



## **CRICKET SCOTLAND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS**

### **SCOPE AND APPLICATION**

All Players and Team Officials are bound by and required to comply with all the provisions of this Code of Conduct. By their participation (in the case of a player) or assistance in a player's participation (in the case of a team official) in any cricket match taking place under the auspices of Cricket Scotland, such Players and Team Officials shall be deemed to have agreed that it is their personal responsibility to;

- (1) familiarise themselves with the terms and conditions of this Code of Conduct (including what conduct constitutes an offence)
- (2) familiarise themselves with the terms and conditions of Cricket Scotland's Code Of Disciplinary Procedure and to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of any Discipline Panel Committee or Appeal Panel Committee established in terms of said Code Of Disciplinary Procedure to hear and determine any charges brought and any subsequent appeals pursuant to this Code Of Conduct, and
- (3) not to bring any proceedings in any other court or forum inconsistent therewith.

Player means any cricketer selected for or playing in any cricket match taking place under the auspices of Cricket Scotland. Team Official means any team manager, team coach, team selector, Club committee member or official or any other person having an involvement in a Player's participation or a team's participation in any such cricket match.

### **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

The disciplinary procedure to be followed in the event of any alleged offence in terms of this Code of Conduct shall be as set out in and established by the Cricket Scotland Code of Disciplinary Procedure.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

The conduct described in the following paragraphs headed Level 1 Offences, Level 2 Offences, Level 3 Offences and Level 4 Offences, and as set out in the Table, if committed by a Player or Team Official, shall amount to an offence by such Player or Team Official under this Code Of Conduct, and shall result in the imposition on such Player or Team Official of a penalty within the range of appropriate penalties applicable to the offence, all as detailed in said following paragraphs.

### **Level 1 Offences**

The offences set out below are Level 1 offences. Details of offences in this category are set out in the table appended. *The penalty for a Level 1 offence shall be an official reprimand.*

- Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings
- Showing dissent at an umpire's decision.
- Using language or a gesture that is obscene, offensive or insulting.
- Excessive appealing.
- Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion by a bowler or other member of the fielding side upon the dismissal of a batsman.
- Public criticism of, or inappropriate comment on, a match related incident or any player, match official or team, irrespective of when such criticism or inappropriate comment is made.
- Where the facts of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, conduct that either (a) is contrary to the spirit of the game, or (b) brings the game into disrepute.
- Note that commission of any Level 1 offence within 12 months (see Notes) of any previous offence may, at the discretion of the panel, be regarded, for the purposes of penalty only, as a Level 2 offence.

### **Level 2 Offences**

The offences set out below are Level 2 offences. Details of offences in this category are set out in the table appended. *The penalty for a Level 2 offence shall be a ban of not more than 5 weeks.*

- Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision.
- Serious public criticism of, or inappropriate comment on, a match related incident or any player, match official or team, irrespective of when such criticism or inappropriate comment is made.
- Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between players in the course of play.

- Charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
- Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play
- Throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment such as a water bottle) at or near a player, umpire, official or spectator in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.
- Using language or gesture(s) that is seriously obscene, seriously offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, umpire, referee, 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 will be required to lay charges when this falls below an acceptable standard).
- Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3 of the Laws of Cricket.
- Any attempt to manipulate a match for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points or otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.
- Where the facts of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, conduct that either (a) is contrary to the spirit of the game, or (b) brings the game into disrepute.
- Note that commission of any Level 2 offence within 12 months (see Notes) of any previous offence may, at the discretion of the panel, be regarded, for the purposes of penalty only, as a Level 3 offence.

### **Level 3 Offences**

The offences set out below are Level 3 offences. Details of offences in this category are set out in the table appended. *The penalty for a Level 3 offence shall be a ban of not less than 5 weeks and not more than 12 months.*

- Intimidation of an umpire whether by language or conduct (including gestures).
- Threat of assault on another player, team official, match official or spectator.
- Engaging in any conduct (whether through the use of language, gestures or otherwise) which is likely to offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify any reasonable person in the position of a player, team official, umpire, match official, or any other person including a spectator on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.
- Where the facts of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, conduct that either (a) is contrary to the spirit of the game, or (b) brings the game into disrepute.

