



American Cricket Premier League

Code of Conduct Document

Information that each ACPL member should go through

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1. Overview

It is one of the primary goal of ACPL to provide a positive and fair environment for all participants of the ACPL. As a player the responsibility rests with you to commit to a fair play. Player's adherence to this code of conduct will promote fair play, discipline and sportsmanship for the best interest of the game of Cricket and to ACPL.

2. ACPL Definitions

In this Code of Conduct the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

Adjudicator / Enforcement Committee

Shall mean the group of personal adjudicating during the hearing to determine an alleged breach of the rules of conduct.

Executive Committee

Group of body (President, Secretary, Treasurer) appointed by the ACPL President.

Appeals Committee

Group of body (President, Secretary, Treasurer) chaired by the ACPL President.

Code of Conduct

All those provisions comprising this Section, namely 'ACPL - Definitions' and the following Sections inclusive and the annexed Guidelines on the Principles of Natural Justice.

Laws of Cricket

The Laws of Cricket (MCC 2000 Code), or such further revision thereof as may come into force from time to time as amended from time to time by MCC Regulations + All ACPL rules and regulations.

Enforcement Official

Any member of the committee of ACPL

Member

Any Member Team of the ACPL as provided for in its By Laws.

Player

Any person included in the roster of a Member Team of ACPL , irrespective whether that person actually plays cricket in such matches or not.

President

The person from time to time holding office as President of ACPL in accordance with ACPL by laws

Rules of Conduct

The rules contained in the Player's and Team Official's Code forming Sections of this Code of Conduct

Season

The period between the first day of a ACPL sanctioned Match to the day of the last ACPL sanctioned Match for a given year.

Team Official

Any person, designated as Representative, Captain or Vice Captain of a Member Team

Umpire

A person appointed by the ACPL to officiate/supervise a match.

Witness

Any person providing evidence on behalf of the person lodging a report or on behalf a person charged of misconduct. Only an Umpire, Player, Team Official or League Official is allowed as witnesses during a hearing.

3. Persons/Matches Covered

This Code of Conduct shall apply to:

- Players.
- Team Officials.

4. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

4.1 Guidelines

- a) Players and/or Team Officials shall at all times conduct play within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws of Cricket and the captains and team officials are responsible at all times for ensuring that this is adhered to.
- b) The burden of being acquainted with the rules of the league rests on the teams themselves, not on the board as a whole or the executive committee
- c) Players and/or Team Officials shall at no time engage in conduct unbecoming to their status, which could bring them or the game of cricket into disrepute.
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- e) Players must at all times accept the Umpires decision.
- f) Players must not show dissent at the Umpires decision.
- g) Batsmen are allowed external/visible protective gear of a helmet, external leg guards (batting pads), batting gloves and, if visible, forearm guards. All other protective gear should be worn under the clothes.
- h) Keepers are allowed wicket-keeping pads, gloves, and helmets, and other fieldsmen are allowed only helmets as visible protective gear. All other items should be under the clothes.
- i) Only umpires and/or team coach/manager may escalate an issue or dispute to the ACPL Enforcement committee through proper procedure laid out in this document.

4.2 Offence Levels

4.2.1 Level 1

The Offences set out at 4.2.1.1 to 4.2.1.7 below are Level 1 Offences.

4.2.1.1 Breach of 3.1 Guidelines.

4.2.1.2 Abuse of ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.

4.2.1.3 Showing dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.

4.2.1.4 Using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture.

4.2.1.5 Excessive appealing.

4.2.1.6 Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner by a bowler or other member of the fielding side upon the dismissal of a batsman.

4.2.1.7 Consumption of Alcohol during the game.

4.2.2 Level 2

The Offences set out 4.2.2.1 to 4.2.2.9 below are Level 2 Offences.

4.2.2.1 Breach of C1 or C2.

4.2.2.2 Repeat of any Level 1 Offence within 6 months of such offence.

4.2.2.3 Showing **serious** dissent at an Umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.

4.2.2.4 Making inappropriate comments on a player, umpire, team official or league official.

4.2.2.5 Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between Players or with an Umpire in the course of play.

4.2.2.6 Charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.

4.2.2.7 Throwing the ball at or near a Player, Umpire or (Team/League) Official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.

4.2.2.8 Using language that is obscene, offensive or of a generally insulting nature to another Player, umpire, Team Official or spectator.

