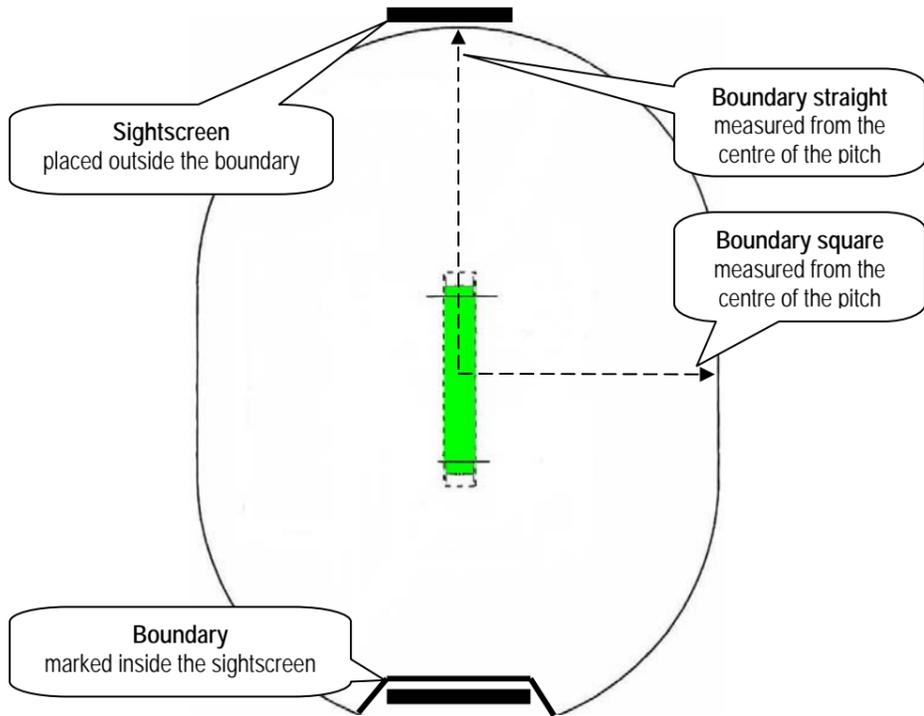


Selection

The selection of the pitch vests with the ground authority - that is the strip of turf (natural or artificial) where the match is to be held. The groundsmen select the particular strip to be used, considering the schedule of matches that are allocated to that ground.

Ground staff must co-operate with the umpires and captains to inspect the pitch at any time prior to the nomination of their players. The umpires take control from the Toss.



Boundaries

| | Adults | | Under 14 | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Men | Women | Boys | Girls |
| Maximum distance from the centre of the pitch | 85 metres | 70 metres | 60 metres | 55 metres |
| Minimum straight from the centre of the pitch | 50 metres | 50 metres | 50 metres | 45 metres |
| Minimum one side from the centre of the pitch | 50 metres | 50 metres | 50 metres | 45 metres |
| Minimum other side from the centre of the pitch | 50 metres | 50 metres | 60 metres | 55 metres |

A white line or rope must mark the boundary, or flags placed on the outer edge of the line.

Sightscreens

Sightscreens must be placed outside the boundary. If this is not possible the ground must be marked in front of the sightscreen.

