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Suggestions from Colin Pearson as at 23 apr 18.

With computer skill and luck, you should be able to print the above crude copy on one side of a piece of paper, turn it over and print on the other side. Cut along the sides and down the middle to obtain two "cards". Fold in half and it should fit in your pocket.

Not every umpire will use every section in every match – partly a matter of regulations and preferences – for example, only a few umpires record the wickets in full detail.

The use of a digital watch with seconds is strongly recommended, not that I suggest you should be pedantic over a few seconds but rounding could lead to significant different outcomes. Try to synchronise it with match clock BUT not essential since it will mostly be used for difference between two readings.

The first section of the card lists most of the important names and times.

Next is a section on overs per hour. If 17, then record time at which the first 17 are completed and below note any allowances. This is an easy way to tell whether the fielding team are approximately on time or not – much easier than noting the number of overs that have been bowled in the hour and trying to make sense of any allowances – especially if, as in our league, we are instructed to allow 2 minutes for every wicket!

Below that is the summary box at the end of the innings to do the exact arithmetic.

Other Notes should include Power plays, more detail on warnings and, especially, when there are rain or other interruptions.

Lower down is the list of wickets which may be useful for checking with the scorers, especially the method of dismissal. Noting the time of the fall, including seconds will ensure that you are never caught out with an appeal for Timed Out.

The bottom section is ESSENTIAL in 2018, when players may leave the field for any reason and then return later, but also for lost balls, rain etc.

Retain this information for possibly one month in case of any subsequent, unforeseen, queries from League Administrators.

Good Luck