(It is acknowledged that there will be verbal exchanges between Players in the course of play. Rather than seeking to eliminate these exchanges entirely, umpires may look to lay charges when this falls below an acceptable standard. In this instance, language will be interpreted to include gestures).

4.2.2.9 Any attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, scores, net run rate or otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.

4.2.3 Level 3

The Offences set out at 4.2.3.1 to 4.2.3.4 below are Level 3 Offences.

- 4.2.3.1 Repeat of any Level 2 Offence within 6 months of such offence.
- 4.2.3.2 Intimidation of an umpire or League Official whether by language or conduct.
- 4.2.3.3 Threat of assault on another Player, Team Official or Spectator.
- 4.2.3.4 Using any language or gesture that 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.

4.2.4 Level 4

The Offences set out at 4.2.4.1 to 4.2.4.4 below are Level 4 Offences.

- 4.2.4.1 Repeat for any Level 3 Offence within 12 months of such offence.
- 4.2.4.2 Threat of assault on an umpire or League Official.
- 4.2.4.3 Physical assault of another Player, Team Official or Spectator.
- 4.2.4.4 Any act of violence on the field of play.

4.2.5 Level 5

The Offences set out at 4.2.5.1 to 4.2.5.2 below are Level 5 Offences.

- 4.2.5.1 Repeat for any Level 4 Offence within 12 months of such offence.
- 4.2.5.2 Physical Assault on Umpire or League Official.

4.3 Penalties

4.3.1 Level 1 Offence

- Fine of \$25.

4.3.2 Level 2 Offence

- Fine of \$25.
- One (1) game Ban.

4.3.3 Level 3 Offence

- Fine of \$50.
- two (2) game Ban.

4.3.4 Level 4 Offence

- Fine of \$100.
- Three (3) to Five (5) game Ban.

4.3.5 Level 5 Offence

- Fine of \$300.
- Five (5) to Ten (10) game Ban.

5. ADJUDICATOR (Enforcement Committee)

5.1 Guidelines

- The adjudicator must not make any detrimental written or spoken comment about any charges reported to Committee.
- The adjudicator shall, at all times, liaise with the umpires on any matter the adjudicator considers appropriate provided that the adjudicator shall not interfere with the role of the umpires under the Laws of Cricket.
- The adjudicator shall:
 - Ensure the Code of Conduct, together with the Rules of Conduct therein, is upheld;
 - Investigate and adjudicate upon alleged breaches of the Rules of Conduct notified to him;
 - Ensure the appropriate sanction is applied to any person found to be in breach of the

- Rules of Conduct;
- In respect of investigating and imposing sanctions for breaches of the Rules of Conduct, the jurisdiction of the Adjudicator is limited to:
 1. any alleged breach of the Rules of Conduct occurring on the field of play during a Match;
 2. any alleged breach of the Rules of Conduct occurring off the field of play, within the precincts of the ground, on any day of Match;
 3. any alleged breach of **Rule C 2.4** of the Rules of Conduct wheresoever alleged to have been committed provided that the alleged breach occurred during the Season.
 - In the event of a Player or Team Official being alleged to have breached the Rules of Conduct during a Season in circumstances where there is no League Official or an umpire to witness the occurrence, then in that case the matter can be reported to ACPL by any Team Official. The ACPL executive committee at its own discretion can empower the adjudicator to determine the facts, take appropriate action and impose sanctions by following the procedures set forth in this Code of Conduct.

5.2 Notes

5.2.1 In deciding penalty, the adjudicator is entitled to and should take into account the prior record of the person charged.

5.2.2 The adjudicator is to specify the number of matches in respect of which the Player is banned.

5.2.3 Where there are separate incidents in the course of the match, the umpire should lay separate charges (This also includes multiple occurrence of an offence). If the adjudicator finds the person charged to be guilty of more than one offence, he should impose separate penalties in respect of each offence. Penalties in such cases are cumulative and not concurrent.

5.2.4 Plea-bargaining is not permitted. In no condition shall the adjudicator find a Player guilty of an offence/Level higher than that of what the Player has been charged of. The adjudicator does have the right to lower the Offence/Level if deemed appropriate.

5.2.5 Nothing in this Code of Conduct 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.

5.2.6 The Player or Official reported shall be entitled to appeal against a finding and/or a penalty imposed to the President of ACPL. The President will appoint an Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee will then determine the appropriate penalty (if any) on an appeal. Irrespective of above note, the committee has the authority to increase or decrease the original Penalty imposed by the adjudicator.