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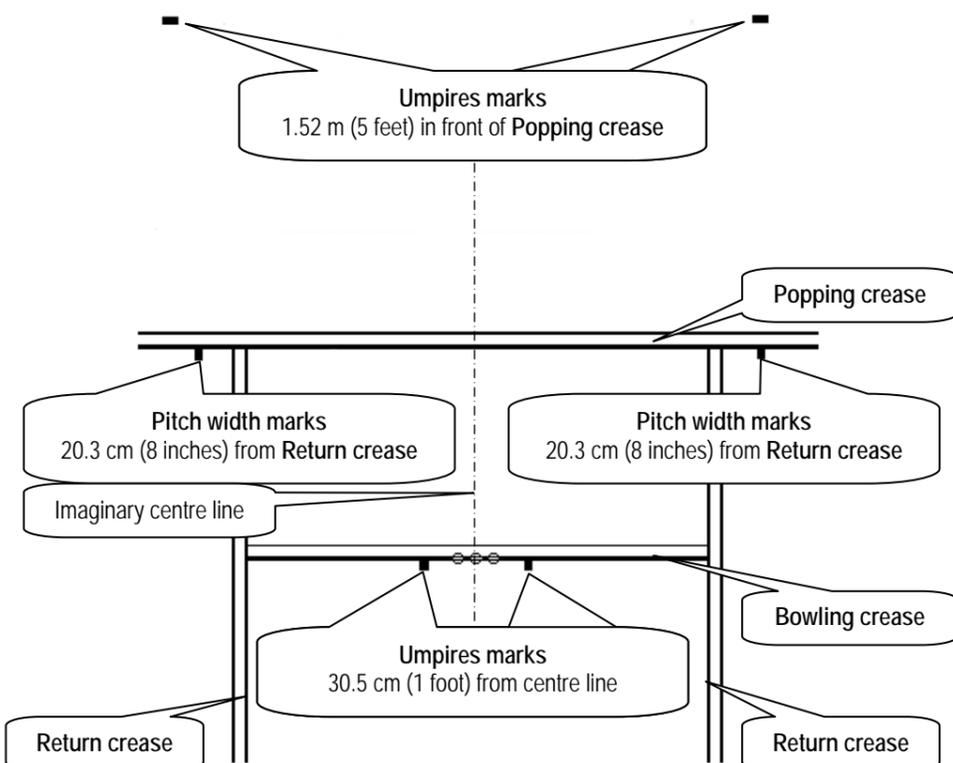
Before the match the whole pitch may be covered including the Bowlers' run-ups. After the Toss, as directed by the umpires, the whole pitch & square may be covered including the bowler's run-ups.

Field maintenance

Weather permitting, the pitch & outfield should be mowed prior to each day's play. Watering the pitch during a match is absolutely prohibited.

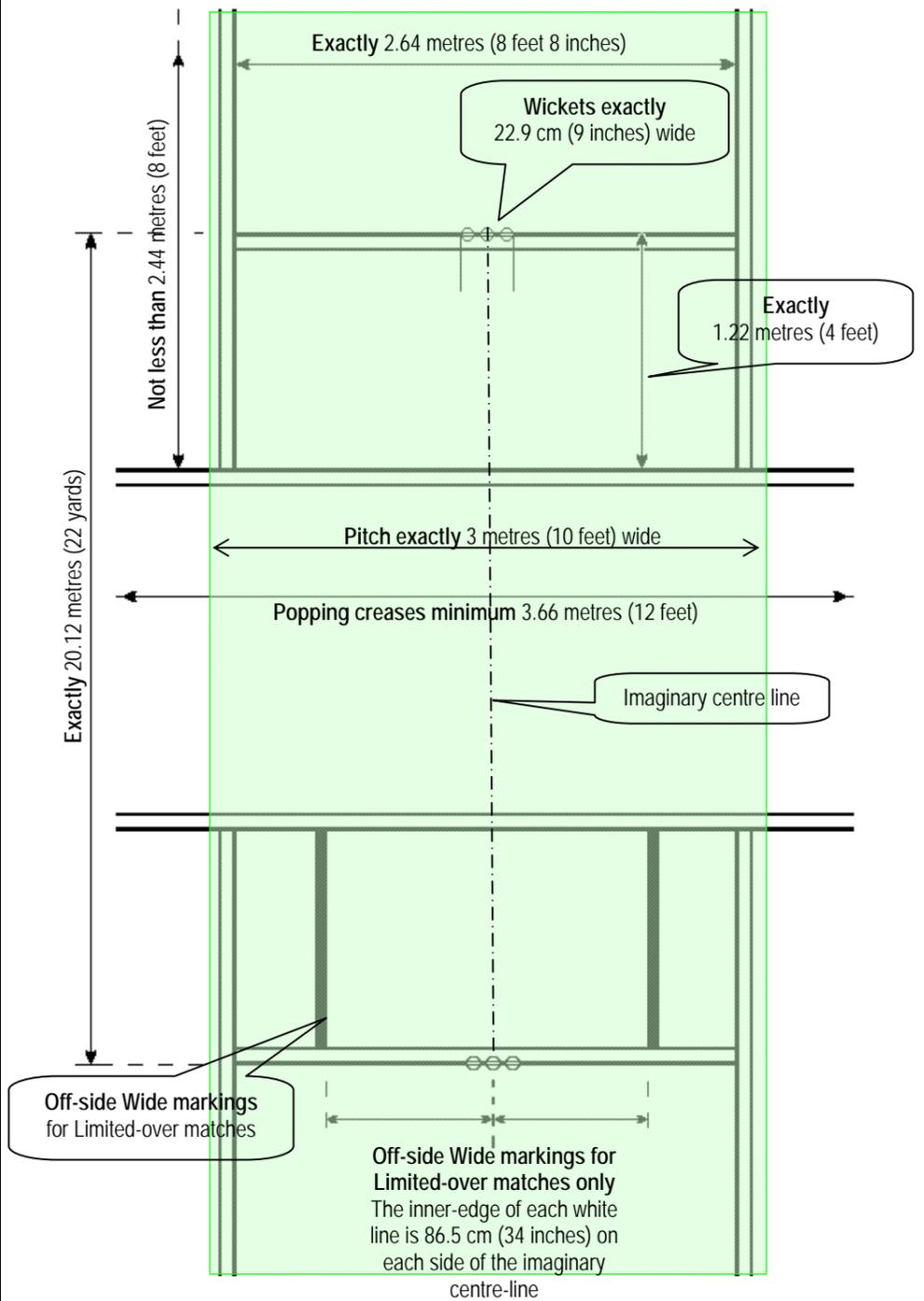
The pitch must be swept to remove debris before rolling. The incoming batting captain has the choice of roller between innings, which must be completed within 7 minutes. The **batting captain** (Umpires)? may request additional rolling prior to the start of a day's play.

