



The Role of the Umpire

In this video, you will learn about the basic decisions made by the umpire.

The first umpire stands behind the stumps at the bowler's end for a straight view down the pitch.

A second umpire may stand near square leg, for a closer view of the play to provide consultation.

Let's look at the key decisions made by an umpire and the signals they must use to indicate them.

In dismissals like a leg before wicket, an appeal has to be made by the fielding team, when they think that the batsman is out.

The umpire signals the decision by raising an index finger above the head if the batsman is out.

A No Ball is indicated by holding an arm out horizontally and shouting "no-ball" A free hit is awarded the following delivery by making circular movements in the air with one raised hand.

The batsman would generally take the risk of going for a six as a dismissal would not count.

A Wide Ball is signalled by extending both arms out horizontally and a call of Wide Ball.

If the ball is no longer in play, it is considered a dead ball.

The umpire signals this by crossing and uncrossing their wrists below the waist and calls out Dead Ball.

If the batsman hits a four, the umpire waves their right arm from side to side at shoulder height.

A sixer is signalled by the umpire raising both hands above their head.

To indicate a bye, the umpire holds up one open palm above the head.

If runs are counted as leg byes, they are signalled by the umpire touching their raised knee.

If either of the batsmen turns for a second run without grounding their person or bat behind the crease, it is called a short run and not added to the score.

If more than one run was taken then the umpire decides how many count.

A short run is signalled by the umpire tapping their near shoulder with the fingers.

Often for close run out calls, the umpire can refer to the third umpire for a slow-motion video referral.

If the umpire realises they have made an incorrect signal, they may be revoked by crossing both arms across their chest, before making the corrected signal.

When a Powerplay is beginning, the umpire moves their arm in circular movement in front.

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