

<b>L&amp;DCC: Minimum Standards for Club and Ground Classifications</b>			
<b>AREAS AND STANDARDS</b>	<b>Premier Grade A</b>	<b>Points</b>	
		<b>Umps</b>	<b>C&amp;G</b>
<b>A1. SQUARE</b>			
(a) Must be well maintained and in good condition with whole cut prior to each match. Holes or ruts from previous matches must be levelled, filled and firm before a subsequent match.	<b>Umpires' Card (7 &amp; 8)</b>	2	
(b) Facilities for watering the square must be available.	<b>C&amp;G (1)</b>		1
(c) Should be centrally located within ground.	<b>C&amp;G (2)</b>		2
(d) Should be level corner to corner and with a smooth surface and evenly grassed.	<b>C&amp;G (5)</b>		6
(e) Should have smooth transition from outfield.	<b>C&amp;G (1)</b>		1
(f) Should be wide enough for at least eight 1st XI pitches.	<b>C&amp;G (2)</b>		2
<b>A2. PITCH</b>			
(a) Must be clearly distinguishable from remainder of the square. Must not be artificially watered within 48 hours of the start of play. Should give true and predictable bounce and not produce excessive spin or movement off the seam.	<b>Umpires' Card (9, 13, 14 &amp; 15)</b>	7	
(b) Must be rolled, adequately repaired if used before and correctly marked before the scheduled toss (see diagram). Markings must include minimum 16ft popping crease, protected are marked 5ft in front of the popping crease and 1ft either side of the centre of middle stump on the bowling crease. Stumps must be properly positioned on the bowling crease in holes adequately watered for ease of positioning. Facilities for brushing, remarking and rolling during the interval between innings must be available and used as appropriate.	<b>Umpires' Card (10, 11 &amp; 12)</b>	3	
<b>A3. OUTFIELD</b>			
(a) Must be well maintained.	<b>Umpires' Card (16, 17 &amp; 18)</b>	1	
(b) Closely mown with no noticeable grass cuttings.		1	
(c) Must be adequately drained.		1	
(d) Should be flat with a fine sward. Balls should be able to run true and outfield should be free of holes, ruts or other obstructions that might pose a hazard to fielders.	<b>C&amp;G (5)</b>		5
(e) Grass cutting equipment.	<b>C&amp;G (2)</b>		2
(f) Outfield should not be used during the cricket season for organised senior soccer or rugby football or hockey matches.	<b>C&amp;G (2)</b>		2

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<b>A4. BOUNDARY</b>			
(a) Clearly marked by large diameter rope OR white line with markers approximately 20 yards apart. If a gutter is used, then the edge must be cleanly cut.	<b>Umpires' Card (19)</b>	1	
(b) Rope of large diameter used (1 inch minimum).	<b>C&amp;G (1)</b>		1
(c) Playing area should be oval in shape.	<b>C&amp;G (2)</b>		2
(d) There should be sufficient space beyond boundary to fences etc for safety.	<b>C&amp;G (2)</b>		2
(e) A maximum of 25% of boundary, from middle stump on the match pitch, may be less than 50 yards or more than 75 yards unless specific dispensation has been given by the league management committee.	<b>C&amp;G (2)</b>		2
<b>A5. SIGHTSCREENS</b>			
(a) Sightscreens in position 5 minutes before start of match.	<b>Umpires' Card (20)</b>	1	
(b) Two sightscreens (or equivalent) at each end being of sufficient height and width, painted with non-reflective paint, in good condition and easily moved.	<b>C&amp;G (3)</b>		3
(c) Sightscreens should be outside the playing area where possible and if not, then rope or boards must be used to define the boundary and must be of sufficient size to allow movement of the screens from side to side without adjusting them.	<b>C&amp;G (1)</b>		1
<b>A6. SCOREBOARD/SCOREBOX</b>			
(a) Should show at least:- total, wickets, overs, the side batting (home/away) and the individual batsman's scores are desirable. The numbers should be easily accessible, simple to operate and in full working order. The mechanical variety is the minimum requirement.	<b>C&amp;G (2)</b>		2
(b) The box should have safe access, be clean, reasonably comfortable with adequate chairs and tables, offer full protection from the weather, with security provided to ensure no disturbance of the scorers during play.	<b>C&amp;G (2)</b>		2
(c) Scoreboard should be operated effectively and scorers signals clear.	<b>Umpires' Card (21 &amp; 22)</b>	2	
<b>A7. COVERS</b>			
(a) Must be available to protect the pitch and bowlers' run ups from light rain before and during the match and be readily put in place.	<b>Umpires' Card (23 &amp; 24)</b>	2	
(b) Wheeled covers are strongly recommended. Plastic sheets or tarpaulins to be used on the run ups and sides.	<b>C&amp;G (2)</b>		2
(c) Covers must protect at least 80ft by 12ft taking into account the contours and drainage of the ground.	<b>C&amp;G (2)</b>		2