The Creases & Umpires marks

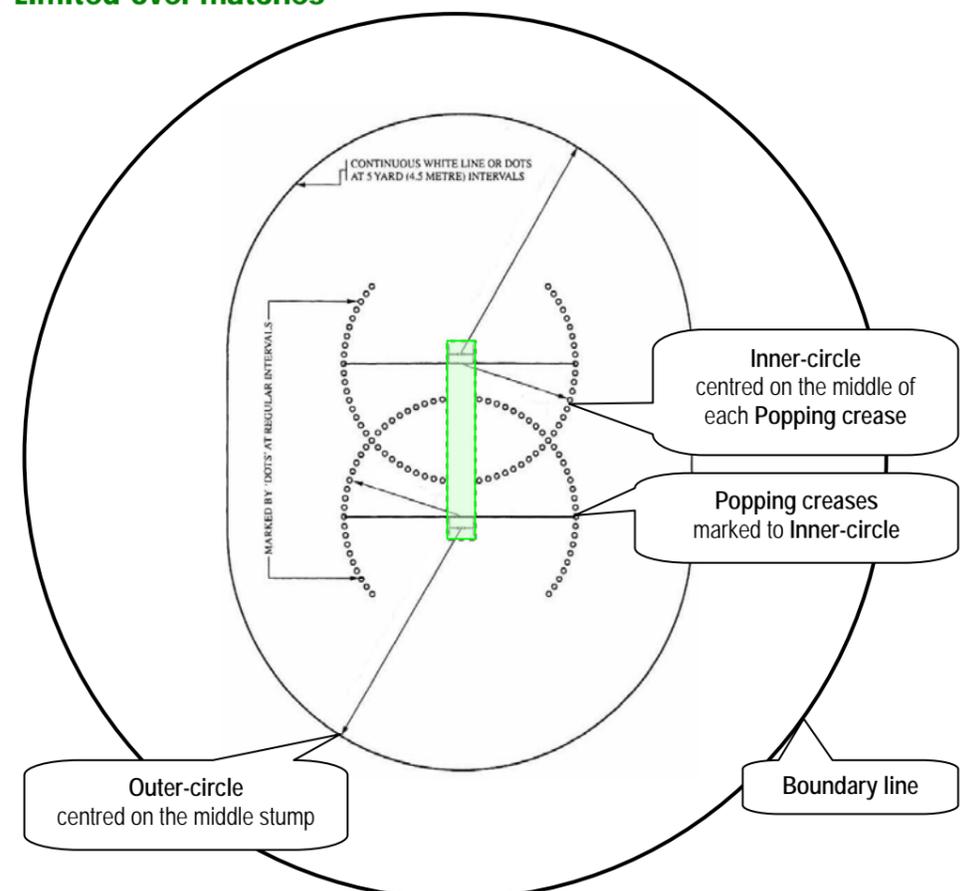


Umpires marks should only be made on request.

Pitch markings



Limited-over matches



Limited over circles

| | Men | Women |
|---|--------------|-----------|
| Outer-circle centred on each middle stump | 27.5 metres | 23 metres |
| Inner-circle centred on the middle of each Popping crease | 13.72 metres | 12 metres |
| Popping crease is extended to the Inner circles | | |

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