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PENALTY TIME

Example Scenario







Law 24 – Fielder's absence, substitutes

A player who is absent during playing time whilst his/her side is fielding will incur Penalty time

Penalty time is not incurred if it is as a result of an external blow during the match or any other acceptable reasons (except illness or internal injury)







Any amount of playing time off the field is added to Penalty time

Unserved Penalty time is limited to 90 minutes

If a player leaves the field before having served all of his/her Penalty time, the balance is carried forward as unserved Penalty time







An unscheduled break counts towards unserved penalty time if the player was on the field at the start of the break and returns at the end of it

The remaining time in an unscheduled break counts towards unserved penalty time from the time the player notifies the umpires that he/she is able to participate on resumption – even if their team is batting







Unserved Penalty time is carried forward to subsequent days and innings

If a member of the batting side has unserved Penalty time, he/she can't bat or act as a runner until the Penalty time is served unless his/her side has lost 5 wickets when they may bat.

A batsman's penalty time is served whilst waiting to bat, batting and after he/she is dismissed





Time	Event	Pen Time	Comment
12.00	Match starts	0	
12.15	Fielder Smith tells umpires he has pulled a muscle in his leg, leaves the f	0 ield	Internal injury so cannot bowl until penalty time served
13.00	Play suspended, rain	45	







Time	Event	Pen Time	Comment
13.20	Play resumes, Smith still off the field	45	Smith has not told umpires he can resume, no reduction in penalty time
14.05	Smith still off the field	90	Maximum penalty time







Time	Event	Pen Time	Comment
14.15	Play suspended, rain	90	
14.20	Smith advises umpires he is ready to resume	90	Unscheduled time is now taken off penalty time
14.50	Play resumes, Smith on the field	60	30 mins since he told umpires he would return







Time	Event	Pen Time	Comment
15.00	Play suspended, rain	50	10 mins served
15.00	Tea taken	50	Scheduled break
15.30	Play resumes, Smith informs umpires injury has got worse, not on field	50	Penalty time not reduced, further time off added to penalty time







Time	Event	Pen Time	Comment
16.00	Innings closed,	80	Further pen time
16.10	2 nd innings starts	80	Smith not allowed to bat







Time	Event	Pen Time	Comment
17.20	5 th wicket falls	10	10 mins still to serve, but allowed to bat
17.30		0	Time served

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