

TAMWORTH AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

CODE OF CONDUCT

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OFFENCES

SANCTIONS

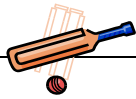
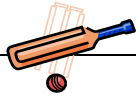


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1.0 Introduction

Cricket is a game that is to be played not only within its Laws, but also within the spirit of the game. Any action seen as abusing this spirit causes injury to the game itself.

Embracing the spirit of the game means participating, either as a player or as an official, fairly and exhibiting respect for other players and officials and conforming to high standards of fair play and personal behaviour on and off the field.

This Code of Conduct is intended to protect and enshrine these important qualities and standards so that we all may continue to enjoy the game of cricket now and in the future.

2.0 Code of Conduct Process

Any player (s), umpires, officials, members in attendance at matches, players in representative matches can be reported by using the **TDCA Incident Report Form (IRF) (Appendix 1)** within 48 hours following the incident.

A person can be reported for bringing the game into disrepute either:

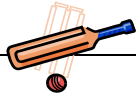
- a) while they are playing the game
- b) at the ground after the game has finished
- c) at a sponsor location whilst in the presence of other TDCA members and officials

It has been agreed by the TDCA and the Umpires that at the conclusion of the days play it is expected that the Umpires and Captains meet to discuss matters and resolve any issues. If it's decided that a person (s) is to be reported that person is to be informed that a report will be submitted to the Chairman of the Judiciary.

2.1 Reporting Steps and Timeframe

Step 1: The Incident Report is to be completed using the **(IRF)** format and given to either President/Secretary of the TDCA within 48 hours following the game.

Step 2: The President/Secretary will refer the Report to the Chairman of the Judiciary for an assessment of the alleged incident within 48 hours.



Step 3: The Chairman will prepare his report (**Appendix 2**) and state his findings as either:

- (A) Dismissal of incident
- (B) Caution
- (C) Details of Charge and Penalty

The Chairman will present his verdict to the President/ Secretary within 24 hours.

Step 4: The President/Secretary will contact the Reported Person by phone about the verdict within 24 hours of having received the report.

Step 5: If the reported person accepts the verdict the Secretary will notify

- 1) The player's Club Secretary/Contact by phone or email
- 2) The President of the Umpires Association about the Outcome and if necessary provide a copy of the Chairman's report to all parties concerned.

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If the Reported Person wishes to appeal the Charge and/or Penalty at a Judiciary Hearing he needs to pay a \$50.00 fee to the TDCA.

The President/Secretary of the TDCA will liaise with the Chairman of the Judiciary to arrange and confirm a suitable time to meet within 48 hours.

The Secretary will advise the Reported Person of the date and time of the Judiciary meeting, make sure the Reported Person has a copy of the Chairman's Report and advise him to prepare any additional evidence/witnesses for the Judiciary hearing.

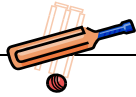
2.2 Judiciary Hearing

2.2a Steps in the Judiciary Hearing Process:

The Secretary will record the hearing in writing

There must be two members of the Judiciary Committee for the hearing to commence: Shane Cullen, Patrick O'Halloran and/or Andrew O'Halloran.

The person who made the report must be present at the meeting and available for questioning.



The hearing can be shortened if the person admits the allegation but the Reported person still has the right to ask the Reporting Person questions about the incident.

Whoever made the report gives evidence first. Person answering the allegation must be given an opportunity to question the reporting person by cross examination.

If the Judiciary decides that there is a case to answer the reported person must be given the opportunity to give evidence and call witnesses. This evidence can be cross examined by the reporting person.

After witnesses have been heard the person answering the report is given an opportunity to add anything further before the Committee considers the evidence.

2.2b Decision:

Penalty is considered by the Committee while everyone else is outside the hearing room. After penalty has been fixed everyone is invited back in. The guilty person is told the penalty and given the reasons for the penalty

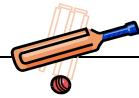
2.2c Steps to Further Appeal:

Chairman to advise person about appeal rights to the Chairman of the Central North Committee and follow their procedures.

3.0 Rules for Behaviour – 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.

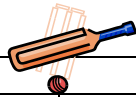
The guidelines should not be read as an exhaustive list of offences or prohibited conduct.



