

## CODE OF CONDUCT AND GUIDELINES FOR PENALTIES

### SECTION 1: OFFENCES

Each of the rules for behaviour has a guideline. The guidelines are intended as an illustrative guide only and in the case of any doubt as to the interpretation of the Rule, the provisions of the Rule itself shall take precedence over the provisions of the guidelines. The guidelines should not be read as an exhaustive list of offences or prohibited conduct.

#### 1. Level 1 Offences

The offences set out at 1.1 to 1.5 below are level 1 offences. The range of penalties which may be imposed for a level 1 offence are set out in Section 2 of this code.

Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

No.	Rule	Guidelines
1.1	Abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings	Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket actions such as hitting or kicking the wickets and actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage to the advertising boards, boundary markers or any part of, or contents of, any building or structure at the ground
1.2	Show dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire's decision or with an umpire making the decision and obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket.</li> <li>• This rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or the captain from commenting on the umpires' performance in their Captains' Report.</li> </ul>
1.3	Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This includes swearing and offensive gestures which are not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or fortune.</li> <li>• The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach.</li> </ul>
1.4	Engage in excessive appealing	Excessive shall mean repeated appealing when the bowler/fielder knows the batsman is not out, with the intention of placing the umpire under pressure. It is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing. However, the practice of

		celebrating or assuming a dismissal before the decision has been given may also come within this rule.
1.5	Point or gesture towards the pavilion, or behave aggressively or derisively towards either batsman, upon the dismissal of a batsman.	Includes charging or running up to the batsman and getting "in his/her face".

## 2. Level 2 Offences

The offences set out at 2.1 to 2.8 below are level 2 offences. The range of penalties which may be imposed for a level 2 offence are set out in Section 2 of this code.

Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

No.	Rule	Guidelines
2.1	Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dissent should be classified as serious where the dissent is expressed by a specific action such as the shaking of the head, snatching cap from the umpire, pointing at pad or bat, other displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the crease.</li> <li>This rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or the captain from commenting on the umpires' performance in their Captains' Report.</li> </ul>
2.2	Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players or officials in the course of play	Without limitation, players will breach this regulation if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder another player, official or match official.
2.3	Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing	Self explanatory
2.4	Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is not intended to replace Law 42 (4) and (5) of the Laws of Cricket.</li> <li>Without limitation, players will breach this rule if they deliberately attempt to distract a striker by words or gestures or deliberately shepherd a batsman while running or attempting to run between wickets.</li> </ul>
2.5	Throw the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner	This rule will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion.
2.6	Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously	This is language or gestures which are directed at another person. See

	insulting nature to another player, official or spectator	comments under rule 1.3 above in relation to the seriousness of the breach.
2.7	Change the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3	Prohibited behaviour includes picking the seam or deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening it up and the application of moisture to the ball other than perspiration and saliva.
2.8	Attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, net run rate, performance points or otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible	Prohibited conduct under this rule will include incidents where a team bats in such a way as to either adversely affect its own, or improve its opponent's performance points or net run rate.

### 3. Level 3 Offences

The offences set out at 3.1 to 3.3 below are level 3 offences. The range of penalties which may be imposed for a level 3 offence are set out in Section 2 of this code.

Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

No.	Rule	Guidelines
3.1	Intimidate an umpire whether by language or conduct	Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner.
3.2	Threaten to assault another player, team official or spectator	Self explanatory
3.3	Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin	Self explanatory

### 4. Level 4 Offences

The offences set out at 4.1 to 4.4 below are level 4 offences. The range of penalties which may be imposed for a level 4 offence are set out in Section 2 of this code.

Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

No.	Rule	Guidelines
4.1	Threaten to assault an umpire or referee	Self explanatory
4.2	Physically assault another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator	Self explanatory
4.3	Engage in any act of violence on the field of play	Self explanatory
4.4	Use language or gestures that seriously offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates,	Self explanatory

	threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin	
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## 5. Laws of Cricket and Spirit of the Game

No.	Rule	Guidelines
5	Players must obey the Laws of Cricket and play within the spirit of the game. The captain and team coach must use their best efforts to ensure that their team and individual members of the team comply with this rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is meant as a general rule to deal with situations where the facts of or the gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by the offences set out in rules 1-4 (inclusive) of the Code.</li> <li>• Conduct which will be prohibited under the clause includes time wasting and any other conduct which is considered "unfair play" under Law 42 of the Laws of Cricket.</li> <li>• This rule is not intended to punish unintentional breaches of the Laws of Cricket.</li> <li>• Reference may be made to any statement or explanation of the Spirit of Cricket published in conjunction with the Laws of Cricket.</li> <li>• Nothing in this Rule or the Code alters the onus on the captain to ensure that the Spirit of the Game is adhered to as stated and defined in the preamble to the Laws of Cricket.</li> </ul>

