

## **Guidelines for Captains and Deputy Captains**

The main purpose of assessing Umpires is to improve the standard of those officiating at all levels of cricket. This form is **NOT** to be used as a vehicle for criticising 'umpires' decisions. Captains should be objective in their reports and, wherever possible, should consult with their opposing colleague when completing this report form. It is important, particularly where an Umpire gains a low mark that those comments are added in order that the Umpire may receive further guidance and/or training in those specific areas.

### **Effective Relationship with Captains and Players:**

It is essential that the Umpires communicate well with the Captains and vice versa. The Captains should take note of the pre-match discussion and implement advice given.

### **Projection of Confident Image:**

It is important that the umpire appears to be confident in the decision making process and relates to the Captains and players while maintaining a distance.

### **Appropriate Level of Intervention:**

The Umpire shall intervene where necessary in any objections to decisions and disputes and at all times retain fairness.

### **Composure and Reaction to Pressure:**

The Umpire should at all times remain calm and confident in his decision making and not react to derogatory comments made by Players. He should at all times consult with his colleague when decisions are challenged.

### **Level of Teamwork:**

The Umpires should discuss before the match any ways of communication to enable the decision making process to appear calm and re-assuring.

### **Application of the Laws and Playing Conditions:**

The Umpires should be fully acquainted with the Laws and the Playing Regulations of the Competition in which they are standing. Did the Umpire consider each appeal in a thoughtful manner and were his/her decisions consistent through the match. If there was any doubt was his decision fully discussed with his colleague prior to making a decision.

### **Interpretation of Ground, Weather & Light:**

Were you satisfied with the decision process in respect of the prevailing conditions?