

Penalty runs ready reckoner – batting

Infringement	Ball counts? ¹	Ball faced?	Runs count? ²	End batters return to ⁴
Fielder returns without permission	No	Yes	Yes	finished runs
Illegal fielding (e.g. using cap or clothing)	No	Yes	Yes	finished runs
Ball strikes fielding helmet on ground	Yes	Yes	Yes	finished runs
Deliberate deception or obstruction of batter (mock fielding)	No	Yes	Yes ²	choice ⁴
Deliberate attempt to distract striker	No	Yes	N/A	N/A
Illegal practice on field	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ball tampering	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time wasting	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Damaging the pitch	Yes	Yes	No ³	original
Other unfair actions	umpires call based on circumstances			
Level 1–4 conduct offence	N/A	N/A		original

1. Where penalty runs have been awarded in play (i.e. where the batter has had an opportunity to play at the ball) but the ball **does not** count as one of the over, it is treated like a no ball — all things that happened off that ball (sundries, runs) are recorded, and the ball counts as a ball faced by the batter.
2. For most penalty runs, where the runs made by the batters also count, finished runs mean all **completed** and any run in progress provided the batters **have crossed** at the time the penalty call is made. However, the runs counted for mock fielding are those completed and any run **started** — the batters do not have to have crossed.
3. Where runs do not count, no balls and wides are still to be counted.
4. In most cases, the end that the batters return to is guided by the type of penalty. However, in the case of mock fielding, the batters choose which ends to return to.

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Ball tampering	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time wasting	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Damaging the pitch	Yes	Yes	No	original
Other unfair actions	umpires call based on circumstances			
Level 1–4 conduct offence	N/A	N/A		original
Deliberate short run	Yes	Yes	No	original
Striker in protected area	Yes	Yes	No	original
Batters stealing a run	N/A	N/A	No	original

Handy hint

Remember, the umpire will tell you which team to award the penalty runs to — ‘patting for batting’ and ‘holding for bowling’.