ICC MEN’S CRICKET WORLD CUP 2023

Match Officials For This Event


Match Referees:  Jeff Crowe, Andy Pycroft, Richie Richardson and Javagal Srinath.

Umpire Coaches:  Stuart Cummings, Karl Hurter, David Levens, Peter Manuel.

Summary of Playing Conditions

Synopsis
The ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 Playing Conditions (PCs) are essentially the standard ODI playing conditions that have been used in recent months. Below is an overview of some of the key points, some key differences, and some expectations of the teams to help ensure the success of the event.

Hours of play:
There shall be 2 sessions of 3.5 hours each, separated by a 30 minute interval between innings.

Day Match
- Session 1  10h30 – 14h00
- Interval  14h00 – 14h30
• Session 2 14h30 – 18h00

Day Night Match
• Session 1 14h00 – 17h30
• Interval 17h30 – 18h00
• Session 2 18h00 – 21h30

The Match Referee can reduce the length of the interval where it is appropriate to do so, but the minimum interval will be 10 minutes.

Extra Time
There shall be 60 minutes of extra time allocated to all matches throughout the event except for the Semi-Finals and Final.

Semi-Finals and Final will each have 120 minutes of extra time.

Reserve Days
The Semi-Finals and Final shall have a reserve day allocated on which an incomplete match shall be continued from the scheduled day. No other matches shall have a reserve day allocated.

If the reserve day is allocated, every effort will be made to complete the match on the scheduled day with any necessary reduction in overs taking place. Only if the minimum number of overs necessary to constitute a match cannot be bowled on the scheduled day will the match be completed on the reserve day.

If the match has started on the scheduled day and overs are subsequently reduced following an interruption, but no further play is possible, the match will resume on the reserve day at the point where the last ball was played.

Refer PC Appendix H for full details.

Ground, Weather, Light
• Umpires will maximise play at all times and expect teams to do likewise. This event is to showcase the game, not the groundsmen.
• Umpires are the sole judge of Ground, Weather, and Light issues. This includes the response to lightning and poor air quality.
• Where lightning threatens, or air pollution is assessed as problematic, the umpires will consider suspending play in line with their obligations in the PCs and relevant guidelines to ensure participant safety.
• If conditions are merely uncomfortable then play will continue or be started. A suspension of play will only be considered when conditions are deemed unsafe.
**DRS and Technology**
DRS (full specification at all matches)
- Auto No Ball
- Ultra Edge with split screen
- Hawkeye tracker
- Clean Audio feed
- LED wickets

2 Unsuccessful DRS Reviews per team, per innings:
- A Review will be retained if umpire's call against the review.
- No more on field soft signal by on-field umpires for fair catch, bump ball and obstruction. After referral to the Third Umpire, the decision for all three to be given on the big screen.
- The third umpire will check for front foot no balls immediately after each delivery.

In checking for a fair delivery after a dismissal, the third umpire can check all forms of no ball on request except for illegal bowling action i.e. they can check foot fault, bowler breaking the wicket, waist high full tosses, bouncers over shoulder height, field restrictions etc.

**Substitutes, Concussion & Covid Replacement Players**
- Any substitute or replacement player must be an official squad member of the team.
- Concussion assessment and the concussion replacement player request process is the same as normal (Team to request a replacement via the Match Referee).
- A covid replacement is only applicable in the circumstance where a player tests positive during a match. The request for a covid replacement player is to be made by the team via the Match Referee.
- The Match Referee cannot approve changes to a team's official squad. Please liaise with the Event Technical Committee regarding changes to members of the squad.

**Minimum Over Rate Requirement**
- It is an expectation of fielding teams that they comply with the over rate requirements.
- Pace of play protocols are to be observed as per the PC's.
- No changing of bats and gloves between overs unless permission is first granted by the on-field umpires. If a batting team unnecessarily delays play they can expect the umpires to take action in line with the PCs, which may include a reduction in that team's bowling innings allowances.
• If teams huddle before the start of a session or after a drink break, time still starts when the umpires are ready.
• Over rates will be displayed continuously and in-match fielding restriction penalties will be applied as required.
• Incoming batters are expected to be ready within 120 seconds (2 minutes). If they are late they will be out – Timed out.

**Super Overs**
A super over – or multiple super overs – will be played to determine the result of any tied match.

**Qualification for Finals**
Following the league stage, the top four teams in the table will progress to the Semi-Finals as follows:
• Semi-Final – 1st v 4th
• Semi-Final – 2nd v 3rd

The winners of the Semi-Finals will contest the Final of the ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup 2023.