

Crease Markings

Whenever possible, on all match days the mats should be brushed and the creases should be painted as early as possible, so that the paint is dry before the game starts. If this is not possible then the creases can be painted the evening before. This should happen for every match.

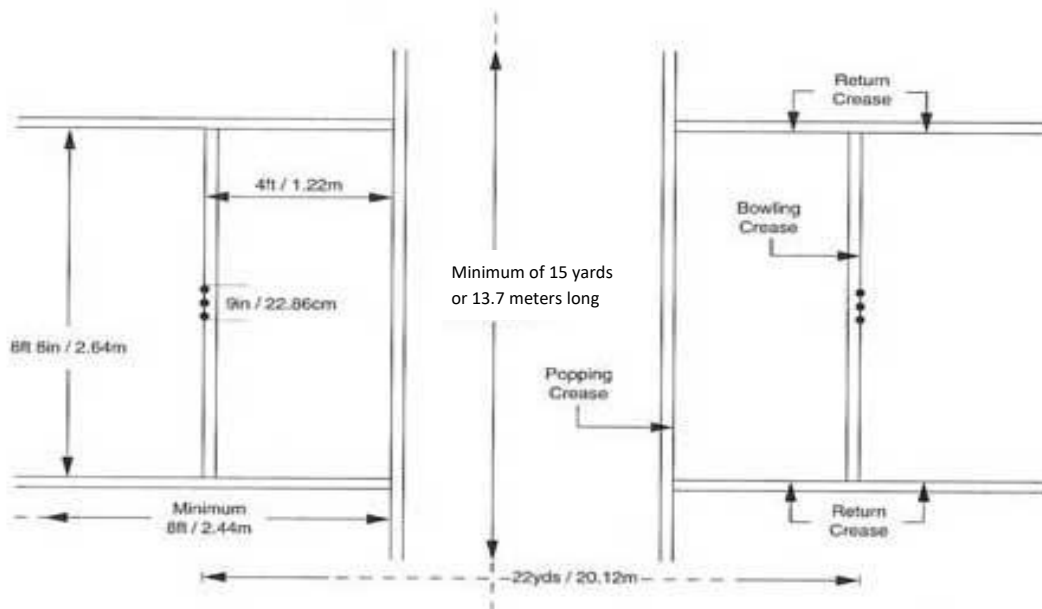
Always check the next morning if the mat still requires brushing.

The mat should always be brushed before a game and again before the second innings.

Make sure that the middle points for both creases are in line; i.e. the invisible line from middle stump to middle stump should not deviate from the middle of the mat.

A template for the creases or a straight piece of wood should be useful to make sure that all the crease lines on the mat are straight (but see below re popping crease).

Please remember to mark the start of the protected area on both sides of the mat and at both ends. (5ft or 1.52m)



There is no requirement for the crease lines to be broader than 2cm, 3cm at the most.

The measurement from bowling crease to bowling crease is 22 yards or 20.12 m.

The measurement at each end from the return crease to the return crease is 8ft 8in or 2.64 m.

The popping crease is 4ft or 1.22 meters in front of and parallel to the bowling crease.

The popping crease should be at minimum 15 yards or 13.7 m long. Please make sure this is in a straight line - do not rely on your own visual judgement - you should use a long piece of straight wood to be absolutely sure the line is straight. **PLEASE PAINT VERY CAREFULLY ESPECIALLY WHEN OFF THE MAT AND ON THE GRASS** - lines that are not straight will make life very difficult.

The tram lines for the adjudication of wides should be 17in or 43.18cm from the return crease and parallel to it. There should be one at each side. The measurement is taken from the inside of the return crease to the outside of the tram line. A small paint mark a centimetre or so in behind the bowling crease helps the umpire align the stumps. If you want to you can also paint a small line about three meters behind the bowling crease where the umpire stands.

Restriction of the Placement of Fieldsmen Outer Circle (T/20)

Two semi-circles shall be drawn on the field of play - they shall have as their centre as the middle stump at either end of the pitch. The radius of each semi-circle shall be 30 yards or 27.5 m. The two semi-circles shall be linked by two parallel straight lines drawn on the field. Where possible small circles of white paint should be painted on the ground 5 yards or 4.5 meters distance from each other in order to mark the restriction according to the diagram below. This will make it easier to place the white discs at the correct distance from the crease before the start of the game, the discs should not be less than 6m apart and no more than 10m. The outer circle is measured from the outer crease line (The Bowling Crease) the inner circle is measured from the inner crease line (The Popping Crease).

