



HANLEY ENERGY INTER-PROVINCIAL SERIES 2018 CHANGES TO PLAYING CONDITIONS

This document outlines the main changes to the Playing Conditions for the 2018 Inter-Provincial Series competition. Note that a new Code of the Laws of Cricket came into effect in October 2017 and, as such, every effort has been taken to minimise playing condition changes for 2018.

ALL THREE COMPETITIONS

ICC Trial Playing Condition for First-Class Cricket Adopted for use in all Men's Inter-Provincial & Women's Super 3s Matches in 2018

"Concussion substitutes (2 year trial from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2019) – A player who is diagnosed as concussed, or likely to be concussed, and deemed unable to play any further part in the match may be replaced with a full-playing substitute without the match forgoing its first-class status. However, no playing members of a side in a first-class match may be replaced for reasons of tactics or injury (other than a concussion substitute)."

Please note that the diagnosis of concussion or likely concussion rests solely with a medical professional at the match, and who has attended the player in question. In the event of a medical professional not being present, then the decision as to whether a player is concussed or likely concussion rests solely with the standing umpires.

INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

11.2 Tea Interval

The condition requiring 32 overs still to be bowled in the day's play (on uninterrupted days) has been removed – tea has been confirmed as being 4:10pm to 4:30pm (30 mins earlier for matches starting in September).

INTER-PROVINCIAL CUP (IP50)

11.4 Changing agreed times of intervals

Following guidance from ICC in respect of matches reaching a conclusion prior to the scheduled (or rescheduled) interval time, the umpires will be permitted to continue a match, to its conclusion, and thus delay the interval, if required.

INTER-PROVINCIAL TROPHY (IP20)

13.9 Number of overs per bowler

Following a change in ICC playing conditions, in a delayed or interrupted match where the overs are reduced, for innings of rescheduled length of between 5 and 9 overs, no bowler may bowl more than two overs.