

# RDCAUA – Test yourself 3

## Before the game

This is my list of “Essentials” when I go on to the field each day. What’s yours??  
(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. I have applied sunscreen to exposed areas, especially the nose and lips.

### In my pockets can be found

My counter – wound back to “0”, Match and Overs Record and pen, 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?

Mins \_\_\_\_\_ Law \_\_\_\_\_

2. 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?

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Law \_\_\_\_\_

3. 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?"

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Law \_\_\_\_\_

4. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## What do the Umpires do?

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.

- There are goal posts within the field of play

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- 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.

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- Run-ups, void of grass are muddy and slippery due to recent rain.

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- A tree branch is hanging into the field of play.

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### Would you mention or discuss the following with the Captains at the toss

- The Playing Conditions for the day. Overs to be bowled, starting time, tea etc.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- That at “tea” you would like white tea with 2 sugars

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- Irregularities in the boundaries. Overhangs, goal posts etc.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- Your opinion as to who is going to win

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- Your opinion about the RDCA’s grading system

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- The timing of the drinks break

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- Whose watch will decide the time

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- Your LBW count for the season is high. You want to improve on it today

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- The need for the Captains to set the tone with regard to enacting the Spirit Of Cricket

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## New Umpire

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?

1. Scheduled Times

a. Start \_\_\_\_\_

b. Tea \_\_\_\_\_

c. Stumps \_\_\_\_\_

d. Overs \_\_\_\_\_

e. Managing a change of innings on Day 1

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f. Two innings are completed before 80 overs are bowled on Day 2

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g. Any special Laws/Rules

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