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Cricket Scotland Match Officials Association

Law's 41 & 44

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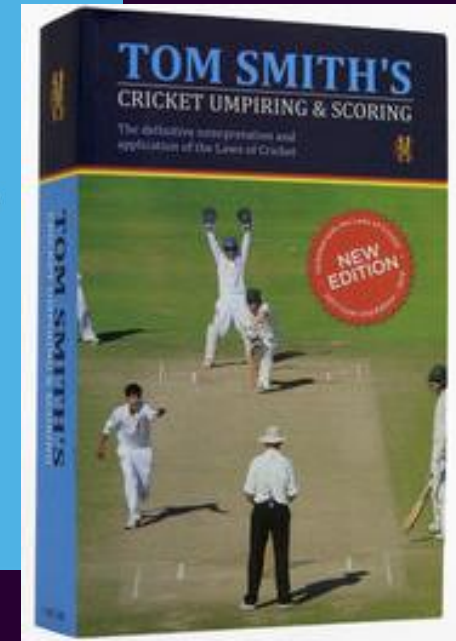


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Changes to MCC Laws 2017

- The world of Umpiring changed in 2019 (2nd edition)
- Most significant changes to the Laws of Cricket
- New “Blue book”
- Reordering of The MCC Laws
- Introduction of Laws 41 & 42 & Process
- Law 41 – Unfair Play
- Law 42 – Player’s Conduct
- Introduction of on-field sanctions
- Resulting in award of penalty runs





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What Does this mean?

- This was a massive change to the way the game is officiated
- It was introduced to improve player discipline
- WDCU – Only applicable to games with neutral umpires
- However, all games are officiated under the MCC laws
- Unique to our sport the laws also includes 'Spirit of Cricket'
- We would encourage everyone to read the Spirit of Cricket and Law 42 & understand responsibilities to the sport, either captaining, playing or officiating as player umpire



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Law 41 – Unfair Play - Clauses

- 41.1 Fair & unfair play – responsibility of captains
- 41.2 Unfair action – catch all
- 41.4 Deliberate attempt to distract striker
- 41.5 Deliberate distraction, deception or obstruction of batter
- 41.6 Bowling of dangerous & unfair short pitched deliveries
- 41.7 Bowling of dangerous & unfair non-pitching deliveries
- 41.8 Bowling of deliberate front-foot no ball
- 41.9 Time wasting by fielding side
- 41.10 Batter wasting time
- 41.11 The protected area
- 41.12 Fielder damaging the pitch
- 41.13 Bowler running on the protected area
- 41.14 Batter damaging the pitch
- 41.15 Striker in the protected area
- 41.16 Non striker leaving their ground too early
- 41.17 Batter stealing a run
- 41.18 Penalty runs



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Law 42 – Player’s Conduct

- Level 1 – Warning – Repeat Offence, penalty runs
 - Level 2 – Penalty Runs
 - Level 3 – Suspension from field of play
 - Level 4 – Removal from field of play
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- Process – Umpire very much centre stage
 - It’s the Laws, under player conditions CSMOA umpires are asked to umpire to the MCC Laws.
 - Payer/umpires should also be aware of the laws, and umpire the game in accordance with Spirit of Cricket



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Law 42 – Offences

- Level 1

- Willfully mistreating any part of the cricket ground equipment or implements used in the match
- Showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action
- Using language that, in the circumstances, is obscene, offensive or insulting
- Making an obscene gesture
- Appealing excessively
- Advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
- Any other misconduct, the nature of which is, in the opinion of the umpires, equivalent to a level 1 offence

- Level 2

- Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action
- Making inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with another player
- Throwing the ball at a player, umpire or another person in an inappropriate and dangerous manner
- Using language or gesture to another player, umpire, team official or spectator that, in the circumstances, is obscene, and of a seriously insulting nature.
- Any other misconduct, the nature of which is, in the opinion of the umpires, equivalent to a level 2 offence



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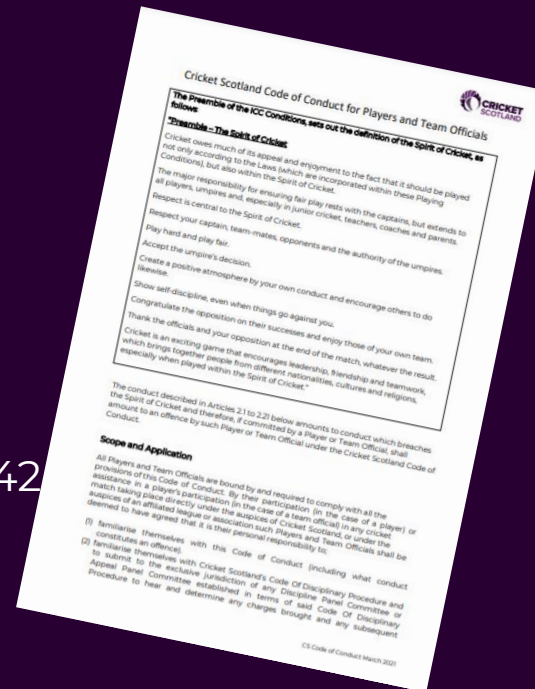
Law 42 – Offences

- Level 3
 - Intimidating an umpire by language or gesture
 - Threatening to assault a player or any other person except an umpire

• Cricket Scotland Code of Conduct

- Introduced in 2021
- Does slightly vary from Law 42
- Off Field Sanction
- Demerit Points

- Level 4
 - Threatening to assault an umpire
 - Making inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with an umpire
 - Physically assaulting a player or another person
 - Committing any other act of violence





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What Does this all mean to me?

- The way we behave during a match has changed
- Words or actions that were deemed part of the game, can now be a discipline offence
- Just in the way a No-Ball is accepted, the offences contained in law 42/CoC need to be accepted.
- A big education process
- Like all sports, some umpires will be more officious than others
- Be prepared for the worst scenario, accept the best.
- CSMOA have committed to train/develop umpires to offer a consistent approach



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Law 21.5 – No Ball





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Law 42.2.1 – Using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting





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“This is now an integral part of the laws, we need to understand, and help each other to make our game a better place for all”