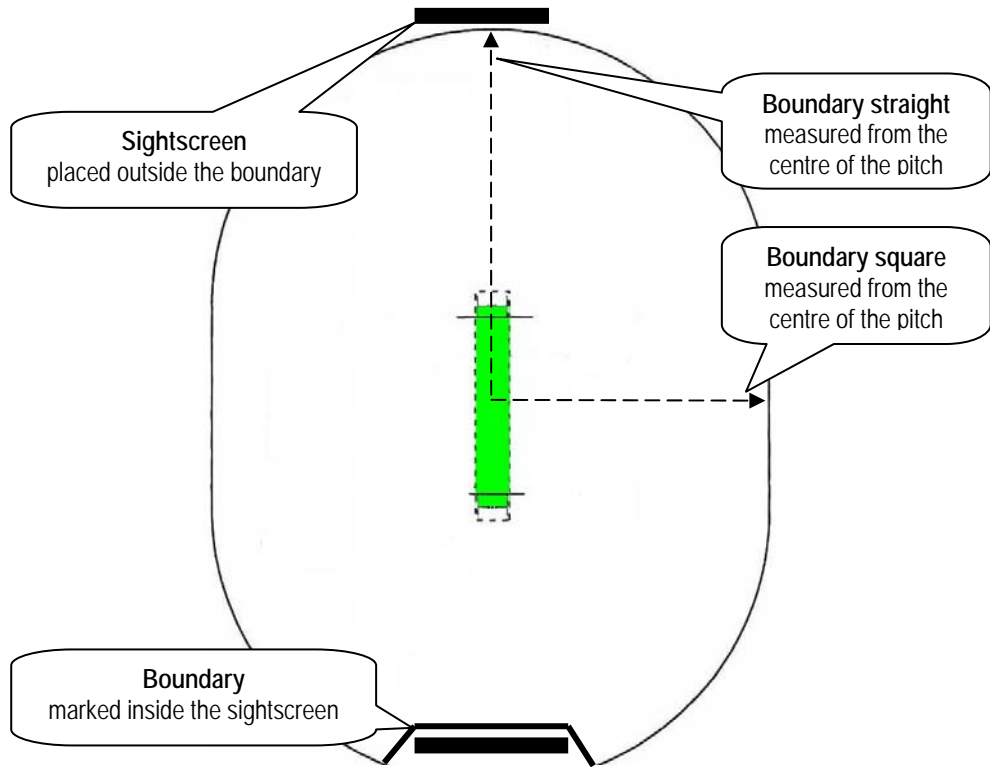


Selection

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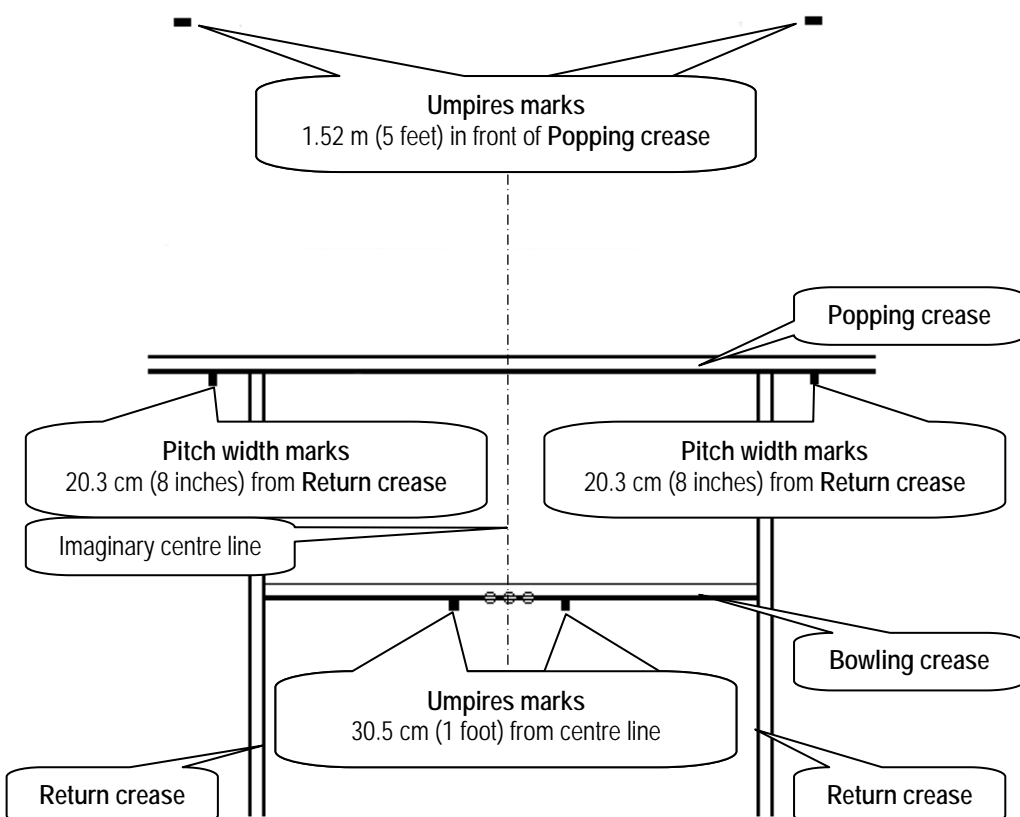
Before the match the whole pitch may be covered including the Bowlers' run-ups. After the Toss, as directed by the umpires, the whole pitch & square may be covered including the bowler's run-ups.

