ball movement | Excessive unevenness | Flags with no line markings | **1** |
| **Unfit** | Pitch marking is unfit if marked incorrectly, eg creases not square to the pitch, pitch not 22 yards. | **An outfield is only rated unfit if it is dangerous** | **0** |

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| Liverpool &District Cricket Competition Premier League – Fair PlayECB require Premier Leagues to report on Fair Play in all 1st XI matches and the umpires’ cooperation is essential. There are two elements to be considered, one for each team’s respect for opponents and umpires and one for each captain’s control and cooperation with the umpires.**Team respect** **for opponents and umpires** is to be marked out of 5 on the Umpires’ Report Card. There are two boxes to indicate the marks – the first respect for opponents, the second for umpires.A score of 5 should only be awarded for exemplary behaviour. Each and every instance of lack of respect for opponents or umpires, including the following, will result in a reduction in points (Usually 1 point per incident or 2 where indicated):

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| Respect for Opponents (Questions 22 and 25) | Respect for Umpires (Questions 24 and 26) |
| ▪Directing abusive language towards an opponent. | ▪Directing abusive language towards an umpire (2 pts) |
| ▪Appeal knowing the batsman is ‘not out’. | ▪Disputing a decision by gesture or word (2 points) |
| ▪Persistent excessive or orchestrated appealing. | ▪Advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing |
| ▪Dangerous or unfair bowling. | ▪Unfair action by a player, i.e. |
| ▪Seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one’s own side.  | * Time wasting
* Damaging the pitch
* Tampering with the ball
* Any other action that they consider to be unfair.
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If the umpires submit a disciplinary report or record an ABB against a player his team will lose a minimum of 2/3 points. Any violent action on or off the field during the match will result in the loss of all points.  |

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| Liverpool &District Cricket Competition Premier League – Fair PlayThe Laws of Cricket state that ‘The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit and traditions of the game as well as within the Laws.’ When marking the captains for ‘Fair Play’ this over-riding principle must be taken into account. It should not require an umpire’s intervention to control behaviour.**Each Captain’s control of his team and cooperation with the umpires** is to be marked out of 5 on the Umpires’ Report Card at Questions 27 & 28 (Home) and 29 & 30 (Away). **Control** - Captains are responsible at all times for their team’s conduct. **Cooperation** - Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of the game.A score of 5 should only be awarded for exemplary behaviour. Each and every instance of lack of team control or lack of cooperation with the umpires, including the following, will result in the loss of points:

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| **Team Control** | **Cooperation with the Umpires** |
| Any failure to take appropriate action in any of the instances recorded where a member or members of his team are deemed to show disrespect for opponents or umpires, ie the misdemeanour is repeated, two points shall be deducted. | Any failure to take appropriate action when directed to by either or both umpires, one point shall be deducted. Any repeated failure will result in a 2 point deduction.Any instance where the umpires feel that the captain fails make a significant contribution to setting the right tone for the conduct of the match, one point deducted. |
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