**RDCAUA – OFF SEASON LAWS REVIEW #3**

**BEFORE THE GAME**

**This is my list of “Essentials” when I go on to the field each day. What’s your?? (think about your role – no response required)**

**My Appearance**

My regulation shirt is clean and pressed. My regulation hat is clean and presentable. My trousers are black. Trousers faded by the sun have been replaced. My shoes are white, clean and have plenty of tread on the soles. My hose is white or black. I have applied sunscreen to exposed areas.

**In my pockets can be found**

My counter – wound back to “0”, my notebook and pen, a bowling marker, a Swiss army style knife with scissors. Band aids, a sprig tightener (not needed on hard wickets), a spare bail, chewing gum, lip balm fly repellent and car keys. My wallet and phone are locked in the boot. (I trust no-one with my personal possessions)

**My disposition**

I have tried to clear my mind of anything not related to the match. My focus is on the day ahead. This, to these players is their test match. For some it is their reason for living. I am going to do my best to make sure I don’t stuff up their day.

**The Nuts and Bolts**

1. According to the Laws, how long before the start of play should an umpire arrive at the ground and report to the ground executive?

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 Law

1. If play was scheduled to start at 1:00pm, according to the Laws, can the Captains toss for choice of innings at 12:25pm? Why?/Why not?

Law

1. Play is scheduled to start at 1:00pm. The time is 12:40pm and the Captain of the visiting side has yet to arrive. The Vice Captain, Joe, agrees to stand in for the Captain. Joe wins the toss and says, “Look, we’ll wait for the skipper to arrive and then decide what to do, OK? Can Joe expect this concession?

Law

1. Following on from Question 3, the Captain arrives after Joe has decided to bat. He says, “Joe got it wrong. We want to field.” Is it Ok to change? Why?/Why not?

Law

1. Upon arrival, you and your colleague inspect the pitch and the playing field. For each scenario say what action you would take to ensure that the game can be played safely and within the Laws and local playing conditions.

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| Scenario | Your response |
| There are goal posts within the field of play |  |
| There is a hole in the chain wire fence that forms part of the boundary. The jagged edge is protruding into the field of play. |  |
| Run-ups, void of grass are muddy and slippery due to recent rain. |  |
| A piece of the synthetic surface on the corner of the pitch has lifted off and presents as a trip hazard to players |  |
| A tree branch is hanging into the field of play. |  |

Mark “Yes” or “No” with an “X” to say whether or not you would mention or discuss these things to the Captains at the toss

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| **SCENARIO** | **Yes** | **No** |
| 1. The Playing Conditions for the day. Overs to be bowled, starting time, tea etc.
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| 1. That at “tea” you would like white tea with 2 sugars
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| 1. Irregularities in the boundaries. Overhangs, goal posts etc.
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| 1. Your opinion as to who is going to win
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| 1. Your opinion about the RDCA’s new grading system
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| 1. The timing of the drinks break
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| 1. Whose watch will decide the time
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| 1. Your LBW count for the season is low. You want to improve on it today
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| 1. The need for the Captains to set the tone with regard to enacting the Spirit Of Cricket
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| 1. Telling the Captains that the chap you reported last week received a four match suspension.
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A new umpire, just arrived from interstate phoned up and wants to umpire. He is a good umpire but the playing conditions for a 2 Day game are foreign to him. What would you tell him about:

1. Scheduled Times

Start …….. Tea …….. Stumps ………. Overs to be bowled ………..

1. Managing a change of innings on Day 1
2. Two innings are completed before 80 overs are bowled on Day 2.
3. Any special Laws/Rules