

PRE-MATCH MEETING BETWEEN UMPIRES AND CAPTAINS

Prior to the start of any match played under the jurisdiction of BDPCL, a mandatory meeting will take place between the umpires and captains. The ideal time is at the toss, 30 minutes before the commencement of play and the following protocols are to be followed: -

1. Observation of the toss.
2. The exchange of fully completed team sheets.
3. Handing over of the match balls and spares.
4. Payment of umpires' attendance fees.
5. Clarification of playing conditions for the match.
6. In the case of a delayed start, the revised number of overs to be played and changes to interval timings are to be finalised.
7. Clarification of "local rules" e.g. trees inside the boundary or overhanging into the field of play.
8. Discussion about the Spirit of Cricket and umpires' expectations regarding behaviour.
9. All parties to acknowledge that umpires and captains set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match and this pre-match meeting shall render an efficient exchange and ensure good communications – dialogue regarding the Spirit of Cricket is paramount.
10. Umpires have been instructed that games should not commence until all parts of the Code have been fully charged.