



I.C.A. CODE OF CONDUCT - 2008

A. DEFINITIONS

In this Code of Conduct the following words and expressions shall have the following meaning.

Player - Any person registered as a player of any club, whether that person actually played in the match in question or not.

Team Official- Any person, not being a player, known to be affiliated, or supportive at a club.

"Course of the game"- from the moment both teams, or part of both teams, have arrived at the ground until 1/2 hour after the game has ended.

B. PERSONS / MATCHES COVERED BY CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Players.
2. Team Officials.
3. All matches approved, sponsored or partly sponsored by I.C.A.

C. RULES OF CONDUCT- OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

1. Players and team officials shall conduct play within the Spirit of the game, As well as within the Laws of the cricket, and the captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that this happens.
2. Players and team officials shall not act in any way that could bring the game into disrepute.
3. Players and team officials shall in no way be concerned in the use or distribution.
4. Offences are categorized according to their seriousness and penalties imposed accordingly.

LEVEL 1

The offences set out below are Level 1 offences.

Penalty: Official reprimand / Deduction of 1 – 2 points.

- 1.1 Abuse of equipment etc.
- 1.2 Dissent at umpire's decision.
- 1.3 Obscene language or gestures.
- 1.4 Excessive appealing.
- 1.5 Pointing towards pavilion on dismissal of batsman.
- 1.6 Inappropriate public criticism of match official.

LEVEL 2

The offences set out below are level 2 offences.

Penalty: 1-2 match ban / Deduction of 1-2 points.

- 2.1 Serious dissent at umpire's decision.
- 2.2 Serious inappropriate public criticism of match official.
- 2.3 Deliberate physical contact between players.
- 2.4 Aggressive advance towards umpire on appeal.
- 2.5 Deliberate distraction or obstruction.
- 2.6 Throwing ball at players or official in a dangerous manner.
- 2.7 Seriously obscene language.

LEVEL 3

The offences set out below are level 3 offences.

Penalty: 4-8 match ban / Deduction of 4-8 points.

- 3.1 Intimidation of umpire by language or conduct.
- 3.2 Threat of assault on player, team official or spectator.
- 3.3 Using racially insulting language.

LEVEL 4

The offences set out below are level 4 offences

Penalty: 10 match to life ban / Deduction of 10 points or automatic relegation.

- 4.1 Threat of assault on umpire.
- 4.2 Physical assault on player, umpire, team official or spectator.
- 4.3 Violent conduct on field of play.
- 4.4 Using language or gestures that seriously offend another person on the basis of race, religion, colour etc.

NOTES

1. The Disciplinary Committee (D.C.) shall take into account the prior record of the person charged. A repeat of any offence within 12 months will be regarded as an offence at the next level above that particular offence.
2. The D.C. may order compensation to be paid as part of the penalty for damaged property.
3. A ban imposed by the D.C. shall apply, as far as possible, to the next match(es) in which the player is scheduled to play.
4. Separate incidents in the same match shall be dealt with separately, and any penalties shall run cumulatively, not concurrently.
5. A person reported will be allowed to appeal against a finding or a penalty.
6. The I.C.A. Chief Executive will be allowed to appeal against a finding or a penalty.
7. Costs of an appeal deemed frivolous by the D.C. shall be paid by the appellant.
8. If the captain fails to act immediately to control an offending player, or to quell disruptive behaviour, or to prevent further unacceptable incidents during the course of a game, then the D.C. may decide to deduct points, or even relegate a team, according to the level of offence committed.
9. Team officials are not to enter the field of play, except in the case of injury to players, during the hours of play or drinks intervals.

D. REPORTING/NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

1. An alleged breach of Rules of Conduct may be reported by:
 - a. the umpire
 - b. the team manager
 - c. the ICA Chief Executive
2. Official Report Forms should be provided for umpires and all Club Secretaries.
3. A report must be lodged to the ICA Manager within 48 hours. The Manager shall then give notification of his receipt of the report to all relevant parties.
4. The Manager shall keep written records of all reports lodged/

E. THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

1. The D.C. shall hold a hearing as soon as practicable
2. The ICA Manager shall provide all parties with all relevant information.
3. Persons entitled to attend the hearing:
 - a. The person charged.
 - b. The person who has lodged the report.
 - c. Any two of the following – Captain, Vice-Captain, Team Manager

F. THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE'S DECISION

1. The D.C. shall provide a written statement of its decision to all parties, including the ICA Chief Executive, within 48 hours.
2. The person charged, or the ICA Chief Executive, shall have the right to appeal.
3. Pending the resolution of an appeal, a charged player will be allowed to play.
4. The decision of an Appeals Commission is binding.

G. INTERNAL ADJUDICATION

If a club, whose player or team official has been reported for an alleged incident, can show that, within 72 hours of the alleged incident, it had dealt with the issue by holding an internal D.C. hearing, had adjudicated and had imposed a penalty consistent with guide-lines set by the ICA, then the ICA Chief Executive shall decide whether to accept the outcome of the club's D.C., or whether to proceed with the normal ICA disciplinary process.