



# CRICKET ONTARIO

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## DISCIPLINARY POLICY

### Players and Team Officials

Cricket Ontario is committed to maintaining the standard of discipline for its programs and it is governed by the Cricket Ontario policies and procedures, code of conduct. The executive board will take necessary steps to address any incidents of misconduct as needed.

All Players and Team Officials are required to comply with all of the provisions of the Cricket Council of Ontario (CCO) Code of Conduct. Accordingly, by their participation or assistance in a Player's participation or other involvement (Team Official) in a match organized by CCO and/or member leagues and clubs, such Players or Team Officials shall be deemed to have agreed to the Code of Conduct of CCO and ICC if incident is not mention in the CCO Code of conduct.

It is the players and team official's personal responsibility to familiarize themselves with all of the requirements of the Code of Conduct of CCO and ICC. The Code of Conduct is not intended to limit the responsibilities of any Player or Team Official.

As a general rule, the Captain of the side is responsible for the behavior and conduct of the players in the team. Apart from the charged player(s), the Captain and/or team may also be depending on the degree of the offence / infraction being adjudicated.

The Code of Conduct will be strictly adhered and on occurrence of any such Code of Conduct infractions and reported by Umpire/member leagues/clubs officials, CCO disciplinary committee will call for hearing.

### **Committee jurisdiction:**

In case of any disputes and contradictions, the disciplinary committee will adjudicate as to the correct interpretation and application of the Code of Conduct.

**Suspensions:** All suspensions will be effective immediately,

- CCO sanctioned tournament
  - Suspension will be effective as of the next scheduled tournament match.
  - If the infraction was during the last played match of the tournament for the team or if the suspension(s) cannot be served completely during the



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current tournament, the suspension(s) will apply to the player (s)/offender(s)/team(s) from participating in the next CCO organized tournament.

- The suspension(s) of players will apply irrespective of the Team under which the player is seeking subsequent entrance into a CCO Tournament.
  - A Team suspension will also carry forward despite a change of name if proven to be the same suspended team.
- Member leagues/Clubs
    - If the infraction was during the member leagues/Clubs matches, the suspension(s) will be implemented and monitor by the league executives
    - If the suspension cannot be served completely during the current season, the suspension(s) will carry forward and apply to the player (s)/offender(s)/team(s) in the following/next season.

## **Appeal process:**

- There is NO APPEAL for a Level-1 & 2 infraction charge.
- For an infraction of the magnitude of Level-3, Level-4 and/or General Offences, a player/team/club has a right to appeal within the set time-frame specified by the disciplinary committee with each infraction level. This appeal, along with the appeals processing fee of \$100 has to reach the chair of the tournament committee, along with all documentation, pictures or evidence that relate to the case and will support the appeal. Failure to do so within the set time-frame will void the right of the player/team to dispute the decision of the disciplinary committee and the charge, and the penalties will be served as indicated in the decision.
- In case of an appeal, the player/team cannot play till the appeal process is completed. The applicable fines and the fee for the appeal processing will have to be deposited with the tournament manager as per the set time-frames for the appeal process to start, failing which, the appeal will be rejected.



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## Code of Conduct Levels and penalties

### Level 1:

- 1.1 Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings
- 1.2 Showing dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse, using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture
- 1.4 Repeated excessive appealing
- 1.5 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
- 1.6 Public criticism of, or inappropriate comment on a match related incident or match official

### Applicable Penalty:

**Player/Offender:** 1 (one) game suspension

**Team/Club:** None

**Captain:** None

**Appeal:** No appeal allowed

### Level 2

- 2.1 Repeat of level 1 offence within the same tournament/or another tournament within the same year
- 2.2 Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse (may include arguing with the umpire)
- 2.3 Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between players in the course of play
- 2.4 Charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
- 2.5 Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play
- 2.6 Throwing the ball, bat or any equipment at or near a player, umpire or official in an inappropriate and dangerous manner
- 2.7 Using language that is obscene, 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 look to lay charges when this falls below an acceptance standard. In this instance, language will be interpreted to include gestures)
- 2.8 Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3



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## **Applicable Penalty/Fines:**

**Player/Offender:** 2 (two) games suspension and/or disqualification for further participation in the tournament

**Team/Club:** Warning

**Captain:** Warning

**Fine:** \$100

## **Level 3**

3.1 Repeat of level 2 offence within the same tournament/or another tournament within the same year

3.2 Intimidation of an umpire or official, whether by language or conduct

3.3 Threat of assault on another player, Team Official or spectator

3.4 Using language or gestures that offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, color, descent or national or ethnic origin

## **Applicable Penalty/fines:**

**Player/Offender:** 3 to 5 (three to five) games suspension and/or disqualification for further participation in the tournament

**Team/Club:** Possible disqualification (Disciplinary Committee to decide)

**Captain:** 2 games suspension

**Fine:** \$150

## **Level 4**

4.1 Repeat of level 3 offence within the same tournament/or another tournament within the same year

4.2 Physical assault of another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator

4.3 Any act of violence on the field of play

## **Applicable Penalty:**

**Player/Offender:** Expulsion from the tournament (with possible review for future tournament)

**Team/Club:** Possible disqualification (Disciplinary Committee to decide)

**Captain:** 5 to 7 (five to seven) games suspension (Disciplinary Committee to decide)

**Fine:** \$200



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## Level 5 – Serious Offences

The following are the general categories of serious offences, carrying the highest penalties:

- a - Gambling on matches (betting)
- b - Any attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points, tournament standing positions or otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct will be held responsible along with the players.
- b - Failing to perform in a match in return for benefit(s), such as money or goods (match-fixing), manipulation of - net run rate, bonus points, tournament standing positions or otherwise.
- c - Inducing a player to perform one of the above actions
- d - Failure to report certain incidents relating to match-fixing or gambling
- e - Any activity, or supporting any activity, which is in direct contradiction to the establishment of CCO, or is detrimental to the operations of the CCO tournament, in words or action

### **Applicable Penalty/Fines:**

**Player/Offender:** Disqualification from further participation in the tournament (with possible review for future tournament(s))

**Team/Club:** Disqualification for further participation in the tournament (with possible review for future tournament(s))

**Captain (and all the registered club players):** Disqualification for further participation in the tournament (with possible review for future tournament(s))

***Fine:* \$500**