

Summary sheet for Laws 24 & 25. (Substitutes. Runners. )

**Law 24 FIELDER'S ABSENCE: SUBSTITUTES.**

Allowed (as before) but now could keep wicket if umpires permit.

**Penalty time.** A player's penalty time starts as soon as he/she leaves the field and is limited to a maximum time of 90 minutes. He/she cannot bowl until the full Penalty time is served. Should they leave the field again before all the time is served, the unserved time is added on. If there is an unscheduled break in play (rain say) this stoppage time counts towards unserved Penalty time provided (i) the player was on the field at the start of the break, or if already off the field he/she notifies the umpires that they are ready to participate when play resumes.

Any unserved Penalty time passes from fielding to batting, so a person cannot bat until the remaining Penalty time is served ( or until 5 wickets are down).

Penalty time is carried forward into subsequent days or innings, but not, of course, into another match.

Penalty time is NOT incurred if the player has suffered an external injury.

**Law 25 BATSMAN'S INNINGS : RUNNERS.**

Only a nominated player can act as a runner. If a member of the batting side has any unserved Penalty time, he/she can neither bat nor act as a runner until that PLAYING time has been served. But, as above, can bat at the fall of the 5<sup>th</sup>. wicket. The runner has to be someone who has already batted. (if possible). If one of the openers has a runner and his partner is dismissed, that person must take over the runner's duties.

A runner - when at square leg - MUST remain in his/her ground until the ball reaches the injured striker, or passes the popping crease. If the striker's end umpire considers the runner to be in breach of this restriction any runs scored shall be disallowed (except No ball or Wide ball) Like disallowing Leg byes, the umpire waits until the completion of one run, or the ball reaches the boundary. Any dismissal would be valid, and the not out batsman returned to his/her original end.



### Summary sheet for Penalty Time.

1. A fielder absent or leaving the field of play will incur Penalty time.
2. Unserved Penalty time is limited to a maximum of 90 minutes.
3. The time is calculated from the moment the player leaves the field of play.
4. An external blow or injury, does NOT incur Penalty time.
5. If a player leaves the field of play before serving all of his/her Penalty time, the balance is carried forward.
6. (As before), if there is an 'unscheduled' break in play, the stoppage time off the field shall count as Penalty time served, if the player was on the field at the time of the interruption and returns on the resumption of play, or notifies the umpires that he/she is fit and ready to resume playing.
7. Unserved Penalty time is carried forward to the next and subsequent days and innings of the match.

If a Level 3 offence is committed (by a fielder) :-

8. ... the period of time spent off the field as a result of the suspension is NOT added to any unserved Penalty time, IF he/she returns to the field at the end of the period of suspension. *(20 minutes still to serve before bowling – sent off for 10 overs- returns after the 10 over suspension - still 20 minutes to serve).*
9. If a substitute is sent off, the time off the field is NOT added to any Penalty time that remains to be served, if the nominated player takes the field at the end of the period of suspension.
10. BUT, if the nominated player does NOT take the field at the end of the substitute's suspension, then the entire period of the nominated player's absence will be unserved Penalty time (up to the 90 minute maximum).
11. And finally - and importantly;- A nominated player who has been granted the use of a substitute or a runner to act on his/her behalf, WILL ALSO SUFFER THE PENALTY FOR ANY LEVEL 3 OR 4 OFFENCE COMMITTED BY THE SUBSTITUTE OR RUNNER (but will not be reported.)