

# EDCA – PLAYING CONDITIONS FOR 2018-19

## GRADES: YEARS 2 – 4

### Notes to EDCA Years 2 - 4 Playing Conditions for 2018-19 Season

#### General

All games shall be played in accordance with:

1. The specific Playing Conditions specified here;
2. The Laws of Cricket (2017 Code) of the Marylebone Cricket Club, (refer <https://www.lords.org/mcc/laws-of-cricket/new-code-of-laws-october-2017/>)

and to the extent that there is any conflict between those conditions, the conditions shall be applied in the order of priority set out above.

*Law 42 of the MCC Laws of Cricket (Players' Conduct) does not apply to these grades. Therefore there is no provision for umpires to issue a "yellow or red card" to a player. Unacceptable behaviour should be reported to the relevant Club Manager and/or Junior Club Captain.*

#### Comments on Rules

**The specific Playing Conditions for these grades have not been changed from 2016-17, except that Year 4 games are now 16 overs per side.**

#### **Rules 19 and 20:**

These rules are in place to:

- i) Encourage the wicket keepers to take the ball cleanly, and
- ii) Discourage the running of extras before the wicket keeper has been given a fair chance to field the ball cleanly.

The Laws of Cricket permit the batsman at the non-striker's end to safely leave his ground once the back foot of the bowler has landed in the delivery stride. This rule is not practical in these grades; for example, many of the bowlers do not have a run up so the back foot sometimes never actually 'lands', and for those who do run-up there can be a significant time delay between the back foot landing and the ball being released.

Therefore, in these grades, the non-striker is safe to leave his ground only when the bowler has delivered the ball.

The non-striker should be encouraged to back-up in accordance with these rules – i.e. to anticipate runs on offer, but to take them only when there are either runs, byes, leg-byes, or wide or no-ball extras are allowed per Rule 19.

**Years 2 and 3:** Boundaries will **not** be awarded as a result of Byes, Wides or Overthrows - only runs made by the batsmen will be counted. However, care needs to be taken on wickets where the perimeter of the ground is close to a road, a car park, a grass bank, or anything similar which might pose a risk to a fielder in chasing a ball which would otherwise have been called a boundary. The two Team Coaches are to identify any such risk prior to the start of play and determine what to do in that situation. The recommendation is to call "Dead Ball" and ensure that the fielder does not go beyond the safe field of play – the batsmen can complete the run in progress at the call of Dead Ball, and that run will count.

#### **Rule 16: Wides.**

It is imperative that the calling of wides be **consistent** throughout the game. If an umpire is exchanged (permitted, but try to avoid it), his replacement must be briefed on the wide lines which have been used in the game so far.

#### **Rule 17: No balls.**

At Years 2-4, responsibility for calling and signalling "No-ball" has been given to the umpire at the Striker's end (square leg) as he is in the best position to make the decision. Care must be taken whenever extras are taken off a no-ball as extras are signalled by the Bowler's end umpire - both umpires **must** ensure that the scorers acknowledge both signals so that the correct number of runs scored is recorded.

Note: a No-ball overrides a Wide.

#### **Rules 26 and 27: Uneven Team Numbers.**

Where one team has 7 players and the other has 9, it is recommended that one player transfers to the team which is short and plays the entire game for that team. This is consistent with EDCA Policy that all players present on the day should get the maximum amount of cricket possible at these participation grades.

#### **Rules Arbiter**

The EDCA Rules Arbiter will promptly, by mobile phone availability, provide decisions on Rules or Spirit of Cricket issues arising during the course of play to try and avoid any subsequent debate or dispute. The Arbiter will also receive and rule on written issues arising during the season on behalf of EDCA. The Arbiter's decision is final, binding and non-negotiable. All participating teams agree to be bound by these guidelines and decisions of the Arbiter.

The EDCA Arbiter for the 2017-18 season is Richard Walker, Auckland University CC. 027-424-1880, [admin@aucc.co.nz](mailto:admin@aucc.co.nz)

#### **Cancellations**

Cancellation notices will also be posted on the Grafton, Parnell and University websites by 7am.