

Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League – Pitch Marking Table

Criteria –

- These criteria are to be used for marking pitches for a **one day premier league game**. Always take into consideration the quality and ability of the bowlers, newness of the ball, and prevailing atmospheric conditions that may influence the amount of movement.
- Any variation in performance should be as a result of the quality of the pitch only.

Grading Criteria	Unevenness of Bounce throughout the match	Seam Movement at all stages of the match	Carry and/or Bounce throughout the match	Turn from the protected area	Mark
Very Good	None	None/Limited	Good	None/Little	5
Good	Little	Little	Just lacking	Little	4
Above Average	Occasional	Occasional	Lacking	Occasional	3
Below Average	More than occasional	More than occasional	Minimal	More than occasional	2
Poor	Excessive	Excessive	Very minimal	Excessive	1
Unfit	A pitch is only rated unfit if it is <u>dangerous</u>				0
Marks					

- Add up the scores for each of the Categories to provide the **Total Pitch Score and place a score out of a maximum of 20 in the right hand box.**
- In the event of a 'spinner' not bowling in the match it is not possible to accurately score 'Category – Turn from the protected area'. Therefore, a mark of 4 should be awarded to enable the calculation of the Total Pitch Score.

Abandoned or suspended matches

- If the match does not take place it shall NOT form part of the Total Pitch Score for the season.
- A minimum of 50% of the initially scheduled overs at the start of a days play must be bowled to be used in Total Pitch Score for the season. Unless the 1st innings of the match has been completed, the pitch mark will not be included in the Total Pitch Score for the season.

In an ECB Premier Division, the Total Pitch Score must achieve a minimum score of 14 for each match and no pitch should receive any score lower than a 3 in any column.

In the event of a score below 3 being recorded, the League Facilities' executive or equivalent should investigate the circumstances and act accordingly.

Please rate the pitch and issue a mark as outlined in the guideline table

Very Good 17-20	Good 14-16	Above Average 10-13	Below Average 7-9	Poor 1-6	Unfit 0
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