

## **LAW 9 THE BOWLING, POPPING AND RETURN CREASES**

### **1. The creases**

A bowling crease, a popping crease and two return creases shall be marked in white, as set out in 2, 3 and 4 below; at each end of the pitch. See Appendix B.

### **2. The bowling crease**

The bowling crease, which is the back edge of the crease marking, shall be the line through the centres of the three stumps at that end. It shall be 8ft 8 in/2.64m.in length, with the stumps in the centre.

### **3. The popping crease**

The popping crease, which is the back edge of the crease marking, shall be in front of and parallel to the bowling crease and shall be .4ft/1.22m from it. The popping crease shall be marked to a minimum of 6ft/1.83m on either side of the imaginary line joining the centres of the middle stumps and shall be considered to be unlimited in length.

### **4. The return creases**

The return creases, which are the inside edges of the crease markings, shall be at right angles to the popping crease at a distance of 4ft 4 in/1.32m either side of the imaginary line joining the centres of the two middle stumps. Each return creases shall be marked from the popping crease to a minimum of 8ft/2.44m behind it and shall be considered to be in length.