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.

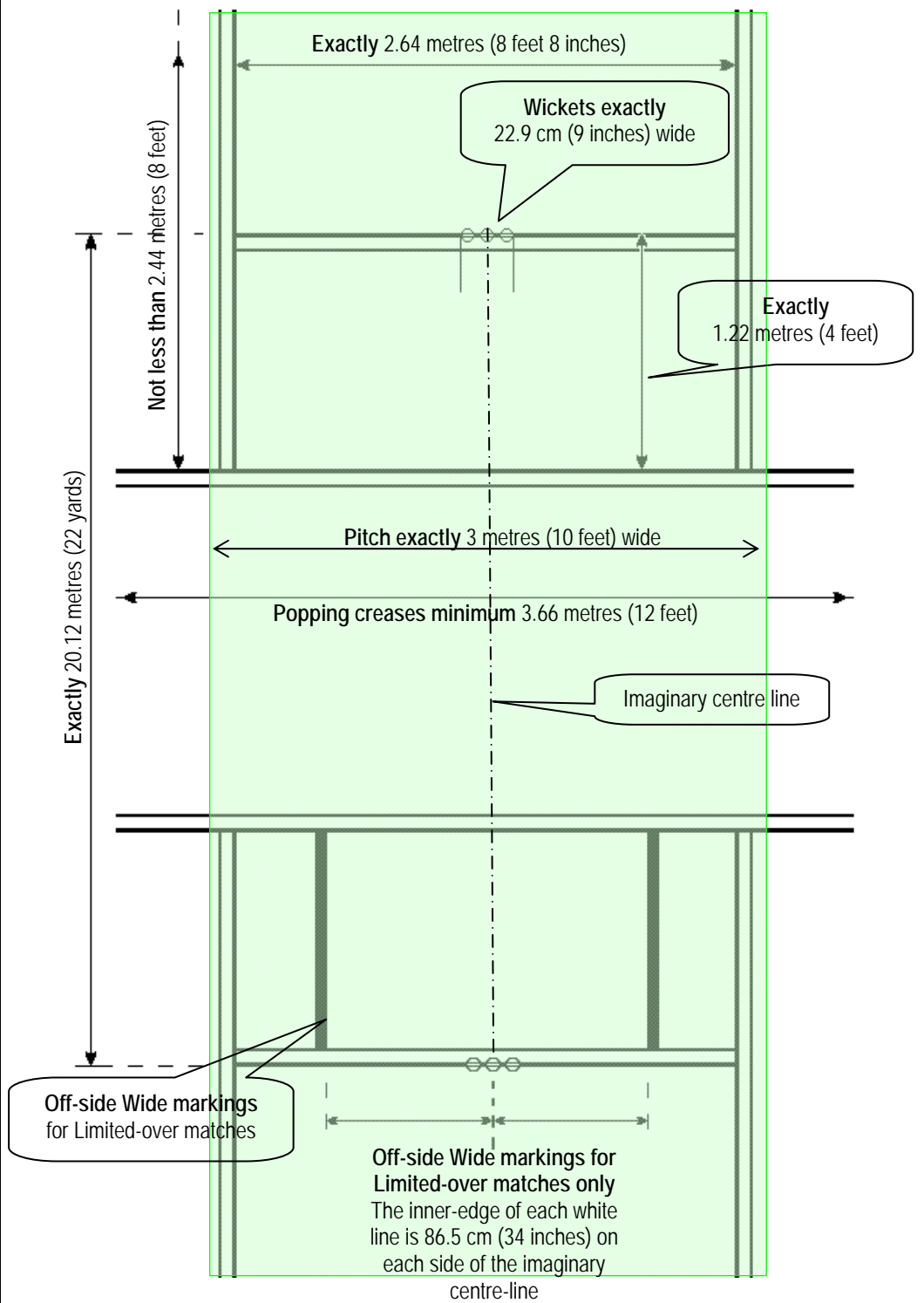
The pitch must be swept to remove debris before rolling. The incoming batting captain has the choice of roller between innings, which must be completed within 7 minutes. The **batting captain** (Umpires)? may request additional rolling prior to the start of a day's play.

