L&DCC ECB Premier League – Umpires Pitch Grading Table					
Pitch Grading Criteria	**Bounce Consistency (Question 10a)**	**Seam Movement (Question 10b)**	**Carry & Bounce (Question 10c)**	**Turn (Question 10d)**	**Mark**
Very Good	No variation	Very little	Good	Consistently very little	**5**
Good	Little variation	Little	Just lacking	Consistently little	**4**
Average	Some variation every few overs	More than a little movement once an over	Lacking	More than a little turn once an over	**3**
Below Average	Some variation every over	Significant movement on a more regular basis	Minimal	Significant turn on a more regular basis	**2**
Poor	Large variation every over	Large movement on a regular basis	Very minimal	Excessive	**1**
Unfit	**A pitch is only rated unfit if it is <u>dangerous</u>**				**0**

- **Assessment of seam movement and turn must be based on balls pitching within the 'protected area'.**
- In the event of a 'spinner' not bowling in the match and it is not possible to score 'Category – Turn', an average of the marks for the other three categories should be given to enable the calculation of the Total Pitch Score. If unsure leave blank and make a suitable comment.
- A minimum of 50 overs must be bowled for the Total Pitch Score to be used in the season's records.
- Umpires must make due allowance for the abilities of the bowlers and wear and tear of the pitch during the afternoon.
- The scores are to be entered on the Umpires Report Card at Questions 10a to 10d. Umpires must include a comment on the Report Card for a score of 2 or less for any of the four criteria or for a total score of 12 or less.

L&DCC ECB Premier League – Umpires Pitch and Boundary Markings					
Grading Criteria	**Pitch Markings (Q 11)**	**Outfield Appearance & Grass Length (Q15)**	**Outfield Unevenness (Q14)**	**Boundary Markings (Q16)**	**Marks**
Very Good	Pitch properly marked with markings3/4" to 1" wide. Popping creases min 16 feet long and in line across square	Cut & striped Below 3/4" (20mm) No grass cuttings	None	Rope (1" min dia.) in good condition with flags at 20 yd intervals	**5**
Good	Pitch properly marked with clear markings <3/4" or >1" wide. Popping creases min 16 feet long and in line across square	Cut &/or striped Below 3/4" (20mm) No grass cuttings	Little	Rope in good condition or very clear line with flags at 20 yd intervals	**4**
Average	Pitch properly marked with variable width markings. Popping creases min 16 feet long not in line..	Cut &/or striped Below 3/4" (20mm). Some cuttings left	Slightly uneven	Rope in reasonable condition or clear markings with some flags	**3**
Below Average	Pitch not clearly marked or popping creases less than 16 feet long or not in line	Cut longer than 3/4" (20mm). Impairs ball movement	Very uneven	Condition less than above markings not clear but some flags	**2**
Poor	Pitch not clearly marked with markings missing, eg for protected area.	Long Grass. Impairs free ball movement	Excessive unevenness	Flags with no line markings	**1**
Unfit	Pitch marking is unfit if marked incorrectly, eg creases not square to the pitch, pitch not 22 yards.	**An outfield is only rated unfit if it is <u>dangerous</u>**			**0**

Liverpool &District Cricket Competition Premier League – Fair Play

ECB require Premier Leagues to report on Fair Play in all 1st XI matches and the umpires' cooperation is essential. There are two elements to be considered, one for each team's respect for opponents and umpires and one for each captain's control and cooperation with the umpires.

Team respect for opponents and umpires is to be marked out of 5 in Questions 31 and 32 on the Umpires' Report Card. There are two boxes to indicate the marks – the first respect for opponents, the second for umpires.

A score of 5 should only be awarded for exemplary behaviour. Each and every instance of lack of respect for opponents or umpires, including the following, will result in a reduction of one point (or two where indicated):

Respect for Opponents (Questions 31a & 32a)	Respect for Umpires (Questions 31b & 32b)
▪Directing abusive language towards an opponent. ▪Appeal knowing the batsman is 'not out'. ▪Persistent excessive or orchestrated appealing. ▪Dangerous or unfair bowling. ▪Seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.	▪Directing abusive language towards an umpire (2 pts) ▪Disputing a decision by gesture or word (2 points) ▪Advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing ▪Unfair action by a player, ie • Time wasting • Damaging the pitch • Tampering with the ball • Any other action that they consider to be unfair.

If the umpires record an ABB Disciplinary Offence against a player his team will lose a minimum of 3 points. Any violent action on or off the field during the match will result in the loss of all points.

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The Laws of Cricket state that 'The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit and traditions of the game as well as within the Laws.' When marking the captains for 'Fair Play' this over-riding principle must be taken into account. It should not require an umpire's intervention to control behaviour.

Each Captain's control of his team and cooperation with the umpires is to be marked out of 5 on the Umpires' Report Card at Questions 33 & 34 (Home) and 35 & 36 (Away). **Control** - Captains are responsible at all times for their team's conduct. **Cooperation** - Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of the game.

A score of 5 should only be awarded for exemplary behaviour. Each and every instance of lack of team control or lack of cooperation with the umpires, including the following, will result in the loss of points:

Team Control	Cooperation with the Umpires
Any failure to take appropriate action in any of the instances recorded where a member or members of his team are deemed to show disrespect for opponents or umpires, ie the misdemeanour is repeated, two points shall be deducted.	Any failure to take appropriate action when directed to by either or both umpires, one point shall be deducted. Any repeated failure will result in a 2 point deduction. Any instance where the umpires feel that the captain fails make a significant contribution to setting the right tone for the conduct of the match, one point deducted.