



Mercantile Cricket Association Covers

Home side's requirements

Consult the news section of the MCA website or the MCA Facebook page to determine if covers have been laid overnight, or if covers should be laid after play on Saturday night

Home side

Responsible for removal of covers at least one hour before play on both days if required, weather permitting.

Umpires controlling covers

Umpires take control over the use of covers 60 Minutes before play is scheduled to start.

After the fixtured start of play

Both sides must provide labour as required and under instructions from the umpires.

Handing and care of covers

The MCA has invested plenty of time and money to provide covers for Fawkner Park and Royal Park pitches. Careful handling and storage of covers is necessary to ensure that covers remain effective. Covers should not be dragged across bitumen paths or concrete floors, or stood on by players wearing spikes, or left unattended in such a way as they could be blown up against trees.

Report damaged covers

Report any damage to covers, trolleys, missing tent pegs, mishandling by clubs etc on the umpires match report. The Fawkner Park Secretary is responsible for the maintenance of the covers at Fawkner Park.

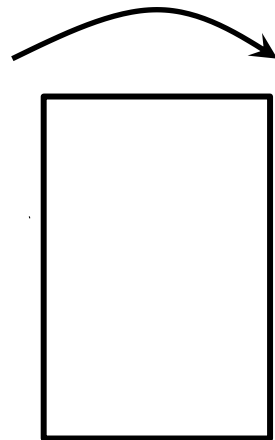
Correct removal of covers

Take care with removal of water. A broom or squeegee can be used to push water to ends of covers. Remove excess water to low side and off pitch square if possible. More water requires more hands = less spillage, leakage. Take cover beyond the boundary and fold according to folding instructions. Place folded cover on the trolley available from the Covers Room next to the Southern Pavilion.

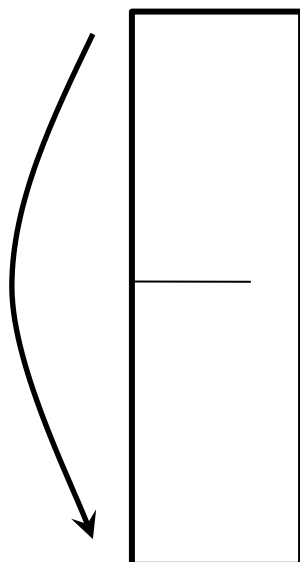
Folding covers – The only correct method!

This is the only method to fold covers at Fawkner and Royal Park so they fit on the trolley and can be moved and stored without damage:

Step 1: 1st Fold – Left side to right side



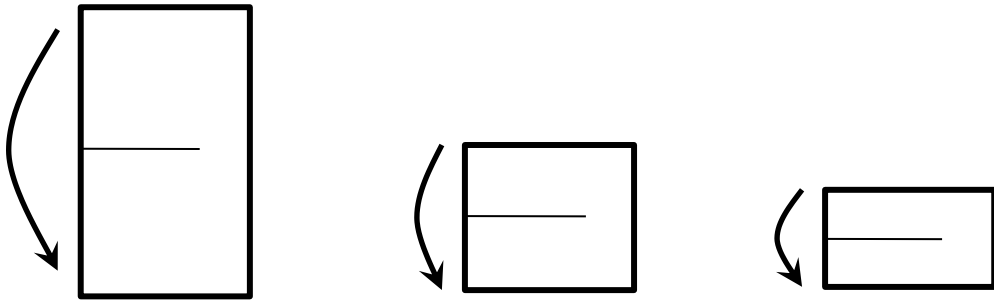
Step 2: 2nd Fold – Top to bottom





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Step 3: 3rd Fold – Keep repeating top to bottom until the cover is a strip, less than one metre wide



Step 4: From the folded end of the strip roll toward the open end. Until you have the shape of a barrel.