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<b>A8. DRYING EQUIPMENT</b>			
(a) Adequate supply of sawdust and cloths available to minimise lost time due to wet ground.	Umpires' Card (25)	1	
(b) Protection for ends of previous pitches should be provided whenever possible.	C&G (0.5)		0.5
(c) Other drying equipment, e.g. brushes, forks, squeegees and sacking should be available.	C&G (0.5)		0.5
(d) Hand operated 'water hogs' should be provided.	C&G (1)		1
<b>A9. ROLLERS</b>			
(a) Light (5 to 10 cwt) and heavy (30 cwt) rollers in good working order must be available for use on the pitch.	C&G (3)		3
(b) A choice of roller should be available at the interval between innings.	Umpires' Card (26)	1	
<b>A10. GROUND SURROUNDS</b>			
(a) The field surrounds should be well maintained by regular cutting.	Umpires' Card (27)	1	
(b) Time lost looking for balls over the boundary should be minimal.	Umpires' Card (28)	1	
(c) Suitable measures should be taken to limit wasted playing time due to lost balls, e.g. netting, gates in fences.	C&G (1)		1
(d) Spectators' seating should be plentiful, in good condition and well maintained, e.g. clean. The ground should be properly signed.	C&G (2)		2
(e) The condition and general appearance of hedges, fences, walls etc. should be of the highest order.	C&G (1)		1
Total Umpires' Score (Areas 1 to 10)		25	
Total C&G Score (Areas 1 to 10)			49
Total Score (Areas 1 to 10)			74
<b>A11. DRESSING ROOMS</b>			
(a) Should be of adequate size (15 sq. ft. per player), well lit, ventilated, decorated and if possible, heated. Suitable seating and sufficient clothes hooks (2 per player). Flooring should be clean and suitable for bare feet.	C&G (2.4)		2.4
(b) Should be easily accessible from the playing area, be private and allow viewing of the playing area if possible.	C&G (0.6)		0.6
(c) Doors must be lockable to provide security for clothing, valuables and equipment.	C&G (1)		1
(d) Dressing rooms must not be shared and should not be used for other purposes e.g. storage of non-playing equipment or materials.	C&G (1)		1

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<b>A12. SHOWERS</b>			
(a) Clean and hygienic showers with non slip floors conveniently located for private access by players and umpires.	C&G (2)		2
(b) At least three showers per team with an adequate supply of hot water, towel hooks and soap.	C&G (2)		2
<b>A13. TOILETS</b>			
(a) Clean and hygienic with hand washing and drying facilities. Privacy and security for players should be taken into account. Urinal bowl and WC suite to be available and located in separate cubicles.	C&G (3)		3
(b) The needs of women and the disabled should be taken into account in the Clubhouse.	C&G (1)		1
<b>A14. UMPIRES' ROOM</b>			
(a) Secure and lockable accommodation of a similar standard to that of the players (see 11 above).	C&G (1)		1
(b) Toilets, wash basins and showers should be readily accessible. Room should be private with lockable door(s) and have easy access to playing area.	C&G (1)		1
(c) Room should be cleaned every week and should not be used for the storage of equipment and other materials.	Umpires' Card (29 & 30)	2	
<b>A15. VIEWING AREA</b> A seated, covered and sheltered viewing area for the batting side to view the match.	C&G (3)		3
<b>A16. HOSPITALITY</b>			
(a) Teas for players and officials should be of good standard and served in an area, of sufficient size, adjacent to the playing area. Teas should be ready when needed, unless in exceptional circumstances.	Umpires' Card (31&32)	2	
(b) Provision for spectators should be made.	C&G (1)		1
(c) The bar should be adequately staffed and open during the match.	C&G (1)		1
<b>A17. KITCHEN</b> Should meet all legislative requirements and provide hot and cold water, washing facilities, adequate work surfaces in a clean and hygienic condition, suitable storage space including a refrigerator and sufficient crockery and cutlery in good condition.	C&G (3)		3
<b>A18. FIRST AID</b>			
(a) First Aid Kit Boxes, complying with ClubMark requirements, must be kept fully stocked and must be easily accessible during play.	C&G (2)		2
(b) A person qualified in First Aid should be available whenever possible.	C&G (2)		2