The Creases & Umpires marks

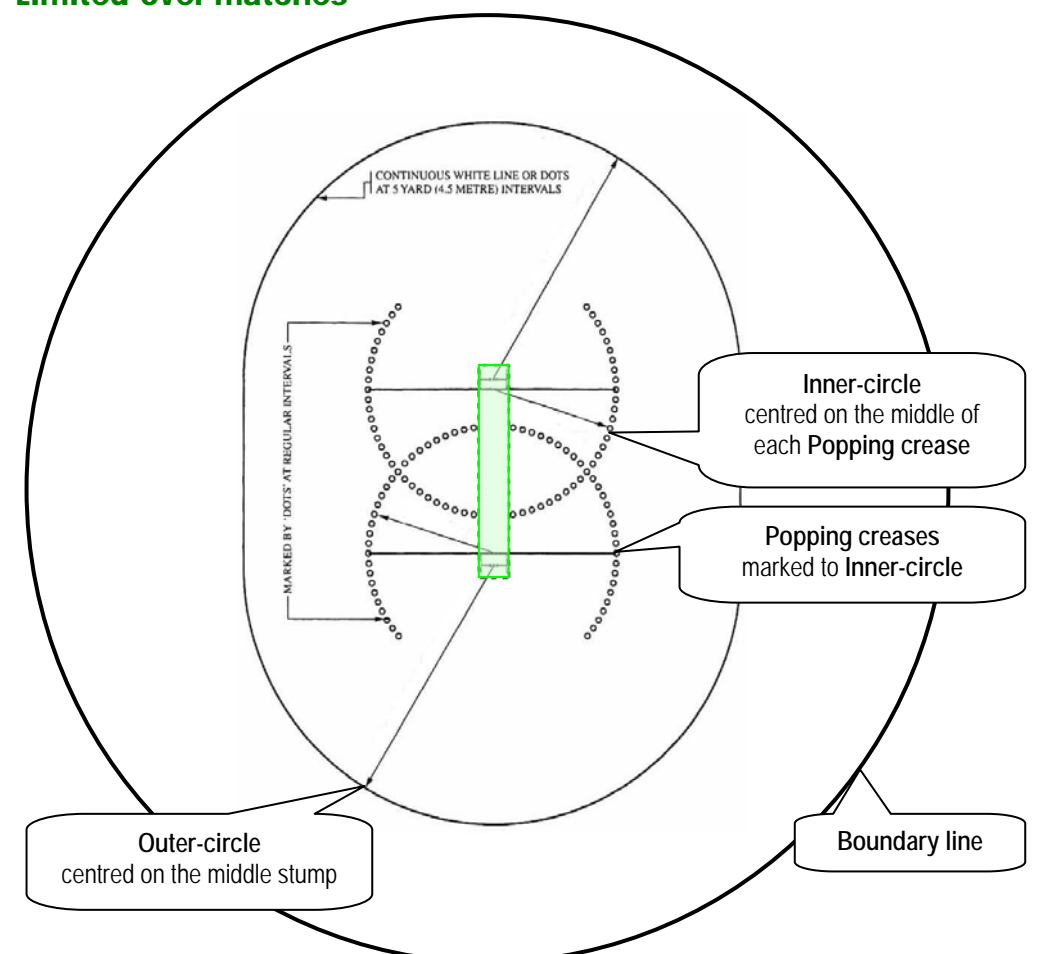


Umpires marks should only be made on request.

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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