- Note that commission of any Level 3 offence within 12 months (see Notes) of any previous offence may, at the discretion of the panel, be regarded, for the purposes of penalty only, as a Level 4 offence.

#### **Level 4 Offences**

The offences set out below are Level 4 offences. Details of offences in this category are set out in the table appended. *The penalty for a Level 4 offence shall be a ban of not less than 10 weeks up to a maximum of a life ban.*

- Threat of assault on an umpire.
- Physical assault of another player, team official, umpire, match official or spectator.
- Any act of violence on the field of play.
- Engaging in any conduct (whether through the use of language, gestures or otherwise) which is likely to seriously offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify any reasonable person in the position of a player, team official, umpire, match official, or any other person including a spectator on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.
- Where the facts of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, conduct that either (a) is contrary to the spirit of the game, or (b) brings the game into disrepute.

**TABLE**

1	LEVEL 1 OFFENCES	DESCRIPTION
1	Abuse of 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.
2	Showing dissent at an umpire's decision	Includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire's decision</li> <li>• shaking the head or snatching cap from umpire</li> <li>• obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket</li> <li>• pointing or looking at edge of bat or at pad or rubbing arm or shoulder</li> <li>• arguing or entering into discussion with umpire</li> </ul>
3	Using language or a gesture that is obscene, offensive or insulting	This includes excessively audible or repetitious swearing and obscene 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.
4	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 a dismissal before the decision has been given may also constitute excessive appealing.
5	Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion by a bowler or other member of the fielding side upon the dismissal of a batsman.	Self explanatory.

6	Public criticism of, or inappropriate comment on, a match related incident or any player, match official or team, irrespective of when such criticism or inappropriate comment is made	Without limitation, players and team officials will breach this rule if they publicly criticise the match officials or denigrate a player or team against which they have played in relation to incidents which occurred in a match. When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the context within which the comments have been made and the gravity of the offending comments must be taken into account.
7	Conduct that is either (a) contrary to the Spirit of the Game or (b) brings the Game into Disrepute.	This is a general catch all clause to cover all types of conduct of a minor nature that is not adequately covered by the specific offences set out in this Code of Conduct. Conduct which is prohibited under (a) includes using an illegal bat or illegal wicket keeping gloves, time wasting, cheating during play (includes deliberate attempts to mislead the umpire and any conduct which is considered “unfair play” under Law 42). Conduct prohibited under (b) includes criminal conduct, public acts of misconduct, unruly public behaviour and inappropriate comments which are denigrating or detrimental to the interests of the game.
Note		Commission of any Level 1 offence within 12 months (see Notes) of any previous offence may, at the discretion of the panel, be regarded, for the purposes of penalty only, as a Level 2 offence.
<b>2</b>	<b>LEVEL 2 OFFENCES</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
1	Showing serious dissent at an umpire’s decision.	Dissent should be classified as serious where the conduct contains an element of anger or abuse directed at the umpire or the umpire’s decision or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket.
2	Serious public criticism of, or inappropriate comment on, a match related incident or any player, match official or team, irrespective of when such criticism or inappropriate comment is made.	Without limitation, players and team officials will breach this rule if they publicly criticise the match officials or denigrate a player or team against which they have played in relation to incidents which occurred in a match. When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the context within which the comments have been made and the gravity of the offending comments must be taken into account.
3	Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between players in the course of play.	Without limitation, players will breach this regulation if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder another player.

