ARCL Umpire Cheat Sheet

1. Umpire must be consistent, fair/just, strict/firm about their decisions
2. Umpire must be aware of rules.
3. Umpire must maintain game ethics and avoid passing comments or having frequent conversation with players (your friends) on the field.
4. Umpire must warn the teams/players on the very first account of bad conduct which includes -- direct sledging, excessive appealing, excessive shouting/yelling, abusive language and bad gestures. The warning has to be given in front of both captains, leg umpire and offending player(s). If the team/players continue to play the game in misconduct way, the umpire has the authority to send the player(s) off the field or stop the match and award the match to other team. If both the teams are found guilty of misconduct, the umpire can stop the game and walk off. The offending teams/players will get penalized
5. Umpire must arrive 15 mins prior to the game start time to check he boundaries, pitch, stumps and do the toss.
6. For every 5 min. delay reduce 1 over from the team(s) arriving late.
7. If match is delayed due rain/fog/previous game finished late, reduce 1 over from both teams for every 10 minutes
8. Umpire can override leg umpire’s decision
9. Umpire can award the game to one team if the other team does not comply with neutral umpire’s decision
10. No ball is over the head instead of shoulder for a bouncer.
11. Leg Bye is no run: Also not out unless the ball drags on to the stump or the keeper stumped the batsman out)
12. Umpire should remind the teams to pick up their trash after the game
13. Ensure batting team tells the scores after the completion of every over.
14. Umpire should ensure game is conducted in a timely manner with minimal disruptions. Few examples where neutral umpire should step in are:

* Immediately address any excessive appealing, excessive shouting/yelling, abusive language and bad gestures excessive sledging. This leads to worse situation if not controlled upfront. Warn the captains and or players. Only one warning. On second infringement, either player(s) are out of the field or the match is awarded to other team
* Jump in before it becomes a big group discussion. Separate the teams from talking to each other: talk to only captains.
* Watch for who is saying what or doing what, note down player names
* Resolve conflicts within 60 seconds. Umpire is responsible to finish the game on time

# Penalties

1. If umpire shows up more than 15 mins late for the game, “umpire no-show” rule will apply.
2. If the umpire fails to deduct the overs for a game that started late umpiring team will be penalized
3. If the umpire fails to ensure the game is conducted in a timely manner when things were in his control the umpiring team will be penalized
4. If the umpire fails to control the match in terms of excessive appealing, excessive shouting/yelling, abusive language and bad gestures excessive sledging then umpire will be penalized