

# High Full Tosses

## Who calls and signals?

The decision (and the call and signal) is made by the **Bowler's End Umpire**.

The **only** role played by the Striker's End Umpire ('Square Leg Umpire') is to help the other umpire judge whether the ball was too high. Whatever assistance might be offered the decision is for the Bowler's End Umpire to make based on his best judgement.

Good umpires will agree before the match how they will communicate with each other in this and other aspects of umpiring the match.

## The Law

The Laws of Cricket state that high full pitched balls are dangerous and unfair.

There are two definitions, according to the pace of the delivery:

- Any **slow-paced delivery** that passes (or would have passed) above **shoulder height** of the Striker standing upright at the Popping Crease, or
- Any delivery other than a slow-paced one that passes (or would have passed) above **waist height** of the Striker standing upright at the Popping Crease

Note that it is the speed of the delivery not the type of bowler. It is possible for a slow bowler to deliver a quicker ball and for a medium pacer or fast bowler to bowl a very slow delivery. In each case the height must be judged according to the pace of the ball that was bowled.

**Every high full toss** must be called as a No Ball. In addition:

1. On the first occasion the bowler must be cautioned and the other umpire, the fielding captain and the batsmen are to be informed.
2. If there is a second high full toss then the bowler must be given a final warning. Once again the other umpire, the fielding captain and the batsmen are to be informed.
3. If a third high full toss is bowled then the fielding captain must be told to take the bowler off and he cannot bowl again in the match. In this situation the other umpire, the batsmen and the batting captain must be informed. After the match the player's club must be advised that a report will be made and this report must be sent in accordance with the Disciplinary rules.

Note that in the (rare) event that a high full toss is bowled **deliberately** then the first two stages above are ignored and the bowler must not bowl again (apply stage 3).

## Where is the Waist?

The 'Waist' is the level at which the elbow sits, approximately at the navel. It is not the top of the trousers. In practice any delivery that is clearly above the level of the trousers should be regarded as a 'No Ball'