



CODE OF CONDUCT

- A. a) Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that the play is conducted within the Spirit of the game and within the Laws.
- b) Players and Team Officials shall not at any time engage in conduct which brings the game into disrepute.
- c) Players and Team Officials shall at all times accept the Umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at Umpire's decision.
- d) Players and Team Officials shall not intimidate assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an Umpire, another player, official or a spectator.
- e) Players and Team Officials shall not use crude or abusive language (sledging) nor make any offensive gestures including racial remarks.
- f) Players and Team Officials shall not in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.
- g) **Players and Team Officials shall not make any public pronouncement or media comment which is detrimental to the match which is taking place.**
- h) The Umpires shall report the following Code of conduct offences and or unfair actions not covered elsewhere in Playing Conditions to the Match Referee on Report form1.
- i) Any attempt to manipulate a Match for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons
- ii) Showing dissent at the Umpire's decision, Excessive appealing during a Match, Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings, Use of an audible obscenity, Disobeying an Umpire's instruction, using language, actions or gestures which disparage or which could provoke an aggressive reaction from a batter upon his/her dismissal, Using a gesture that is obscene, offensive or insulting, Throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment such as a water bottle) at or near a Player, Team Official, Umpire, Match Referee or any other third person in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner during a Match.
- iii) Manhandling an Umpire, the bowler, batsman, or the spectator.
- iv) Conduct which constitutes 'unfair play'
- (Deliberate attempt to distract striker, Deliberate distraction, deception or to distract or obstruction of batter., Bowling of dangerous and unfair short pitched delivery, Bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching delivery, Bowling of deliberate non-pitching delivery, Bowling of deliberate front foot No ball, Time wasting by

any player/team, Fielder causing deliberate or avoidable damage to the pitch.

Bowler running on protected area, Batter causing deliberate or avoidable damage to the pitch.

Striker in the protected area, Batter stealing a run.

V) Minimum Over Rate Offences:

20 overs to be bowled in 90 mins. (Including strategic time out)

In field Penalty: Fielding side shall be in position to bowl the last over of the innings by the scheduled / re-scheduled cessation time (after calculating all the allowances) for that innings. In case of failure, no more than 3 fielders shall be permitted outside the 30 yards circle.

B. PROCEDURE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE CODE

a) Eligibility to lodge a Report

An alleged breach of the Code or other offence can be reported by:

- i) The Match referees
- ii) The Umpires
- iii) The Team managers/district secretaries

b) Lodging of Reports

On field offences can be only reported within one hour of close of play.

Off field offences can be reported within 24 hours of the close of play.

Minimum over rate offences can only be reported by umpires.

The Match referee has always got the right to investigate any incident, whether or not, it is reported to him and report the incident to the CEO of PCA.

c) Hearing and Decision by Match referee

i) After receiving the report, the Match referee must arrange hearing for the defaulting player/team official as soon as possible and practicable and a decision on reporting form must be taken not later than 24 hours after the incident. However if reported person accepted the charge then the proposed sanctions hearing is not required.

ii) The hearing should be attended by the reported person, his Captain/Vice-captain and Team manager and the initiator of the report. The Referee must hear details of the alleged breach of the Code and decide on the action keeping in mind the principles of natural justice. The Referee must inform the player or his team manager about the result of hearing and action taken.

d) Imposition of Penalties

The Match referee may impose any penalty by way of reprimand/official warning or ban from playing match(es), considering the seriousness of the offence.

i) For Players:

At first instance of offence (Level 1)

If, after hearing, the player is found guilty, he shall be penalized with an official reprimand/warning.

At second instance of offence (level 2)

If the same player is again reported and found guilty for any offence, He shall be fined with 50 percent of the match fee.

At third instance of offence (Level 3)

If the same player is again reported and found guilty for any offence, he should be banned from playing the next one match of the tournament.

At fourth instance of offence (level 4)

If the same player is again reported and found guilty for any offence, he should be banned from playing the next two matches in the same tournament or first two matches in the next tournament.

ii) For Team officials:

If any team official is found guilty of breach of the Code, then he shall be penalized with an official reprimand/warning or ban from being associated with the team as Team official, considering the seriousness of the offence.

At first instance of offence (Level 1)

If, after hearing, the team official is found guilty, he shall be penalized with an official reprimand/warning. On receiving report from the Match referee, PCA shall intimate the Secretary of the District Cricket Association / convicted official to inform the erring official to take note of the official warning to him.

At second instance of offence (Level 2)

If the same team official is again reported and found guilty for any offence, he should not be allowed to associate with that team for next one match on receiving report from the Match referee, PCA shall intimate the Secretary of the District Cricket association / convicted official to disassociate the erring official from the team management for the said period.

At third instance of offence (Level 3)

If the same team official is again reported and found guilty for any offence, he should not be allowed to associate with that team for next two matches of the tournament. On receiving report from the Match referee, PCA shall intimate convicted official / the Secretary of the District Cricket Association to disassociate the erring official from the team management for the said period.

At fourth instance of offence (Level 4)

If the same team official is again reported and found guilty for any offence, he should not be allowed to associate with that team for next three matches of the tournament. On receiving report from the Match referee, PCA shall intimate the convicted official / the Secretary of the District Cricket Association to disassociate the erring official from the team management for the said period.

Note:

i) If the Match Referee finds that at any instance the offence made by a player/team official is of serious nature, then any one the four steps/level given above in the 'Imposition of Penalties'

can be bypassed and a higher level of penalty must be imposed.

ii) The Penalties imposed by the Match referees on Players/Team officials shall be conveyed in writing (telephonically in emergent cases) by the PCA office to the all the Match referees and team managers for compliance in the next match/tournament

Appeals;

Level 1 and level 2 offences are not appealable, whereas level 3 and level 4 offences can be appealed to CEO PCA within 24 hours of the receipt to the decision form.