

Proposal 6

The Proposal

That playing condition 12, "Points" should be altered to read as follows:

Points, known as "result points" and "bonus points" shall be awarded as follows:

1. Result Points
 - a. The team that scores the most runs in a completed match (a win): 20 points.
 - b. Each team where the number of runs scored, in a completed match, is equal, irrespective of the number of wickets lost (a tie): 15 points.
 - c. The team that scores the fewest runs: 0 points.
2. Bonus Points
 - a. No bonus points shall be awarded to the team that wins the match or either team in a tied match.
 - b. Bonus points are only awarded in the second innings of the match.
 - c. No team shall score more than 10 bonus points.
 - d. Batting points shall be awarded as follows:
 - i. One bonus point shall be awarded when the team batting second passes 55% of the first innings total. A further point shall be awarded at 60%, 65%, 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95% and 98% of the first innings total.
 - ii. Two bonus points shall be awarded if the team scores 75% or more of the first innings total and is not all out.
 - e. Bowling points shall be awarded as follows:
 - i. One bonus point shall be awarded on completion of the 35th over. A further point shall be awarded on completion of the 40th, 42nd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th and 49th overs.
 - ii. One bonus point shall be awarded at the fall of the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th wickets.
3. Shortened Matches (minimum 80 overs)
 - i. Should the total number of overs in the match be reduced for time lost, the requirements for batting points remain unchanged. The number of overs required for bowling points will be reduced by the corresponding number of overs lost from the innings.
4. Abandoned Matches (after 80 overs)
 - a. In divisions using Duckworth-Lewis, should the match be abandoned after 80 overs, D-L will be used to calculate the second innings score. Bonus points will be awarded using the Batting points percentages for the team with the fewest runs, with an additional point at 50% in lieu of not out points.
 - b. In divisions not using Duckworth-Lewis, should the match be abandoned after 80 overs, Average Scoring Rate will be used to calculate the second innings score. The average scoring rate shall be calculated on the basis of total runs scored divided by the total overs faced - where a partially completed over, for this Rule, being considered as a completed over. Bonus points will be awarded using the Batting points percentages for the team with the fewest runs, with an additional point at 50% in lieu of not out points.
 - c. The number of bonus points scored shall not be less than the number of bonus points that had already been gained when the match was abandoned.

Point 12c regarding three concessions should be moved to playing condition 13, "Forfeiture of Points".

Examples under the Proposed Points System

Team A bats first and scores 275-9. Team B in reply is 100ao. Team B gets 0 points having failed to reach the first batting point at 55% of the first innings total.

Team A bats first and score 150-7. Team B in reply is 145ao. Team B gets 9 points having reached 95% of the first innings total.

Team A bats first and score 150-7. Team B in reply is 145-9. Team B gets 10 points - 9 points (95%) + 2 points (not all out), capped at the maximum of 10.

Team A bats first and score 230-7. Team B in reply is 232-8 after 48.4 overs. Team A gets 10 points - 8 points (48 overs completed) + 3 points (8 wickets), capped at the maximum of 10.

The match is reduced to 40 overs per side. Team A bats first and score 150ao. Team B in reply are 151-7 after 35.1 overs. Team A gets 7 points - 5 points (35 overs completed, equivalent to 45 overs less 10 overs lost) + 2 points (7 wickets).

The match is abandoned after 90 overs. Team A bats first and scores 200-6. Team B bats second and are 161-8 after 40 overs. Using ARR, Team B will score 201 runs in 50 overs. Team A get 10 points (98%, first point at 50%), Team B get 20 points.

The match is abandoned after 90 overs. Team A bats first and scores 200-6. Team B bats second and are 198-9 after 46 overs. Using ARR, Team B will score 215 runs in 50 overs. Team A get 10 points - they already have bowled 46 overs (6) and taken 9 wickets (4 points) (under 12.4b they would get 9 points for 93%), Team B get 20 points.

The match is abandoned after 90 overs. Team A bats first and scores 200-6. Team B bats second and are 120-8 after 40 overs. Using ARR, Team B will score 150 runs in 50 overs. Team A get 20 points, Team B get 6 points (75%, first point at 50%).

The proposal is that rule 12 of the Western Union (ie, points system) be altered to

1. better reflect the closeness of the game
2. reward teams equally whether they bat or bowl first
3. allow both teams the chance to score maximum bonus points regardless of first innings performance
4. encourage teams to prolong the game by weighting points towards the end of the match.

Under the current points system teams can lose heavily batting second, but still pickup a significant number of bonus points by taking first innings wickets, no matter how many runs they concede – therefore teams are not rewarded for how close they come to winning the game.

Compare Team A bats first and scores 275-9. Team B in reply is 100ao, losing by 175 runs; Team A bats first and score 150-7. Team B in reply is 145ao, losing by 5 runs. In both cases Team B gets 6 points despite in the second game, scoring more runs and conceding less.

Teams batting second are restricted in the number of batting points they are able achieve by how many runs they concede. A team chasing 225 and losing by 100 runs score more points than a team chasing 100 and losing by 5 runs.

Under this new proposal whilst bonus points are only awarded for the second innings, this is not to say that the first innings has no bearing on the points - a good first innings performance is rewarded by making it easier to score points.

At A Glance

Win: 20 points.

Tie: 15 points.

Batting Bonus Points (maximum of 10 points):

- to start scoring points the team must reach 55% of the opposition score
- an additional two points are scored if the team reach 75% of the score and remain not all out
- points totals at
 - 55%: 1
 - 60%: 2
 - 65%: 3
 - 70%: 4
 - 75%: 5 (7 if not all out)
 - 80%: 6 (8 if not all out)
 - 85%: 7 (9 if not all out)
 - 90%: 8 (10 if not all out)
 - 95%: 9 (10 if not all out)
 - 98%: 10
- to get full bonus points the team must get 98% of the opposition score if they are all out or 90% if they remain not all out.

Bowling Bonus Points (maximum of 10 points):

- to start scoring points the team must start the 35th over or take 6 wickets
- Points totals at the following overs/wickets
 - 35 overs: 1
 - 40: 2
 - 42: 3
 - 44: 4
 - 45: 5
 - 46: 6
 - 47: 8
 - 48: 9
 - 49: 10
 - 6 wickets : 1
 - 7: 2
 - 8: 3
 - 9: 4
- to get full bonus points the team must
 - complete the 46th over and take 9 wickets, or
 - complete the 47th over and take 8 wickets, or
 - complete the 48th over and take 7 wickets, or
 - complete the 49th over and take 6 wickets

Reduced Overs

In a reduced overs game with a simple reduction in the number of overs required for points, it becomes easier for the team bowling second to score points for bowling overs, but harder to score points for taking wickets – these factors should balance out.