

Proposed
HDCL Players' Code of Conduct

The HDCL Code of Conduct has been purpose to improve players conduct towards umpiring. Please read through it thoroughly and acquaint yourself before AGM. The penalties will supplement, and not replace the Constitution/By-laws. Where Constitution/By-laws have been specifically laid down, they will take precedence for applicable penalties/fines.

The Code of Conduct will be strictly adhered to and the umpire will bring the charge(s) to the Grievance Committee/Board. 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, the Captain will also be penalized and/or fined for the behavior and conduct of his players.

HDCL Board's jurisdiction: In case of any disputes and contradictions, the Board will adjudicate as to the correct interpretation and application of the Code of Conduct.

Serving of the suspension and payment of fines:

- Suspensions: All suspensions will be immediately applicable, as of the next scheduled league game. If the infraction was during the last played game of the season for the team/club, or if the suspensions cannot be served completely during the current season, they will apply to the player/offender From the first scheduled game of the next season for the team/club that the player is registered with.
- Fines: All fines are payable before the next scheduled game or the following weekend, whichever is earlier.

Appeal process

There is NO APPEAL for a Level-1 infraction charge.

For an infraction of the magnitude of Level-2, Level-3, Level-4 and/or General Offences, a player/team/club has a right to appeal within the set time-frame, as specified with each infraction level. This appeal, along with the appeals processing fee \$50, has to reach the Secretary of the League, along with any 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/club to dispute the charge, and the penalties/fines will be served as indicated.

In case of an appeal, the player can play till the appeal process is completed. The applicable fines and the fee of \$50 for the appeal processing will have to be deposited with the league as per the set time-frames for the appeal process to start, failing which, the appeal will be rejected.

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Level 1 (No appeal allowed)

- 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
- 1.3 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/Fines:

Player/Offender: 1 (one) game

suspension Team/Club: None

Captain: None

Level 2

- 2.1 Repeat of level 1 offence within the same season/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
- 2.9 Any attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points, or otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct will be held responsible.

Applicable Penalty/Fines:

Player/Offender: 2 (two) games suspension

Team/Club: \$100

Captain: Warning letter

Level 3

- 3.1 Repeat of level 2 offence within the same season/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, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.
- 3.4 - Any attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points, and Tournament standing positions. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct will be held responsible along with the players.

Applicable Penalty/Fines:

Player/Offender: **3 to 5 (three to five) games suspension (board to decide)**

Team/Club: **\$200 and -5 points from the season's point tally**

Captain: **2 games suspension**

Level 4

- 4.1 Repeat of level 3 offence within the same season/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/Fines:

Player/Offender: **Expulsion from the league (with possible review only after 3 years)**

Team/Club: **\$500 and -10 points from the season's point tally**

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

General offences

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

- a - Gambling on matches (betting)
- b - Failing to perform in a match in return for benefit, such as money or goods (match-fixing)
- 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 HDCL, or is detrimental to the operations of the league, in words or action

Applicable Penalty/Fines:

Player/Offender: **Expulsion from the league**

Team/Club: **Expulsion from the league**

Captain (and all the registered club players): **Expulsion from the league**