

# **Canterbury & Western Suburbs Cricket**

## **Association Inc.**

### **Code of Conduct**

The preface of the Laws of Cricket (*2000 code 2003 edition*) emphasize the need of captains, players and umpires to conduct the game and themselves within the Laws of cricket but MOST importantly within the “Spirit of the Game”.

The Spirit of the game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents.
- Your own captain and team
- The role of the umpires
- The games traditional values.

This code of conduct, endorsed by the executive committee should be used as a guide as to the standard of behavior expected and necessary for the proper and fair conduct of our competitions.

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

The captains are responsible at ALL times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the laws.

The following information regards the procedures and actions to be taken by the executive committee should any player and or official breach this code.

Penalties, suspensions and or fines may be imposed on any individual or team registered in our association.

When a player or Club is alleged to have breached the Code of Conduct the procedure shall be as per Rules 12.4 to 12.5 & 12.11.1 to 12.12.

The penalties suggested in this code are a guide only and the Executive Committee have the power to alter these depending on the players past history and if the person(s) are of good character, the first offence etc.

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<i>CODE.</i>	<i>CHARGE.</i>	<i>Admitted</i>	<i>Found Proved</i>
1 A.	Assault an Umpire	Level 1 2-5 years	5-10 years
		Level 2 5-10 years	15-25 years
1 B	Attempt to Assault Umpire	Level 1 1-2 years	2-5 years
		Level 2 2-5 years	5-10 years
2 A	Assault Player or Spectator	Level 1 4-7 matches	8-12 matches
		Level 2 12-16 matches	2-4 years
		Level 3 2-4 years	4-6 years
2 B	Attempt to Assault Player Or Spectator	Level 1 4-7 matches	8-12 matches
		Level 2 8-12 matches	1- 1.5 years
		Level 3 12-16 matches	1.5 – 2 years
3 A	Abuse orally an Umpire including crude or abusive language	Level 1 Caution + Fine	1 - 3 matches
		Level 2 2 - 4 matches	4 - 6 matches
		Level 3 5 - 8 matches	1 year
4 A	React disapprovingly To umpires decision	Level 1 Caution	Fine - 1 match
		Level 2 Fine + 1 match	2 - 4 matches
		Level 3 2 - 3 matches	5 - 6 matches
4 B	Use crude or abusive language & or hand signals or gestures to a player or spectator	Level 1 Caution + Fine	1 match + Fine
		Level 2 2- 3 matches	3 - 4 matches
		Level 3 4-5 matches	6 - 8 matches
5 A	Any conduct that is likely to bring the game into disrepute.	Same as above in 4B	Same as above in 4B
5 B	Refuse to provide name to person lodging report	Level 1 Caution + Fine	1 - 3 matches
6 A	Captain failing to control players or team	Level 1 Fine + 1 match	Fine + 2 matches
		Level 2 2 - 3 matches	3 - 5 matches

\* A person who makes a vexatious or frivolous report will be liable to penalties as contained in 5A.

*Procedures for Lodging a Report.*

Who can lodge a report?

Any player, umpire or official may lodge a report.

To whom do you lodge this report?

The report must be in writing and must be sent to the Secretary of our association.

What details are required?

The report must contain the Date, Time and place of the incident(s) together with the name(s) of the person(s) involved and a description of the events that took place, the names of any witnesses.

When do you lodge a report?

The report must be lodged as soon as possible after the incident as per our rule 12.11. ( 12.11.1 to 12.11.7)

The umpire, player or official reporting the alleged breach must advise the player or club at the end of play on that day that a report is to be submitted.

What happens next?

The secretary will then table the report at the next meeting of the Executive Committee for discussion. If the committee considers that the report is serious enough then they will then consider what charges and level of the charges should be brought against the person(s) named in the report.

The secretary will then inform the club secretary of the player(s) involved together with a copy of the report and a letter from our association detailing the charges.

The person(s) charged have 2 options, they may

1. Plead "guilty" to the charges, in writing through their club secretary and the Executive committee will inform them in writing of the penalty imposed.

2. Elect to have the matter dealt with by a panel of members of the Executive Committee. This will take place as soon as possible but with at least 7 days notice to the person(s) involved. The committee at it's discretion may suspend a player until it hears the complaint. The committee may also hear the complaint in the person(s) absence as per rule 12.4.6.

What can I do if I don't agree with the decision?

You have the right of appeal to the General Committee by way of a Special General Meeting as per Rule 13.1 to 13.3.

This appeal MUST be made through your club secretary within 7 days of the hearing, together with the appropriate non refundable fee to our association secretary.

Even though you have made an appeal, the penalty imposed will remain in force unless the appeal is upheld.

