

Saracens Hertfordshire Premier League – Umpires Pitch Marking Table

Grading Criteria	Unevenness of bounce	Seam Movement	Carry and/or Bounce	Turn	Mark
Very Good	None	None/little	Good	None/little	5
Good	Little	Little	Just lacking	Little	4
Above Average	Occasional	Occasional	Lacking	Occasional	3
Below Average	More than occasional	More than occasional	Minimal	More than occasional	2
Poor	Excessive	Excessive	Very minimal	Excessive	1
Unfit	A pitch is only rated unsuitable if it is <u>dangerous</u>				0
Marks					

- Add up the scores for each of the Categories to provide the **Total Pitch Score and place a score out of a maximum of 20 in the right hand box.**
- In the event of a 'spinner' not bowling in the match it is not possible to accurately score 'Category – Turn'. Therefore, at the discretion of the umpire a mark of either 3 or 4 should be awarded to enable the calculation of the Total Pitch Score. This discretion can be applied on the basis of all other pitch characteristics an umpire has seen on the day.

Abandoned or suspended matches

- If the match does not take place it shall NOT form part of the Total Pitch Score for the season.
- A minimum of 50% of the initially scheduled overs at the start of a days play must be bowled to be used in Total Pitch Score for the season.

In an ECB Premier Division a The Total Pitch Score must achieve a minimum score of 14 for each match and no pitch should receive any score lower than a 3 in any column.

In the event of a score below 3 being recorded, the League Facilities' executive or equivalent should investigate the circumstances and act accordingly.

Please rate the pitch and issue a mark as outlined in the guideline table

Very Good 17-20	Good 14-16	Adequate 10-13	Below Average 7-9	Poor 1-6	Unfit 0
---------------------------	----------------------	--------------------------	-----------------------------	--------------------	-------------------

Please add any other comments where relevant