4	Charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.	Self explanatory
5	Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play.	Self explanatory
6	Throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment such as a water bottle) at or near a player, umpire, official or spectator in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.	This regulation will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion.
7	Using language or gesture(s) that is seriously obscene, seriously offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, umpire, referee, 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 will be required to lay charges when this falls below an acceptable standard).	<p>This is any language or gesture which is directed at another person or persons. In exercising his judgement as to whether the behaviour has fallen below an acceptable standard, the individual seeking to lay a charge shall be required to take into account the context of the particular situation and whether the words or gesture are likely to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be regarded as seriously obscene; or</li> <li>• give serious offence; or</li> <li>• seriously insult another person.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p>
8	Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3	Any action taken with the purpose of damaging the condition of the ball or accelerating the deterioration of the condition of the ball, including deliberately throwing the ball into ground for the purpose of roughening it up, the application of any artificial substance to the ball, applying any non artificial substance to the ball for any purpose other than to polish it, lifting or otherwise interfering with any of the seams of the ball and scratching the surface of the ball with finger or thumb nails or any implement shall not be permitted.
9	Any attempt to manipulate a match for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points or otherwise.	Self explanatory. N.B. The Captain shall be held responsible.

10	Conduct that is either (a) contrary to the Spirit of the Game or (b) brings the Game into Disrepute.	This is a general catch all clause to cover all types of conduct of a serious nature that is not adequately covered by the specific offences set out in this Code of Conduct. Conduct which is prohibited under (a) includes using an illegal bat or illegal wicket keeping gloves, time wasting, cheating during play (includes deliberate attempts to mislead the umpire and any conduct which is considered “unfair play” under Law 42). Conduct prohibited under (b) includes criminal conduct, public acts of misconduct, unruly public behaviour and inappropriate comments which are denigrating or detrimental to the interests of the game.
Note		Commission of any Level 2 offence within 12 months (see Notes) of any previous offence may, at the discretion of the panel, be regarded, for the purposes of penalty only, as a Level 3 offence.
	<b>LEVEL 3 OFFENCES</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
1	Intimidation of an umpire whether by language or conduct (including gestures).	Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner
2	Threat of assault on another player, team official, match official or spectator.	Self explanatory
3	Engaging in any conduct (whether through the use of language, gestures or otherwise) which is likely to offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify any reasonable person in the position of a player, team official, umpire, match official, or any other person including a spectator on the basis of that person’s race, religion, gender, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin	In assessing the seriousness of a breach the degree to which the behaviour was likely to give offence (to the ordinary person) and whether it was directed specifically towards any person or persons shall be taken into account.
4	Conduct that is either (a) contrary to the Spirit of the Game or (b) brings the Game into Disrepute.	This is a general catch all clause to cover all types of conduct of a very serious nature that is not adequately covered by the specific offences set out in this Code of Conduct. Conduct which is prohibited under (a) includes using an illegal bat or illegal wicket keeping gloves, time wasting, cheating during play (includes deliberate attempts to mislead the umpire and any conduct which is considered “unfair play” under Law 42). Conduct prohibited under (b) includes criminal conduct, public acts of misconduct, unruly public behaviour and inappropriate comments which are denigrating or detrimental to the interests of the game.



Note		Commission of any Level 3 offence within 12 months (see Notes) of any previous offence may, at the discretion of the panel, be regarded, for the purposes of penalty only, as a Level 4 offence.
	<b>LEVEL 4 OFFENCES</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
1	Threat of assault on an umpire	
2	Physical assault on another player, team official, umpire, match official or spectator.	
3	Any act of violence on the field of play.	
4	Engaging in any conduct (whether through the use of language, gestures or otherwise) which is likely to seriously offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify any reasonable person in the position of a player, team official, umpire, match official, or any other person including a spectator on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin	See comments under 3.3 above in relation to the seriousness of the breach.
45	Conduct that is either (a) contrary to the Spirit of the Game or (b) brings the Game into Disrepute	This is a general catch all clause to cover all types of conduct of an overwhelmingly serious nature that is not adequately covered by the specific offences set out in this Code of Conduct. Conduct which is prohibited under (a) includes using an illegal bat or illegal wicket keeping gloves, time wasting, cheating during play (includes deliberate attempts to mislead the umpire and any conduct which is considered "unfair play" under Law 42). Conduct prohibited under (b) includes criminal conduct, public acts of misconduct, unruly public behaviour and inappropriate comments which are denigrating or detrimental to the interests of the game.