

High Full Tosses

Who calls and signals?

The decision (and the call and signal) is made by the **Bowler's End Umpire**.

The only role played by the Striker's End Umpire ('Square Leg Umpire') is to help the other umpire judge whether the ball was too high. Whatever assistance might be offered the decision is for the Bowler's End Umpire to make based on his best judgement.

Good umpires will agree before the match how they will communicate with each other in this and other aspects of umpiring the match.

The Law

Law 41.7 states that the bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching deliveries is unfair.

The definition is: **Any delivery** that passes (or would have passed) above waist height of the Striker standing upright at the Popping Crease

Every high non-pitching delivery as defined must be called as a No Ball. In addition:

1. On the first occasion the bowler must be given a final warning and the other umpire, the fielding captain and the batsmen are to be informed.
2. If there is a second occurrence then the fielding captain must be told to take the bowler off and he cannot bowl again in the match. In this situation the other umpire, the batsmen and the batting captain must be informed. After the match the player's club must be advised that a report will be made and this report must be sent in accordance with the Disciplinary rules.

Note that in the (rare) event that a high full toss is bowled deliberately then the first two stages above are ignored and the bowler must not bowl again (apply stage 2).

Where is the Waist?

The 'Waist' is the level at which the elbow sits, approximately at the navel. It is not the top of the trousers. In practice any delivery that is **clearly above the level of the trousers** should be regarded as a 'No Ball'