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| **L&DCC – Umpires Pitch Grading Table** |
| **Pitch Grading Criteria** | **Bounce Consistency (Question 8a)** | **Seam Movement (Question 8b)** | **Carry & Bounce (Question 8c)**  | **Turn** **(Question 8d)** | **Mark** |
| **Very Good** | No variation | Very little | Good | Consistently very little | **5** |
| **Good** | Little variation | Little | Just lacking | Consistently little | **4** |
| **Average** |  Some variation every few overs | More than a little movement once an over | Lacking | More than a little turn once an over | **3** |
| **Below Average** | Some variation every over | Significant movement on a more regular basis  | Minimal | Significant turn on a more regular basis | **2** |
| **Poor** | Large variation every over |  Large movement on a regular basis | Very minimal | Excessive | **1** |
| **Unfit** | **A pitch is only rated unfit if it is dangerous** | **0** |
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| * **Assessment of seam movement and turn must be based on balls pitching within the ‘protected area’.**
* In the event of a ‘spinner’ not bowling in the match and it is not possible to score ‘Category – Turn’, an average of the marks for the other three categories should be given to enable the calculation of the Total Pitch Score. If unsure leave blank and make a suitable comment.
* A minimum of 50 overs must be bowled for the Total Pitch Score to be used in the season’s records.
* Umpires must make due allowance for the abilities of the bowlers and wear and tear of the pitch during the afternoon.
* The scores are to be entered on the Umpires Report Card at Questions 8a to 8d. Umpires must include a comment on the Report Card for a score of 2 or less for any of the four criteria or for a total score of 12 or less.
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| **L&DCC ECB Premier League – Umpires Pitch and Boundary Markings**  |
| **Grading Criteria** | **Pitch Markings** **(Part of Question 7)** | **Outfield Appearance & Grass Length (Question 9)** | **Outfield Unevenness (Question 10)** | **Boundary Markings (Question 11)** | **Marks** |
| Very Good | Pitch properly marked with markings3/4” to 1” wide. Popping creases min 16 feet long and in line across square | Cut & stripedBelow 3/4" (20mm)No grass cuttings | None | Rope (1“ min dia.) in good condition with flags at 20 yd intervals | **5** |
| **Good** | Pitch properly marked with clear markings <3/4” or >1” wide. Popping creases min 16 feet long and in line across square | Cut &/or stripedBelow 3/4" (20mm)No grass cuttings | Little | Rope in good condition or very clear line with flags at 20 yd intervals | **4** |
| **Average** | Pitch properly marked with variable width markings. Popping creases min 16 feet long not in line. | Cut &/or stripedBelow 3/4" (20mm).Some cuttings left | Slightly uneven | Rope in reasonable condition or clear markings with some flags | **3** |
| **Below Average** | Pitch not clearly marked or popping creases less than 16 feet long or not in line | Cut longer than 3/4"(20mm).Impairs ball movement | Very uneven | Condition less than above markings not clear but some flags | **2** |
| **Poor** | Pitch not clearly marked with markings missing, e.g. for protected area. | Long Grass. Impairs free ball movement | Excessive unevenness | Flags with no line markings | **1** |
| **Unfit** | Pitch marking is unfit if marked incorrectly, e.g. creases not square to the pitch, pitch not 22 yards. | **An outfield is only rated unfit if it is dangerous** | **0** |