

## Technical Bulletin

**Subject:** Batter's Box tags/markers SAL TB 2011-7

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*Note: Replaces SAL TB 2009-2a 04/11/2011  
Removed the option of a line extended across the back  
of the batter's box for Australian Championships.  
Changes are in italics*

Following the 2009 ISF Congress this document is provided to assist States, Associations and ground staff in marking the outer corners of the batters boxes with either horse hair (*preferred method see Fig 1.*) or at other than Australian Championship play, a line across the back of the batter's box to better define the area after the lines become worn away. (*see Fig 2.*)

*In 2011 Softball Australia amended the Australian Championship rules to require tag markers to be used in the corners of the batter's boxes.*

Horse hair is a very durable product and will last the longest as opposed to rope.

In all Australian Championships or tournaments, on skinned or loose surfaces there shall be a tag/marker of rope or horse hair staked below the surface to mark the outside corners of the batter's box. *The tag/marker should protrude at least 50mm out of the ground.*

*This is the preferred procedure.*

See Fig 1

Comment:

If the batting box lines become erased or faded over the course of the game or disappear from slide in plays, the markers/tags will assist the umpires in determining the limits of the batter's box so they can then enforce the batter's box rules and manage the game. It also helps out with line marking as the dimensions of the box are permanently marked when using a tag system.

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Fig. 1:  
Australian Championship method

The tags should be securely and permanently staked below the surface of both boxes. This should be done in such a way as to prevent a trip hazard or any other safety issue to players especially from slide-in plays.

*Note: The rope should protrude at least 50mm out of the ground.*

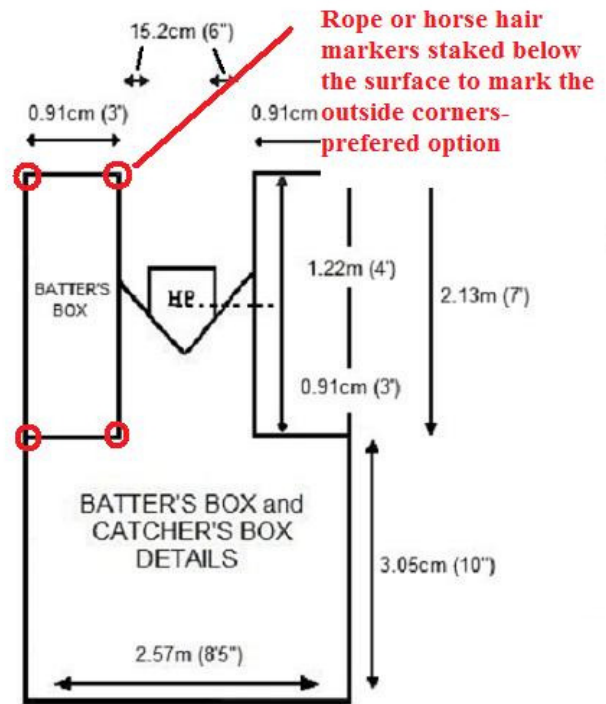
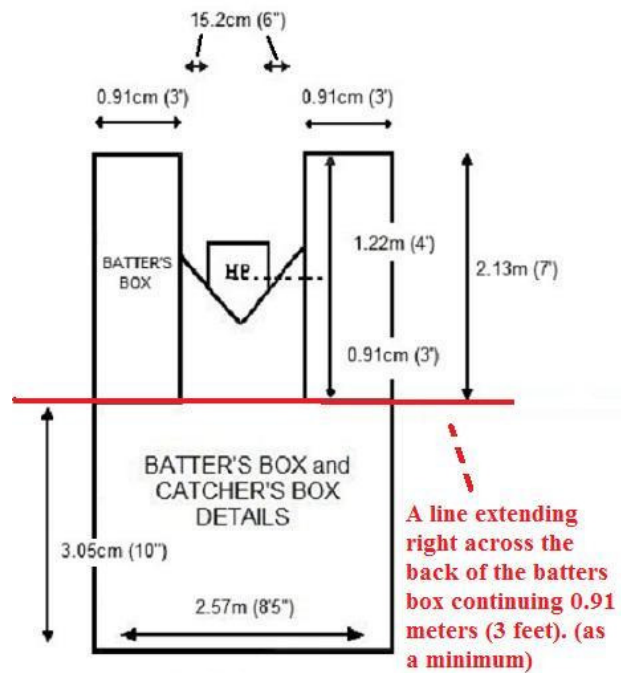


Fig. 2.



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