



HDCA Player Square Leg Guidelines 2018/19

THE DOs:

- When changing player square leg umpires do so quickly, plan ahead, be aware of drink breaks or if doing in 10 over stanzas, when the 10 overs is up, so as to cause as little interruption to play as possible.
- Wear clothing that will *differentiate* you to players (e.g. a Club supporters/training shirt) so as to minimise confusion for both batsmen and fielders, but not the same colour as the ball.
- Have a ball counter so can count balls bowled, and signal to the bowlers end Umpire when there are 2 legal deliveries remaining in the over.
- Be on the lookout for short runs, hit wicket, and position of the WK when up to the stumps.
- Assist the bowlers end umpire with the height of full tosses and short pitched bowling with a pre-determined signal.

THE DON'Ts:

- Bring a phone, I-pod, camera etc. onto the field.
- Come onto the field wearing thongs or bare footed – wear covered shoes.
- Stand more than 30 metres from the pitch, you need to be able to see the crease lines.
- Don't decide to leave the field of play until a replacement is standing on the boundary line, and ready to take his/her place.
- Stop to chat with the batsmen between each over, move quickly into position, so as not to hold up play.
- If playing on turf, don't walk over the pitch, walk around the protected area of the pitch.
- Offer opinions about decisions made – decision made and move on. If there is a concern about the decision made the Captain is the one to approach the officially appointed umpire (if there is one).

A couple of things for the player square leg umpire to remember:

- On the line is out – a batsman (or his/her bat grounded) must be behind the crease line to be not out from a stumping or run out attempt.
- The player square leg umpire's primary responsibility is to be a square umpire – not a batting coach or chief tactician.
- Assist the bowlers end umpire with boundaries when they are close call, and are closer to the ball – the position of boundary markers can make it difficult in some instances.
- When a catch is taken, assist the bowler's end umpire if the batsmen have crossed.

The fielding side needs to remember:

- That the player square leg umpire is to be treated the same as you would treat a qualified umpire: with respect.
- Abuse of player square leg umpires will not be tolerated, and could lead to being placed on report.
- If a fielding team wishes to make a comment about a player square leg umpire they are to do so via their captain to the umpire standing in the match.