

## **Don't Bash the Umpire, Do You Know The law?**

### **Batsman out: Handled The Ball**

“Either batsman is out Handled the ball if he willingly touches the ball while in play with a hand or hands not holding the bat unless he does so with the consent of the opposing side.”

A batsman will not be out if he handles the ball in order to avoid injury. Nor will the batsman be out handled ball if he uses his hand or hands to return the ball to a fielder when the ball is no longer in play.

If the ball is in play and a batsman handles it with a hand not holding the bat and there is an appeal the umpire must give him out.

If the ball is in play and a batsman picks it up and hands it to the fielding side or pushes it toward the fielding side, common practices, and the fielding side insists on an appeal the umpire has no option but to give the batsman out.

The act of handling the ball must be willful. The hand or hands holding the bat are deemed a part of the bat. The batsman may play the ball with his hand or hands holding the bat without infringing this law.

Notes on law 37 instruct the umpire to ask the captain of the fielding side if he wishes the appeal to stand before answering it.

All runs completed before the action of handling the ball, including any penalty runs, shall stand if the batsman is given out. If given out the batsman will be out obstructing the field.