

ENGLAND AND WALES CRICKET BOARD

Wicket-Keeping Gloves in Recreational Cricket 2005 Law 40.2 now applies in all cricket

In the 2nd Edition – 2003 version of the 2000 Code of the Laws of Cricket the MCC introduced changes to Law 40.2 – Gloves for Wicket-keepers – which establish a definition which will allow manufacturers to produce gloves which meet the requirements of the Law and allow consistent interpretation by umpires. In recreational cricket the ECB had not implemented the new Law as contained in the 2000 Code for the seasons 2001 to 2004 inclusive because of concerns over these areas, and the ECB welcomes the changes in the 2nd Edition.

The ECB has reviewed the situation and has decided that, from the start of the 2005 season, the new Law will apply in all recreational cricket in England and Wales.

For reference, Law 40.2 now reads as follows:

2. Gloves

If, as permitted under 1 above, the wicket-keeper wears gloves, they shall have no webbing between the fingers except joining index finger and thumb, where webbing may be inserted as a means of support. If used, the webbing shall be

- (a) a single piece of non-stretch material which, although it may have facing material attached, shall have no reinforcement or tucks.
- (b) such that the top edge of the webbing
 - (i) does not protrude beyond the straight line joining the top of the index finger to the top of the thumb.
 - (ii) is taut when a hand wearing the glove has the thumb fully extended.

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