

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.
 - 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.