

# ASSOCIATION DES CLUBS DE CRICKET DU SUD-OUEST

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## ACCSO Competitions 2020 – Match-Day Actions

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### Changes from 2019 are highlighted

#### Principal changes are:

- Cross-references to the single document which describes all competition regulations for season 2020.
- Obligation for home clubs to provide one of the umpires, who will stand for the entire match.
- Changes in the rules concerning matches which start late.
- Introduction of pilot test of scoring applications (on digital devices).
- Replacement of the Fair Play Award by the Sportsmanship Award.

References are to the 2020 Competition Regulations (omnibus edition), as published on the ACCSO Web site.

### 1. Before the day of the match:

#### 1.1. Inform ACCSO of the name of the “home” umpire:

Clubs must inform ACCSO – no later than the Wednesday before the match\*\* - of the name of the club’s accredited umpire who will stand full-time at the match [**Regulations para 4.9.3**]. The Regulations detail the penalties for non-compliance.

\*\* Does not apply to T20 matches, semi-final and final matches, where ACCSO organises both umpires.

#### 1.2. To propose a postponement:

- **For meteorological reasons: Regulations para 10.2:** Requests for a postponement on meteorological grounds (based on *canicule* alerts, reliable forecasts of rain or shade temperatures of 35° or more) must be made by telephone to the other side and the umpires, with e-mail confirmation to ACCSO (secretary@cricket-sw-france.org **and** umpires@cricket-sw-france.org) - all no later than 24 hours before the scheduled start time. The regulations detail the conditions under which such requests are handled.
- **For reasons other than meteorological: Regulations para 10.1:** Requests for a postponement for other\*\* reasons must be e-mailed to ACCSO (secretary@cricket-sw-france.org) no later than 7 days before the scheduled date. ACCSO will review such requests in the light of the rules of the specific competition and then inform the clubs concerned and the umpiring body of their decision no later than 72 hours before the original planned date.

\*\* Clubs who have two or more **players selected for French national teams** in international matches or in official evaluation/training sessions have a prima facie right to a postponement under this heading. The regulations detail the conditions under which such requests are handled.

### 1.3. Who can be selected to play?

- **Licensed players only:** Only players with **2020** competitive licences can play in ACCSO matches. This also applies to players borrowed from non-affiliated clubs. **[Regulations para 5.1 and 5.2].** Umpires will check this via the team lists (extracted from the FFBS licences database) which must be presented before the toss.
- **Young players:**
  - For those born in **2004** a written parental authority must be on file at the club **[Regulations para 5.3.2].**
  - Those born in **2005** can play only if they are registered as “Haut Niveau” (HN) and if their name appears on the current list of such players maintained by France Cricket. **[Regulations para 5.3.3].**
  - Nobody born after 31<sup>st</sup> December **2005** can be selected.

### 2. On the eve/morning of the match:

- **Ground unfit?**
  - If the home/hosting side decides that its ground is unfit for play because of bad weather, it must inform the visiting side, the appointed umpires and ACCSO ([secretary@cricket-sw-france.org](mailto:secretary@cricket-sw-france.org) **and** [umpires@cricket-sw-france.org](mailto:umpires@cricket-sw-france.org)) no later than 4 hours before the scheduled start time
  - The regulations **[para 11.1]** detail the conditions under which postponements are handled.
- **Markings:** Home/hosting club to make sure that the all markings are done and visible, especially the off-side wides lines, return creases, the popping crease extended to 12 feet total width and (in the case of a T20 match) the powerplay markings **[Regulations para 6.9 and Appendix C.6].**

### 3. Before the toss (the toss will take place at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time **[Regulations para 4.4.3]**):

- **Umpire availability:**  
In matches where the home club is required to supply a non-playing umpire and does not do so by the time of the toss, the home club is penalised. If the Pool umpire (provided by ACCSO) is **not** willing to stand at the bowler's end for the entire match, the match is not played **[Regulations para 8.2].**
- **Playing conditions:** Umpires and captains will review the playing conditions. The umpires will then decide whether the match should proceed; and if so, how many overs, plus frequency and length of drinks breaks/intervals **[Regulations para 6.3].**
- **Markings:** Umpires to check that the all markings are done and visible, including;
  - the off-side wides lines,. If the offside wides lines are not painted and no means exists on site to paint them, the umpires have the right to abandon the match **[Regulations para 6.9].**
  - a popping crease extended to 12 feet total width.
  - **T20 powerplay markings [Regulations Appendix C.6].**
- **Team Sheets:** Each side will provide the umpires with a team list generated from the FFBS e-licence software, showing the composition of the team, including any 12<sup>th</sup> man **[Regulations para 5.1].**
- **Presence of young players:** The umpires will use the team lists to check for any players under the age of 19 on the day of the match, such that the relevant ECB Guidelines may be applied **[Regulations para 4.3].** In particular, players under 19 must wear a helmet. **[Regulations para 4.2.4].**
- **Sportsmanship Award:** The umpires ensure between themselves that they have a common understanding of the Sportsmanship Award form and how to score the various elements. They will convene post-match to complete the form (**see para. 5, below**).
- **Unscheduled drinks breaks:** Captains will be reminded that they must discourage their team members from calling for/bringing on drinks without the express permission of the umpires. The standard intervals are described in **Regulations para 6.4].**
- **Balls pitching off the mat [Regulations para 6.10.1]:** Any ball which pitches off the mat or off its edge will be called a No Ball. Captains will be reminded of this rule before each match. To be implemented without exception.
- **Scorers:** Umpires to ensure that there will be two scorers marking two books/**scoring applications** at all times; if necessary by arranging for two members of the batting side to be made available

throughout the innings [**Regulations paras 4.10 and 9**].

