

Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League – Umpires Pitch Marking Table

Grading Criteria	Unevenness of Bounce	Seam Movement	Carry and/or Bounce	Turn	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 unsuitable 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'. Therefore, at the discretion of the umpire a mark of either 3 or 4 should be awarded to enable the calculation of the Total Pitch Score. This discretion can be applied on the basis of all other pitch characteristics an umpire has seen on the day.

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.

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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Please add any other comments where relevant

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	Grade	Unevenness of Bounce	Seam Movement	Carry and/or Bounce	Turn
Very Good	5	No unevenness of bounce at any stage throughout the match	At most, limited seam movement at all stages of the match	Good carry and/or bounce throughout the match	Little or no turn from the protected area
Good	4	Little unevenness of bounce at any stage throughout the match	Limited seam movement at all stages of the match	Average carry and/or bounce throughout the match	A little turn from the protected area
Above Average	3	At most, occasional unevenness of bounce at any stage throughout the match	At most, occasional seam movement at all stage of the match	Lacking in carry and/or bounce throughout the match	Moderate turn from the protected area
Below Average	2	At most, more than occasional unevenness of bounce at any stage throughout the match	At most, more than occasional seam movement at all stage of the match	Minimal carry and/or bounce throughout the match	More than considerable turn from the protected area
Poor	1	Excessive unevenness of bounce for any bowler at any stage throughout the match	Excessive seam movement at all stage of the match	Very minimal carry and/or bounce throughout the match	Excessive assistance to spin bowlers from the protected area
Unsuitable	0	<p>A pitch is only rated unsuitable if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pitch is excessively wet and slippery whereby players cannot gain a safe foothold. Wet areas may be localised to bowlers run-ups and/or areas on the pitch where the ball is likely to land, or in patches on the outfield • The pitch surface may be or become so dry or loose that the ball “explodes” through the surface and may fly unpredictably and dangerously • Bowlers footholds have not been properly and safely repaired • The Pitch/outfield has been vandalised in any way and is unfit for use 			