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<b>A19. PUBLIC TELEPHONE</b> A public telephone in working order.	<b>C&amp;G (1)</b>		1
<b>A20. CLOCK AND BELL</b> (a) A working clock stating the correct time should be sited so that it can be utilised by the umpires as the official time piece.	<b>Umpires' Card (33 &amp; 34)</b>	1	
(b) A bell should be situated to allow the umpires to signal the start or resumption of play. It should be clearly audible to players and spectators.			
(c) The clock must be large enough with clear numerals as to be easily read from all parts of the ground.	<b>C&amp;G (1)</b>		1
(d) A bell of suitable size and manufacture must be provided. If kept inside the pavilion it must be capable of being sited where it can be easily accessed by the umpires and heard by spectators and players alike.	<b>C&amp;G (1)</b>		1
<b>A21. PUBLIC INFORMATION</b> (a) Team sheets should be available for spectators or on display in a convenient location.	<b>C&amp;G (1.5)</b>		1.5
(b) A public address system should be available if appropriate.	<b>C&amp;G (0.5)</b>		0.5
<b>A22. PRACTICE FACILITIES</b> (a) Practice facilities of a suitable standard available during the season catering for both adults and juniors.	<b>C&amp;G (4)</b>		4
(b) Net practice facilities should be available for use by both sides before matches whenever possible.	<b>C&amp;G (1)</b>		1
<b>A23. CAR PARKING</b> (a) Adequate car parking for players, officials and spectators within or immediately adjacent to the ground.	<b>C&amp;G (2)</b>		2
(b) Suitable provision for disabled access to the ground and social areas.	<b>C&amp;G (1)</b>		1
(c) Facilities for spectators to watch the match from their cars.	<b>C&amp;G (1)</b>		1
<b>A24. GENERAL MANAGEMENT</b> (a) Prompt provision of information requested by the Management Committee.	<b>C&amp;G (2)</b>		2
(b) Pre match management	<b>C&amp;G (1)</b>		1
(c) Post match management	<b>C&amp;G (1)</b>		1
(d) Cooperation with C&G assessments	<b>C&amp;G (1)</b>		1
Total Umpires' Score (Areas 1 to 10)		30	
Total C&G Score (Areas 1 to 10)			95
Total Score (Areas 1 to 10)			125

### Guide to marks per area

Area	Total	Umpires	C&G	Area	Total	Umpires	C&G
A1	14	2	12	A13	4	0	4
A2	10	10	0	A14	4	2	2
A3	12	3	9	A15	3	0	3
A4	8	1	7	A16	4	2	2
A5	5	1	4	A17	3	0	3
A6	6	2	4	A18	4	0	4
A7	6	2	4	A19	1	0	1
A8	3	1	2	A20	3	1	2
A9	4	1	3	A21	2	0	2
A10	6	2	4	A22	5	0	5
A11	5	0	5	A23	4	0	4
A12	4	0	4	A24	5	0	5
				<b>TOTALS</b>	125	30	95

**MCUA CLUB AND GROUND REPORT - Please forward within 5 days following the match**

L&DCC PREMIER:

L&DCC DIV 1:

ALLIANCE:

Match: ..... v ..... on .....2008

Umpire (1) name ..... Signature: .....

Umpire (2) name ..... Signature: .....

1	<b>Team sheets before toss</b> - Home side?.....	Yes/No	20	<b>Sightcreens</b> in position 5 minutes before match?.....	Yes/No
2	<b>Team sheets before toss</b> - Away side?.....	Yes/No	21	<b>Scoreboard</b> operated effectively?.....	Yes/No
3	<b>Payment before match</b> - Home side?.....	Yes/No	22	<b>Scorers</b> signals clearly visible?.....	Yes/No
4	<b>Payment before match</b> - Away side?.....	Yes/No	23	<b>Covers</b> - pitch affected by rain during previous 48 hrs?.	Yes/No
5	<b>Scorer</b> - for Home side?.....	Yes/No	24	<b>Covers</b> - available and used effectively?.....	Yes/No
6	<b>Scorer</b> - for Away side?.....	Yes/No	25	<b>Drying equipment</b> available and used effectively?.....	Yes/No
7	<b>Square</b> clearly distinguishable from rest of ground?.....	Yes/No	26	<b>Rollers</b> - was choice available between innings?.....	Yes/No
8	<b>Square</b> - evidence of repairs to previous pitches?.....	Yes/No	27	<b>Surrounds</b> - well maintained?.....	Yes/No
9	<b>Pitch</b> clearly distinguishable from rest of square?.....	Yes/No	28	<b>Surrounds</b> - minimal time lost for balls out of ground?...	Yes/No
10	<b>Pitch</b> properly prepared and marked before match?.....	Yes/No	29	<b>Umpires' room</b> cleaned prior to match?.....	Yes/No
11	<b>Pitch</b> - stumps properly pitched before match?.....	Yes/No	30	<b>Umpires' room</b> - no storage of equipment/material?.....	Yes/No
12	<b>Pitch</b> brushed, rolled & remarked between innings?.....	Yes/No	31	<b>Hospitality</b> - teas ready when needed?.....	Yes/No
13	<b>Pitch</b> - even bounce, not excessive nor too low?.....	0 / 1 / 2	32	<b>Hospitality</b> - teas of good quality?.....	Yes/No
14	<b>Pitch</b> - seam movement but not excessive?.....	0 / 1 / 2	33	<b>Clock</b> working and showing correct time?.....	Yes/No
15	<b>Pitch</b> taking spin but not excessively?.....	0 / 1 / 2	34	<b>Bell</b> accessible and audible to players and spectators?...	Yes/No
16	<b>Outfield</b> well maintained?.....	Yes/No	35	<b>Spirit of Cricket</b> - good by Home side?.....	0 / 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5
17	<b>Outfield</b> cut before match, no visible cuttings?.....	Yes/No	36	<b>Spirit of Cricket</b> - good by Away side?.....	0 / 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5
18	<b>Outfield</b> - evidence of poor drainage anywhere?.....	Yes/No	<b>ABB Players reported:</b> .....		
19	<b>Boundary</b> clearly marked?.....	Yes/No	<b>Name:</b> ..... <b>Club:</b> .....		

**Comments:**.....