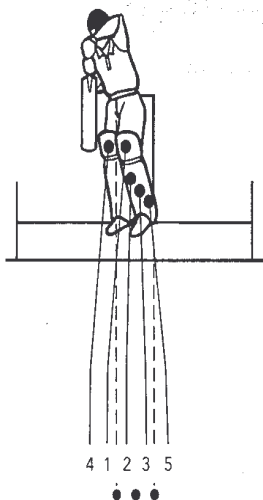


NORTH HARBOUR JUNIOR CRICKET – LBW GUIDELINES

(Applicable to Year 7 & Year 8 Grades only)

FOLLOWING AN APPEAL BY THE FIELDING SIDE FOR LBW THE UMPIRE MUST CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

The LBW rule as defined by the Laws of Cricket (as detailed below and in the diagram left) has been modified by NHJC cricket to accommodate the needs of junior cricket and umpires need to carefully consider the following questions before finally adjudicating on any LBW appeal:



1. Out. The ball pitched outside the off stump but hit the pad on the line of the stumps and would have hit the wicket.
2. Out. Pitched on and would have hit.
3. Out. Pitched leg, moved towards off but would still have hit the stumps.
4. Out/Not out. Ball pitched outside the line and hit the pad, also outside the line, but would have hit the wicket. Not out if the striker made a genuine attempt to play the ball; out if he did not.
5. Not out. The ball pitched outside the line of the leg stump.

1. Did the batsman come forward in a positive manner, played a stroke at the ball and has been hit on the front leg?

This is the first question the umpire should consider. If **yes** the batsman is **not out**.

If **no** (in effect the batsman is trapped behind his crease, the ball has hit his pads and **may** have hit the stumps) the batsman **may** be out. Consider the next questions before deciding!

Notes:

1. A "positive manner" is defined as a step forward over the crease line (not a shuffle or bending of the knee in a forward direction).
2. For the avoidance of doubt, if the batsman stepped forward in a positive manner, played a stroke and was **hit low/in line** on the **back leg** then the batsman may be **out**.

2. Would the ball have hit the stumps?

Pay particular attention to the **height** of the ball when it hits the batsman.

If the answer **not sure** or **no** then the batsman is **not out**.

If the answer is **yes** then go on to the next question.

3. Where did the ball pitch?

If the ball pitches **outside leg stump** then the batsman is **not out** under any circumstances.

If the ball pitches **in line** with the stumps or **outside off stump** then go on to the next question.

4. On what line did the ball hit the batsman?

If **in line** with the stumps the batsman is **out**. If **outside off stump** then go on to the final question before deciding.

5. Did the batsman attempt to play a stroke at the ball?

If **yes** the batsman is **not out**. If **no** then the batsman is **out**.

**TAKE YOUR TIME WHEN
CONSIDERING LBW APPEALS**