

If the fielder or captain still refuses to comply, then the umpires are required to:

- a. Advise the captain and/or their responsible adult that unless the fielder complies, their team will be deemed to be refusing to play and that the game will be awarded to their opponents (Law 16.3.1.2).
- b. After giving the captain/responsible adult some time to resolve the situation, ask them if their team is refusing to play.
- c. If they confirm this or have not resolved the situation, award the game to their opponents.
- d. Leave the field of play and report the events and individuals involved to the authority responsible for the game.

ECB Fielding Regulations for Players aged under 18

Notes:

- 1. These Regulations apply in both hard and soft ball cricket.
- 2. Players fielding behind the wicket on the off side are not required to comply with the minimum distances or protective equipment requirements.
- 3. Where 'age' is referred to (e.g. in the table below), it means the player's age on the day of the match.

Age	Minimum fielding distance from striking batter
9 and below	11 yards (10 metres)
10 to 13	11 yards (10 metres)
14 to 15	8 yards (7.3 metres)
16 to 17	None but protective equipment mandatory if within 8 yards (7.3 metres)
18+	None but protective equipment advised

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2. If the umpires are ACO Full Members and/or League appointed umpires, they are required to:
- a. Apply Law 41.9 – time wasting by the fielding side.
 - b. Advise the captain of the fielding team that this is a first and final warning and advise the batters that you have done this.
 - c. If the fielder or captain still refuses to comply, then the umpires are required to:
 - a. Whether it is during or between overs, award 5 penalty runs to the batting side.
 - b. Advise both batters and both captains.
 - c. Report the individuals involved to the authority responsible for the game.

- Protective equipment:** 16 to 17 year olds fielding within 8 yards (7.3m) from the striking batter must wear a helmet with a faceguard or grille and any such player who is male (irrespective of gender) must also wear a groin protector (box).
- Once either umpire becomes aware that a fielder is fielding, or intending to field, closer than allowed and/or is not wearing, or intending not to wear, the required protective equipment, then no further play will be allowed until the matter is resolved.
- If the matter is not/cannot be resolved, then the umpires will adopt the following procedures.
- 1. If the umpires are non ACO members, 'player officials' or occasional umpires, they are required to:
 - a. Refuse to continue to umpire the match and leave the field of play.
 - b. Report the matter and those involved to the authority responsible for the match.