

Law 5 THE BALL

1. Weight and size

The ball, when new, shall weight not less than 5 1/2 ounces/155.9g, nor more, than 5 3/4 ounces/163g and shall measure not less than 8 13/14 in/22.4cm, nor mote than 9 in/22.9cm in circumference.

2. Approval and control of balls

- (a) All balls to be used in the-match, having been approved by the umpires and captains; shall be in the possession of the umpires before the toss and shall remain under their control through out the match.
- (b) The umpire shall take possession of the ball in use at the fall of each wicket, at the start of any interval and 01 any interruption of play.

3. New ball

Unless on agreement to the contrary has been made before the match, either captain may demand a new ball at the start of each innings.

4. New ball in match of more than one day's duration

In a match of more than one day's duration, the captain of the fielding side may demand a new ball after-the prescribed number of overs has been bowled with the old one. The Governing Body for cricket in the country concerned shall decide the number of overs applicable in that country, which shall not be less than 75 overs.

The umpires shall indicate to the batsmen and the scorers whenever a new ball is taken into play.

5. Ball lost or becoming unfit for play

If, during play, the ball cannot be found or recovered or the umpires agree that it has become unfit for play through normal use, the umpires shall replace it with a ball which has had wear comparable with that which the previous ball had received before the need for its replacement. When the ball is replaced the umpires shall inform the batsmen and the fielding captain.

6. Specifications

The specifications as described in 1 above shall apply to men's cricket only. The following specifications will apply to

(i) Women's cricket

Weight : from 4 15/16. bounces/ 140g to 5/16. bounces /151g
Circumference : from 8 1/4 in/21.0cm to 8 7/8 in/22.5cm

(ii) Junior cricket - under 13

Weight : from 4 11/16 ounces/133g to 5 1/16 ounces/144g

Circumference: from 8 1/16 in/20.5cm 10 8 11/16in/22.0cm