

# ECB ACO 'Best practice' policy

## Umpires acting as a team

### Pre-match ritual

- Meet and greet Club representatives
- Meet and greet Captains and Scorers
- Ground/pitch Assessment - deal with obstacles
- Boundary markings, covers, wood shavings etc.
- With colleague agree consistency of decisions e.g. Wide ball, all communications, signals and pre-signals, tolerance levels,
- Take control of the match balls & spares
- Receive & Check completed, signed 'team card'

### Supervising the Toss

- The Toss < 30mins or > 15 mins prior to play

### Pre-match meeting with the Captains

- Spirit of Cricket – responsibility of the captains
- Match format & special competition rules  
ECB directives & **Identify** young players. Ensure **BOTH** captains are aware of ALL young players
- Hours of play, Master clock and back-up
- Intervals, meals and drink breaks (inc. Scorers)
- Use of substitutes (if appropriate)
- Over rates (if applicable)
- Use of covers and Who will move sightscreens
- Re-marking creases & Rolling between Innings
- Confirm who are their Scorers and their location
- Who will display: Runs, Wickets and Overs?



## Scorer's briefing notes

- Confirm the intended location of the Scorers
- If practical, leave the spare balls with Scorers
- Confirm the match format, rules & conditions
- Confirm the hours of play and intervals
- Confirm the master clock and back-up to use
- Confirm the boundary and allowances
- Confirm the display of Runs, Wickets and Overs
- Agree and confirm with them your pre-signals
- Agree acknowledgement of signals
- Any assistance they might provide
- Discuss and identify ALL young players  
ensure Scorers, Umpires, & both captains aware

### **Bowling spell/day**

Max. 2 consecutive days

U13 - 5 overs/10 overs

U15 - 6 overs/12 overs

U17 - 7 overs/18 overs

U19 - 7 overs/18 overs

### **Fielding**

Max. 4 days in any 7

11 yards/10 metres

8 yards/7.3 metres

< 6 yards\*

\* helmet and abdominal protector required