

THE PITCH

MARK	OVERVIEW	BOUNCE	CARRY	SEAM MOVEMENT	SPIN MOVEMENT
5	<i>Even, 'rock hard' surface with little or no wear, and even grass cover. All players have a very good chance to display their skills.</i>	<i>Even, consistent, stump-high bounce.</i>	<i>Very good 'carry' to keeper and slips.</i>	<i>The bowler gains no help from the pitch.</i>	<i>The bowler gains no help from the pitch.</i>
4	<i>Even, hard surface with little wear (especially in the 'protected area') and with even grass cover. All players have a good chance to display their skills.</i>	<i>Even, consistent (or, rarely, slightly variable) stump-high bounce.</i>	<i>Good 'carry' to keeper and slips.</i>	<i>The bowler gains a little help from the pitch.</i>	<i>The bowler gains a little help from the pitch.</i>
3	<i>Pitch looks like it will 'last' for a 90/100 over match. Even, firm surface, but possibly 'worn' in places. All players have a reasonable chance to display their skills.</i>	<i>Occasionally variable bounce. This is not excessive and does not impede a batsman in displaying his skills, or give the bowler too much help.</i>	<i>The pitch can have slow &/or low bounce which results in poor 'carry' to keeper and slips, but it is 'OK'.</i>	<i>The bowler gains some help from the pitch.</i>	<i>The bowler gains some help from the pitch.</i>
2	<i>Possible signs of lack of preparation. A poor surface - it may be a badly worn pitch &/or one which suggests at the start of the game that it is unlikely to 'last' the full duration of the game. Bowlers gain too much help.</i>	<i>Very variable bounce. Batsmen find it difficult to display their skills and the bowlers gain too much help from the pitch.</i>	<i>'Carry' to keeper and slips is too variable; it is difficult for these fielders to judge where to stand.</i>	<i>The bowler gains too much help from the pitch.</i>	<i>The bowler gains too much help from the pitch.</i>
1	<i>Lack of any preparation. A very poor surface that obviously will not 'last' for the duration of the game and it could be dangerous. Bowlers gain excessive help.</i>	<i>The bounce is excessively variable. Batsmen have great difficulty in displaying their skills and they are in danger of injury, especially under 18 players. Bowlers gain excessive help from the pitch</i>	<i>Excessively variable carry which could possibly result in avoidable injury, especially to the keeper.</i>	<i>The bowler gains excessive help from the pitch.</i>	<i>The bowler gains excessive help from the pitch</i>

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0	<i>Complete lack of preparation. It is obvious that the wicket will be dangerous and the game should not be played.</i>	<i>The pitch is dangerous. There is a real danger of injury to all batsmen. The game should be abandoned.</i>	<i>The carry is so variable that there is a real danger of injury. The game should be abandoned.</i>	<i>The game has already been abandoned.</i>	<i>The game has already been abandoned.</i>
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