

# High Full Tosses

## Who calls and signals?

The decision (and the call and signal) is made by the Bowler's End Umpire. The only role played by the Striker's End Umpire ('Square Leg Umpire') is to help the other umpire judge whether the ball was too high. Whatever assistance might be offered the decision is for the Bowler's End Umpire to make based on his best judgement.

The umpires should agree before the match how they will communicate with each other in this and other aspects of umpiring the match. Players acting as Square Leg umpire must be aware of their role.

## The Law

Law 41.7 (Bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching deliveries) states that any delivery that passes (or would have passed) above waist height of the Striker standing upright at the Popping Crease is unfair. **No Ball must be called and signalled for every such delivery.** Additionally the umpire must judge whether there is a risk of injury to the striker. In making that judgement the umpire must disregard any protective equipment worn by the striker and consider:

- the speed, height and direction of the delivery, and
- the skill of the striker, and
- the repeated nature (frequency) of such deliveries

If the umpire concludes that there is a risk of injury then that delivery should be deemed to be dangerous and the following steps must be taken:

1. On the first occasion the bowler must be given a final warning and the other umpire, the fielding captain and the batsmen are to be informed.
2. If there is a second occurrence then the fielding captain must be told to take the bowler off and he cannot bowl again in the match. In this situation the other umpire, the batsmen and the batting captain must be informed. After the match the player's club must be advised that a report will be made and this report must be sent in accordance with the Disciplinary rules.

In deciding whether a delivery is dangerous the umpire must consider both whether that particular delivery is dangerous and whether the deliveries by that bowler are such that a threshold of danger has been reached. The ability of the striker to deal with the deliveries should be taken into account but even when a striker is dealing with such deliveries safely a point will be reached when the risk of danger becomes sufficient to require the umpire to begin the warning process. In any event the following must always be regarded as dangerous:

- Every slow high full toss that passes, or would have passed, the Striker above shoulder height (standing upright at the Popping Crease).
- Every non-slow high full toss directed at or close to the Striker that passes, or would have passed, above waist height (standing upright at the Popping Crease).

Please note that in the (rare) event that a high full toss is bowled deliberately then step 1 above is ignored and the bowler must be suspended immediately.

## Where is the Waist?

Any delivery that is clearly above the level of the trousers should be regarded as a 'No Ball'.