



## Annexure A. CODE OF CONDUCT

Level	Offence	Description of offence	Examples of offending conduct*
1	Abuse of equipment	Abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings, including but not limited to actions which are intentional, irrespective of whether or not any damage is caused or the extent of any damage caused	<p>Hitting or kicking the wickets outside the ordinary course of the Match</p> <p>Hitting a scoreboard, sightscreen, boundary fence and/or advertising boards</p> <p>Kicking or hitting over cones when leaving the field of play</p> <p>Throwing a cricket bat or protective helmet</p> <p>Hitting or kicking doors, walls or windows in a pavilion or change room</p>
1	Dissent	Show dissent at an Umpire's decision	<p>Excessive, obvious disappointment with an Umpire's decision or with an Umpire making the decision</p> <p>Obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket</p>
<p><i>Note: the Code does not make it an offence for a bowler or a Captain to ask an Umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or for the Captain to comment on the Umpires' performance in a Captain's Report</i></p>			
1	Use of bad language	Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture.	Swearing not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or misfortune
<p><i>Note: The Code is not intended to penalise trivial behaviour. The extent to which behaviour is likely to give offence shall be taken into account when deciding to report the behaviour as an offence and when assessing the seriousness of the breach</i></p>			
1	Excessive and/or presumptive appealing	<p>Engage in excessive or unnecessary appealing</p> <p>Presume a decision before it has been made</p>	<p>Continued and/or repeated appealing that may have the effect of placing an Umpire under pressure</p> <p>Celebrating or assuming a dismissal before the decision has been given</p> <p>Bowler not turning to face an Umpire when appealing for a decision such as an LBW or caught behind</p>
<p><i>Note: The Code is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing.</i></p>			
1	Unnecessary aggressive behaviour	Point or gesture towards the pavilion or boundary in an aggressive manner, or behave aggressively or derisively towards either batter, upon the dismissal of a batter	Running towards and getting unnecessarily close to a batter following a dismissal

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2	Serious dissent	<p>Show serious dissent at an Umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse</p>	<p>Level 1 Dissent behaviour that includes anger and/or abuse directed at an Umpire or an Umpire's decision;</p> <p>Excessive delay by bowler and/or fielder in resuming play following an Umpire's decision</p> <p>Excessive delay by batter leaving the wicket following an Umpire's decision</p> <p>Pointing at the bat when given out LBW</p> <p>Pointing or rubbing protective equipment, clothing or the body when given out caught;</p>
		<p><i>Note: the Code does not make it an offence for a bowler or a Captain to ask an Umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or for the Captain to comment on the Umpires' performance Captain's Report</i></p>	
2	Causing inappropriate physical contact	<p>Cause and/or engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with Players or Umpires in the course of play.</p>	<p>Deliberately walk or run into a Player or official, or bump or hit a Player or official with a shoulder during play in a Match or during the periods before or after play at the ground where the Match is being or has been played.</p>
2	Aggressive appealing	<p>Engage in aggressive appealing</p>	<p>Bowler or fielder charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing</p>
2	Deliberate distraction and/or obstruction of a Player	<p>Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play.</p>	<p>Player deliberately attempts to distract a batter by words or gestures</p> <p>Fielder deliberately obstructs a batter while running or attempting to run between wickets</p>
		<p><i>Note: This is in addition to and does not replace Law 42(4) or Law 42(5)</i></p>	
2	Throwing ball at Player or official	<p>Deliberately throw a ball at or near a Player or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner</p>	<p>Bowler throwing the ball at the striker's end with no reasonable likelihood of effecting a run out that comes very close, or hits, the batter</p> <p>Fielder throwing the ball at the wicket with no reasonable likelihood of effecting a run out that comes very close, or hits, the batter or Umpire</p>
2	Use of obscene, offensive or insulting language	<p>Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature directed at a Player, official or spectator</p>	<p>A Player swearing at or insulting another Player or Umpire</p> <p>In exercising judgement as to whether the behaviour has fallen below an acceptable standard, the umpire (s) seeking to lay the</p>

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			charge shall be required to take into account the context of the particular situation and whether the words or gestures are likely to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be regarded as obscene, or</li> <li>• give offence, or</li> <li>• insult another person.</li> </ul>
		<i>Note: In exercising judgement as to whether a person's conduct is the use of obscene, offensive or insulting language, the Umpire reporting the behaviour should take into account the context of the particular situation and whether the words or gestures are likely to be regarded as obscene, or give offence, or be insult another person, including persons other than the person being spoken to</i>	
2	Ball tampering	Change the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3	Picking the seam  Deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening its surface  Rubbing the ball against a fence, sightscreen etc.  Deliberately damaging the ball  Applying moisture to the ball, other than perspiration or saliva
2	Manipulating a result	Manipulate or attempt to manipulate a Match in regard to the result, quotient, net run rate, bonus points or otherwise	A team batting in such a way as to either adversely affect its own, or improve its opponent's, net run rate or bonus points
3	Intimidatory conduct towards an Umpire	Intimidate an umpire whether by language or conduct.	Appealing in an aggressive or intimidatory manner.  Intimidatory language directed to an Umpire or about an Umpire
3	Threatening to assault	Threaten to assault a Player, official (other than an Umpire) or spectator	
3	Intolerant conduct and/or language	Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, sexuality, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin	
4	Bring game into disrepute	Engage in behaviour unbecoming to a Premier Cricket Player or official that could bring the game of cricket into disrepute or be harmful to the interests of cricket.	Cheating during play  The making of public or media (this includes social media) comment which is detrimental to the game, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publicly denigrating or criticising another Player, official, Umpire, referee, or Club, whether in relation</li> </ul>

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			<p>to incidents which occurred in the match or otherwise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publicly denigrating or criticising another Player, official, Umpire, referee, or Club by inappropriately commenting on any aspect of their or its performance, abilities or characteristics</li> </ul>
4	Threatening an Umpire	Threaten to assault an Umpire or referee	
4	Physical assault	Physically assault another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator	
4	Committing a violent act	Engage in any act of violence on the field of play or the surrounding area	
4	Seriously Intolerant conduct and/or language	Use language or gestures that seriously, offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, sexuality or national or ethnic origin	
<p><b><i>*Each of the Examples of offending conduct are intended as an illustrative guide only and should not be read as an exhaustive list of offences or prohibited conduct under this code.</i></b></p>			