



# Facilities Reporting Scheme Guidelines

**Marks below 7:** These represent an area where there may be a shortfall in the basic requirements and where possible remedial action or extra effort is required. Marks of 6 and below must be accompanied by helpful comments on the reporting system and in exceptional cases a letter may be sent. A mark of 7 should indicate that the basic requirements have been met as described below.

**Marks between 8 to 10:** For achieving "additional" standard, described below, or making an outstanding and obvious effort.

**Please Note:** The Facilities Committee would like to remind all clubs that the marks awarded should be a clear reflection of the facilities provided on the day of the match and that the result of the match should not influence these marks unduly unless there are good reasons for doing so. In such instances please provide helpful clear comments explaining the reasoning for any apparent levels of marks awarded.

The marks should only be entered on to the website by a designated member of the visiting club that was present on the day of the game.

## 1. Pitch

**Basic:** Properly prepared (mown and rolled) to a width of 10 feet. Properly and clearly marked to conform to MCC Regulations and Recommendations (i.e. 5 foot and 1 foot lines). Be of reasonably consistent bounce throughout match and not affording excessive spin or movement off the seam. Adequate set of stumps and bails to be provided together with bowling markers (not left to umpires to provide). Sawdust and cloths available during wet conditions. Roller available for use between innings. Pitch ends to be cleaned up between innings and necessary re-marking to be done.

**Additional:** Pitch to offer reasonable pace throughout match. 1st XI matches to be located in central area of square. Whole square to be closely and evenly mown and old wicket-ends repaired to give as true a fielding surface as possible. Stumps and bails to be properly matched sets and in good condition. Heavy set of bails to be available for windy conditions.

## 2. Outfield

**Basic:** Adequately mown to provide reasonably true fielding surface. Properly maintained and repaired so that it is free from stones, holes and other hazards. Reasonably flat (slight slopes and undulations not to be penalised)

**Additional:** Finely mown, free from grass cuttings and rolled to provide fast and true surface. Flat and spacious. Well grassed over entire area.

## 3. Sightcreens (Division Six B and above)

**Basic:** One provided at each end of ground. Adequate size (width and height), in good repair and of acceptable white/light coloured facade. Easily moved and in position before commencement of play. (No sight screen = no points. 1 sight screen = 4 points maximum). Positioned wholly outside playing area with boundary line adjusted where necessary.

**Additional:** Very large if single variety or two (split) screens at each end. Clean and in really good condition giving excellent sighting for batsmen.

## 4. Boundaries

**Basic:** Marked as per divisional requirements. Adequate number of flags and markers. Straight and uniform within contours of ground. At least 50 yards from centre of pitch.

**Additional:** Numerous and prominent markers or flags. Separately mown to give added prominence. Reasonably equidistant in relation to siting of pitch on square.

## 5. Scorebox

**(not necessarily applicable to Divisions 7a and below; scoreboard to be marked)**

**Basic:** Main total to be clear and moveable (flip-over or lights) to ensure promptness. Overs, wickets and 1st innings score also to be clearly displayed and easily changed. To be a score box and not just a board, internal seating and table for scorers, providing adequate protection from the elements! Box should be clean and tidy. (Old fashioned "telegraph" type scoreboard limited to a maximum of 5 points). A clock, visible from the wicket, must be provided. If no clock is provided this must be reported

**Additional:** Flip-over numbers or lights for all items mentioned above. Facility for recording individual scores of batsmen. Light or other clear method of acknowledging signals from umpires. Home and "Visitors" boards available. Large, clear clock suitably positioned.

## 6. Pavilion

**Basic:** Changing rooms to be lockable, clean and tidy with rubbish from previous matches removed from the premises. Toilets and wash basins (with separate facilities for ladies) to be in a sanitary condition with adequate supply of requisites. Showers to have good supplies of hot water with temperature safely controlled. Cubicles to be clean and clear of debris / dirt from previous use. Tea to be served on clean crockery and hygienically protected until tea is taken by all players, umpires and scorers.

**Additional:** Changing rooms of above average size with adequate space for all kit bags. Showers separate from opponents with 4 or more shower spaces. Individual cubicles are of particular benefit. Toilets to be housed separately from changing rooms and showers. A separate changing area for umpires.