3.1 Level 1 Offences

The Offences set out at 1.1 to 1.6 below are Level 1 Offences. The range of penalties which shall be imposed for a Level 1 Offence is set out in Section 5 of this Code. Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

| No | Rule | Guidelines | Potential Sanction |
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| 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 fences, dressing room doors, mirrors, windows and other fixtures and fittings. | Official reprimand and/or suspended ban of up to 2 playing days. |
| 1.2 | Show dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse | 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. 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 a Team official from making a formal complaint. | Can also include a ban of a suspended sentence up to those recommended for the next level. |
| 1.3 | Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture | 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. This offence is not intended to penalise trivial behaviour. The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach. | |
| 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 dismissals before the decision has been given may also come within this Rule. | |
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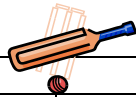


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| 1.5 | Point or gesture towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner upon the dismissal of a batsman | Self explanatory. No 'Send offs' | |
| 1.6 | Breach any regulation regarding approved clothing or equipment | This includes regulations regarding bat logos and regulations regarding other logos or advertising which may be worn or displayed. | |

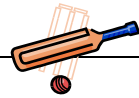
3.2 Level 2 Offences

The Offences set out at 2.1 to 2.9 below are Level 2 Offences. The range of penalties which shall be imposed for a Level 2 Offence is set out in Section 5 of this Code. Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

| No | Rule | Guidelines | Potential Sanction |
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| 2.1 | Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse | 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 umpire, pointing at pad or inside edge, other displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket. 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 a team official from making a formal complaint. | Ban of up to 4 playing days. Can also include a ban of a suspended sentence up to those recommended for the next level. |
| 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 | |



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| 2.4 | Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play | 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. |
| 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 insulting nature to another player, official or spectator. | This is language or gestures which are directed at another person. See 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 ground for the purpose of roughening it up and the application of moisture to the ball, save for perspiration and saliva. |
| 2.8 | Without limiting Rule 8, attempt to manipulate a Match in regard to the result. 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, bonus points, net run rate or quotient |
| 2.9 | Seriously breach any regulation regarding approved clothing or equipment | See guideline for Rule 1.6 above. Without limitation, a breach will be considered serious if it is done in bad faith |



3.3 Level 3 Offences

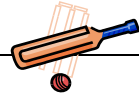
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| 3.1 | Intimidate an umpire or referee whether by language or conduct | Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner | Ban of up to 8 playing days. Can also include a ban of a suspended sentence up to those recommended for the next level. |
| 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. | |

3.4 Level 4 Offences

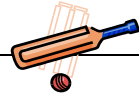
The Offences set out at 4.1 to 4.4 below are Level 4 Offences. The range of penalties which shall be imposed for a Level 4 Offence is set out in Section 5 of this Code. Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

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| 4.1 | Threaten to assault an umpire or referee | Self explanatory. | Ban of greater than 8 playing days up to and including a life ban. Can also include a ban of a suspended sentence up to those recommended for the next level. |
| 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, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin | Self explanatory. | |



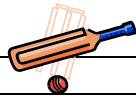
3.5 Level 5 Offences - Laws of Cricket and Spirit of the Game

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| 5 | Players must obey the Laws of Cricket and play within the spirit of the game. The Captain must use their best efforts to ensure that team and individual members of the team complies with this rule | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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).• Conduct which will be prohibited under the clause includes using an illegal bat, time wasting and any conduct which is considered "unfair play" under Law 42 of the Laws of Cricket.• This rule is not intended to punish unintentional breaches of the Laws of Cricket.• Reference may be made to any statement or explanation of the Spirit of Cricket published in conjunction with the Laws of Cricket.• Nothing in this rule of 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. |



- **4.0 TABLE OF OFFENCES AND RECOMMENDED SANCTIONS**

| Offence | Sanction |
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| Failure to attend the tribunal when summoned | 2 playing days |
| Misconduct/behaving in a manner not acceptable including, smoking on the ground during play, time wasting, bat throwing, breaking the formed stumps with a bat or by kicking, audible offensive language | 2-4 playing days |
| Bringing the Game into disrepute/unsportsmanlike behaviour | 2-4 playing days |
| Disputing an Umpires decision | 2-6 playing days |
| Dissent/ dissenting from an Umpires decision | 2-6 playing days |
| Using insolent and insulting remarks towards players, and or spectators | 4-8 playing days |
| Using abusive/offensive language towards players and or spectators | 6-10 playing days |
| Provocative/intimidating behaviour towards players and or spectators | 6-10 playing days |
| Assaulting Players and or spectators (including spitting, elbowing, chesting, shouldering, pushing, provocative gestures) | 6-10 playing days |
| Striking or kicking another player (including striking with a bat, or with a ball or with a stump | 8-50 playing days |
| Fighting (several players involved) | 8-50 playing days |
| Using insolent, abusive, offensive, threatening language towards an Umpire | 8-50 playing days |
| Threatening violent, intimidating , provocative behaviour towards an Umpire | 10-75 playing days |



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| Assaulting an Umpire other than striking or kicking (including spitting elbowing, chesting, shouldering, pushing, provocative gestures) | 10-75 playing days |
| Striking or kicking an Umpire (including striking with a bat, or with a ball or with a stump) | 5 seasons to life. |
| In the case of a Club | |
| A Club may be placed on a good behaviour bond not exceeding | \$220 |
| A Club may have a fine imposed not exceeding | \$220 |

