**Premier 1st XI Captains Pitch Report Record 2017**

Attached is an example of the ground report that should be completed by the captains or their delegated person for the Premier Division only. Alan Bristow will send a proforma to each captain before the start of the season with their away games listed.

Each captain is urged to mark this proforma immediately after each away game and not wait until the end of the season. They should use the criteria shown at the top of the proforma and this criteria is exactly the same as is used by the umpires. A mark of 0 to 5 should be given in each of the 4 columns for each game so that a total out of 20 appears in the last column for each game played. A nil return should be shown if the game is abandoned.

This proforma should be sent to me to arrive no later than 24 September so that AB can collate the data and send onto the ECB by the end of September. Failure to do this might result in the League being deducted money by the ECB and this deduction might be passed onto the clubs who fail to complete the proformas properly or on time.

**BFS L&DCC ECB PREMIER LEAGUE - CAPTAIN’S PITCH REPORT RECORD - 2017**

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| **BFS L&DCC ECB Premier League – Pitch Marking Table** |
| **Grading Criteria** | **Unevenness of bounce** | **Seam Movement**  | **Carry & Bounce**  | **Turn**  | **Mark** |
| Very Good | None | None/very little | Good | None/very little | **5** |
| **Good** | Little | Little | Just lacking | Little | **4** |
| **Average** | Occasional | Occasional | Lacking | Occasional | **3** |
| **Below Average** | More than occasional | More than occasional | Minimal | More than occasional | **2** |
| **Poor** | Excessive | Excessive | Very minimal | Excessive | **1** |
| **Unfit** | **A pitch is only rated unfit if it is dangerous** | **0** |

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| * In the event of a ‘spinner’ not bowling in the match and it is not possible to score ‘Category – Turn’, an average of the marks for the other three categories should be given to enable the calculation of the Total Pitch Score. If unsure leave blank and make a suitable comment.
* A minimum of 50% of the initially scheduled overs at the start of a day’s play must be bowled for the Total Pitch Score to be used in the season’s records.
* Umpires must make due allowance for the abilities of the bowlers and wear and tear of the pitch during the afternoon.
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| ▪ **Premier Division Club Captains** (or their deputies) are encouraged to complete the form in the week after the match, for each Premier Division match played,.▪ They should enter their scores for each pitch ‘property’, eg ‘Unevenness of bounce’ etc, using the Umpires’ Pitch Marking Table above.▪ **The record should be e-mailed to Alan Bristow [*alanjbristow@gmail.com*] by 30 September** and hewill produce the rank order for the pitches assessed, for forwarding to ECB at the end of the season. |

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| **Date** | **Club** | **Unevenness of bounce** | **Seam movement** | **Carry & bounce** | **Turn** | Total | RankingOfficial use only |
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