- **Delays in starting:** There is no longer a “grace period “ of 15 minutes in the case of a delayed start.
  - **Delays of up to 40 minutes:**

If, at the scheduled start time, one team is not present (or has less than 7 players on the ground), that team will have its batting overs reduced by 1 for every 4 minutes delay [**Regulations para 6.3.4.1**].

If, at the scheduled start time, neither team is present (or if both teams have less than 7 players on the ground), the match will be reduced by 1 over for each team for every 8 minutes delay [**Regulations para 6.3.4.2**].
  - **Delays of 40 minutes:**

If, 40 minutes after the scheduled start time, one team is still not present (or still has less than 7 players on the ground), the other team will – if present and with at least 7 players on the ground – be awarded the match [**Regulations para 6.3.5.1**].

If, 40 minutes after the scheduled start time, neither side is present (or if both sides still have less than 7 players on the ground), the match will not be played and will be decided as shown in **Regulations para 6.3.5.2**.

#### 4. During the match:

- **Playing conditions:** The umpires are the sole judges of whether the playing conditions are suitable for play to continue. The match regulations describe the options available to the umpires [**Regulations para 6.6**].
- **Helmets:** All batsmen are strongly advised to wear a helmet. Umpires may remind incoming batsmen of this recommendation [**Regulations para 4.2**].
- **Dangerous bowling - Bouncers:** All bouncers above shoulder height, regardless of speed, are banned and must be No-Balled. The bowler will receive a First-and-Final warning. If he bowls another bouncer he will be suspended from bowling and reported by the umpires [**Regulations para 6.8.1**].
- **Dangerous bowling – Beamers:** All beamers are unfair and must be No-balled. However, a beamer will not result in a warning unless the umpire decides that it is dangerous and likely to cause injury to the batsman. If the umpire does decide that a bouncer is dangerous, the bowler will receive a First-and-Final warning. He will be suspended if he bowls another dangerous bouncer and he will be reported by the umpires. [**Regulations para 6.8.2**].
- **Unfair deliveries** (“throwing” – **Law 21.3**) [**Regulations para 6.11**]: If a bowler is suspended during an ACCSO match, the club concerned will initiate the procedure shown on the Regulations page of the ACCSO Web site.
- **Disciplinary situations:** The disciplinary procedure, agreed at ACCSO AGM 2017, is on the Regulations page of the ACCSO Web site. See also **Regulations para 13**.
- **Over rates:** The umpires shall ensure that Over Rates are respected [**Regulations para 6.5**]. The regulations details measures which umpires may take if this does not happen.

#### 5. After the match – and before the scorebooks get packed up!

- The two umpires sign both score books / **scoring application**, validating the scores [**Regulations para 12.1**].
- In a League pool-phase match, points are awarded as per **Regulations Appendix A.3**.
  - **Winning side: 3 points**
    - Losing side: 0 points.
    - Tied game (scores level, regardless of wickets lost): 1 point per side.
    - **Game forfeited: 3 to ‘winning’ side.**
    - Match abandoned: 1 per side
  - **In 2020 League pool-phase matches, points are deducted if the home side does not pre-notify its nominated umpire and if the home side does not provide an umpire on the day.**
- The winning captain prepares a copy of the ACCSO Match Report Form, which is then signed by both captains and by the two umpires. There is space on the form for any relevant remarks [**Regulations para 12.2**].

- The umpires, working independently of the captains, complete and sign the Sportsmanship Award Form. **[Regulations para 12.4]**. The captains have the right to see what the umpires record and may express an opinion; but they cannot enforce any changes. If a captain feels strongly, he can inform ACCSO (secretary@cricket-sw-france.org), who will review with the umpires and Committee.

#### **6. Within 48 hours of the end of the match:**

- The winning team e-mails a digital image of the Match Report Form to ACCSO (secretary@cricket-sw-france.org) within 48 hours of the end of the match **[Regulations para 12.3]**.
- The umpires e-mail a digital image of the Team Sheets and the Sportsmanship Award Form report to ACCSO (competitions@cricket-sw-france.org) within 48 hours of the end of the match **[Regulations para 12.5]**.
- Any report by the umpires – especially about bad conduct\* – must be e-mailed to ACCSO (secretary@cricket-sw-france.org) within 48 hours of the end of the match **[Regulations para 12.7]**.  
\* The ACCSO Code of Conduct and disciplinary procedure are on the Regulations page of the ACCSO Web site. Umpires are asked to be as specific as possible about what occurred and when; and to frame any complaints in the context of the offences detailed in the Code of Conduct.

#### **7. Within 72 hours of the end of the match:**

- Any protest, claim or dispute by either side must be clearly written up and e-mailed to ACCSO (secretary@cricket-sw-france.org) within 72 hours of the end of the match **[Regulations para 12.6]**.

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