

GUIDANCE FOR CAPTAINS



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MATCH DAY GUIDANCE FOR CAPTAINS

Important Notice: These guidance notes are intended to serve as an aide-mémoire (quick reference guide) and must not be used as a substitute for thoroughly reading, understanding, and adhering to the complete official league rules.

1. Captain's Responsibility & Match Conduct

- **Overall Conduct:** Captains are always legally responsible for the overall conduct of the match and the behaviour of their players.
- **Absence of Umpires:** In the absence of Panel or League-Registered Umpires, the team captains carry sole and absolute responsibility for enforcing the rules of the match and maintaining player discipline.
- **Player Safety:** The safety of ALL players on the field is paramount. Captains are responsible for ensuring compliance with all regulations before, during, and after London T20 League (LTL) matches.

2. Required Knowledge

Captains must be fully aware of, understand, and enforce:

- The official MCC Laws of Cricket
- The Spirit of Cricket
- ECB Directives (including fast bowling and fielding restrictions for young players)
- Relevant LTL Match Rules and Regulations

3. Match-Day Checklist

Pre-Match Requirements

- **Player Eligibility:** Ensure that all participating players are formally registered to your club on the Play-Cricket portal before the game starts.
- **Hospitality:** Welcome the visiting team and guide them to the ground facilities if they are unfamiliar with the venue.
- **Ground Preparation:** Ensure the ground is properly marked (boundary markers, 30-yard circle) and fully ready to start the game on time.
- **The Toss:** Conduct the toss at the strictly scheduled time.
- **Team Sheets:** Hand a completed team sheet to the umpires before the start of play.

In-Game Requirements (During Play)

- **While Bowling:** Maintain full control over your team's discipline and ensure that your overs are completed within the designated league time limit.
- **While Batting:** Ensure the innings starts promptly and that incoming batsmen arrive at the crease within the time limits specified by the laws of the game (to avoid timed-out dismissals).

Post-Match Requirements

- **Result & Scorecard:** Submit and confirm the match results and detailed scorecard on Play-Cricket within the strict deadlines outlined in the league constitution.
- **Captain's Report:** Complete and submit the official Captain's Report within the constitutionally required timeframe.