## 6. Unbecoming Behaviour

No.	Rule	Guidelines
6	Without limiting any other rule, players and officials must not at any time engage in behaviour unbecoming to a Grade cricketer or official that could bring the game of cricket into disrepute or be harmful to the interests of cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is also meant as a general rule to deal with situations where the facts of or the gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by the offences set out in rules 1-4 (inclusive) of the Code.</li> <li>• It is intended to include serious or repeated criminal conduct, public acts of misconduct, unruly public behaviour and cheating during play.</li> </ul>

## SECTION 2: PENALTIES

Level of Offence	Penalty Range
1	Official reprimand and/or a fine up to \$500 and/or a ban of up

	to 1 match.
2	Ban of 1 or 2 matches
3	Ban of 2 to 4 matches
4	Ban of 5 or more matches or a life ban

1. In the event the Tribunal decides that any person is guilty of breaching any of Rules 1-4 (inclusive) of section 1 of this Code of Behaviour, they will normally apply a penalty within the normal range of penalties for each level of offence set out in the table above. However, they may also apply any or all of the penalties set out in Rule 2 of this section where circumstances require a greater penalty than the guideline (such as in the case of a player having been found guilty of previous offences, whether in this or other competitions, or where the offence is particularly serious).
2. Any part of a suspension imposed may be suspended.
3. Without limiting the penalties in Rule 1 of this section, in the event the Tribunal decides that any person has breached any of Rules 5 or 6 of section 1 of this Code of Behaviour, the following penalties may be applied:
  - Ban the person from participating in any match;
  - Fine the person any amount up to \$2,000.00; and/or
  - Reprimand the person
4. Without limiting Rule 1 of this section, when imposing upon a person who has breached this Code of Behaviour, the Tribunal may take into account any circumstance it considers relevant, including the following:
  - The seriousness of the breach;
  - The harm caused by the breach;
  - The person's seniority and standing in the game;
  - Remorse shown by the person and the prospect of further breaches;
  - The person's prior record;
  - The impact of the penalty on the person.

#### 3:7:4 **Hearing of Complaint**

3:7:4:1 In accordance with Rule 2:24:5 the Tribunal shall proceed to hear a complaint lodged pursuant to Rule 3:7:3 within three days of the completion of the match in which the offence is alleged to have occurred.

In special circumstances, the Tribunal can determine the hearing to be at a later date. All attempts will be made by the Tribunal to schedule the hearing before the commencement of the next fixture.

3:7:4:2 The complaint shall be heard in the following manner:

- (i) The complainant or his representative shall present his case in writing or by an address to the Pennant Tribunal and may call witness to support his case.
- (ii) If the Tribunal is of the opinion that the defendant has a case to answer the defendant or his representative shall be invited to present his case in reply in writing or by an address to the Tribunal and may call witnesses to support his case.
- (iii) The parties concerned in an appeal or reference may appear in person or be represented by a person, other than a legal practitioner or law clerk, so authorised in writing and the Council may if it so desires be represented by one of its members.

- (iv) The defendant or his representative shall have the right to be present throughout the hearing of the complaint and the delivery of the decision of the Tribunal.
- (v) A witness called by one party shall be liable to cross-examination by the other party to the complaint.
- (vi) At the conclusion of the hearing the complainant may address the Tribunal and the defendant may address in reply.
- (vii) If an offence under these rules is found by the Tribunal to have been proved, the penalty or order prescribed in the relevant rule shall be imposed and if no penalty or order is prescribed in that rule the Tribunal may impose such penalty or make such order as it thinks fit.
- (viii) The Tribunal may adjourn a hearing if it thinks fit.
- (ix) If the Chairman of the hearing sees fit, parties to the hearing may be represented over the telephone only in circumstances where it is not possible for that representative to attend.

3:7:4:3 A decision of the Tribunal on a complaint shall be signed by the Chairman of the Committee and a copy of the decision shall be forwarded to the Council and to each party to the hearing. The Secretary shall keep a record of the decision of the Tribunal.

3.7.5 Reported player or official may elect to forego hearing.

3.7.5.1 A player or official against whom a charge has been brought may elect to have the charge determined without a hearing by the Tribunal and to accept a penalty.

3.7.5.2 Election Procedure

An election to accept a penalty of suspension shall be lodged in writing with the Cricket Council Chairman not later than 12.00pm on the day after the Cricket Council Chairman has caused the reported person or the club of the reported person to be notified that a charge has been laid against the reported person.

3.7.5.3 Umpires or Cricket Council Chairman may disallow election.

If any or all of the reporting umpires or Cricket Council Chairman considers that the circumstances warrant a hearing of the charge the Cricket Council Chairman shall disallow the election.

3.7.5.4 Hearing of the charge if election disallowed or if election not lodged in time.

If the Cricket Council Chairman disallows the election or if a notice of election is not lodged in time the Tribunal shall hear and determine the charge.