

Australia fined for slow over-rate against West Indies

The Australian cricket team has been fined for maintaining a slow over-rate during its one-day international against the West Indies in St Kitts Friday.

Match Referee Roshan Mahanama imposed the fine after Michael Clarke's side was ruled to be one over short of its target when time allowances were taken into consideration.

In accordance with the International Cricket Council (ICC) Code of Conduct regulations governing over-rate penalties, players are fined five percent of their match fees for every over their side fails to bowl in the allotted time with the captain fined double that amount.

Australian skipper Clarke - in his first ODI as captain - was fined 10 percent of his match fee.

The offence relates to Section J of the ICC Code of Conduct which relates to slow over-rates. For such offences, the decision of the Match Referee is final and binding.

Australia won the match by one run to take a 4-0 lead in the five-match series. The final game between the two sides is also in St Kitts Sunday.

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