
Law 35

35-A Wicket broken by piece breaking off bat

As the striker plays the ball, a sizeable chunk of his bat breaks off, flies back and dislodges a bail. Is he out?

No. Laws 28.1(a)(ii) (Wicket put down) and Law 35.1 (Out Hit wicket) both use the words 'by the striker's bat' in specifying how the wicket can be put down. Therefore part of his bat does not qualify.

[Law reference: 35.1, 28.1]

35-B Striker setting off for first run after Wide ball has been called

If a fairly delivered ball is called a Wide and therefore there is no opportunity for the batsman to play the ball, can he be out if he puts his wicket down in setting off for a run?

The striker does have the *opportunity* to play at a Wide so the question does not arise. He can always move towards it and prevent it from being wide. Even moving towards it could constitute 'playing at it'. This is what Law 25.2(a) is about. "If the striker by moving". If he chooses not to move towards it, that is his choice.

Balls which he has no opportunity to play are (for example)

The umpire calls Dead ball because the bowler does not release the ball

A fast delivery goes wide and, before it reaches the striker, hits silly mid off on the back of the head. He collapses and the umpire calls Dead ball for 'serious injury'

[Law reference: 35.1(iii), 25.2(a)]
