

## Colorado Cricket League (CCL) Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Guidelines

*This document is adapted from ICC's Code of Conduct<sup>1</sup>*

### Document History

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**Introduction:** Cricket is a game that should be played not only within its laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. The Spirit of the Game involves respect for teammates, opponents, umpires, spectators, and the game itself. It is against the Spirit of the Game to dispute umpires' decisions, abuse opponents, umpires, or spectators, or to cheat. There is no place for any act or threat of violence. 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 umpires may intervene at any time and direct the captains to take action where required.<sup>3</sup>

### Scope:

1. All CCL members--including players and umpires--shall comply with CCL's Code of Conduct and are subject to disciplinary measures as described in this document.
2. It is the responsibility of members to familiarize themselves with CCL's Code of Conduct.
3. Whether or not an umpire's decision is correct or whether another member acted inappropriately is not a valid defense of inappropriate conduct.
4. CACU Executive Committee (CACU EC) shall review all disciplinary issues and shall take appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the guidelines provided in the Code of Conduct.
5. Appeals: Disciplined members shall have the right to appeal any disciplinary action taken

<sup>1</sup> ICC, [Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel](#), Oct 1, 2013

<sup>2</sup> Non-CACU EC contributors listed are members of the 2014 CACU Disciplinary Committee (CDC). As voted in the 2014 CCL AGM, the CDC was formed for 2014 to prepare guidelines to assist CACU EC in reviewing incidents contrary to the Spirit of the Game and determining appropriate disciplinary action.

<sup>3</sup> MCC, [Preamble to the Laws](#)

against them. The CCL Executive Officers shall be the sole arbiter and judge of any appeals by members who are disciplined according to the provisions of this document.

**Disciplinary Process:**

1. Only umpires may report player misconduct in the Umpiring Report following a game. Captains are permitted to report umpire misconduct in the Captains' Report after a game if both Captains agree to it.
2. All incidents must be reported in the weekly Umpiring/Captains Reports following a game, i.e., incidents not reported by then will not be reviewed.
3. By Friday of each week or as soon as possible, CACU EC is responsible for reviewing, investigating (if deemed necessary by CACU EC), and instituting discipline for any incidents contrary to the CCL code of conduct as noted in the weekly Umpiring and Captains' reports.
4. Below are the disciplinary guidelines according to the severity of offense as described later in this document. *Note: Offenses will be tracked across seasons, i.e., there will be no "reset" after each season.*

	First offense	Second offense	Each subsequent offense
<b>Level 1</b>	Warning	\$50 fine	\$100 fine + 1 match ban
<b>Level 2</b>	\$100 fine + 1 match ban	\$150 fine + 2 match ban	\$200 fine + 3 match ban
<b>Level 3</b>	\$500 fine and 1 year ban	Life ban	n/a

5. Appeals: The disciplined member may appeal the disciplinary action by providing an explanation via email to CACU EC and CCL EC within two calendar days of being notified. CCL EC shall review the appeal, investigate further if they deem it necessary, and issue a final ruling within three calendar days of receiving the appeal. This decision shall be final. *Note: Any CCL EC members who belong to the same club as the disciplined member shall recuse themselves from reviewing appeals.*
6. The disciplined member will not be eligible to play in a game until they pay their fines to the league and serve any match bans. It is the responsibility of the disciplined member's club to ensure the member has cleared their penalty before playing. CACU may take action against the club, including disqualifying match results, if the club plays a member

who has not cleared their penalty with the league.

**Code of Conduct Offenses:** There are 3 levels of offenses--in increasing order of severity--according to which appropriate disciplinary action may be taken.

Level 1 Offenses:

1. Abuse of cricket or ground equipment. *Examples: throwing a bat or other equipment to the ground in apparent anger even if not directed at an individual, hitting/kicking the wickets.*
2. Showing dissent at an umpire's decision during a match. *Examples: showing excessive, obvious disappointment at a decision, delaying the game, pointing to the bat or pad, snatching cap or sweater from the umpire, arguing or holding a prolonged discussion with the umpire.*
3. Using offensive language or gestures during a match: *swearing or making obscene gestures. This does not include comments based on race, religion, etc., which are unacceptable and addressed under Level 2 offenses below.*
4. Excessive appealing: *repeated appealing of the same decision. Not intended to cover loud or enthusiastic appealing.*
5. Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion by a bowler or other member of the fielding side upon the dismissal of a batsman.
6. Public criticism or inappropriate comments regarding an opponent or umpire.
7. Any other behavior that, in the judgment of the umpires, is contrary to the spirit of the game and qualifies as a Level 1 offense.

Level 2 Offenses:

1. Showing serious dissent at an Umpire's decision: *Dissent, including the examples given under Level 1 above will be classified as 'serious' when the conduct contains an element of anger or abuse which is directed at the Umpire or the Umpire's decision or where there is excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket or where there is persistent re-reference to the incident over time.*
2. Charging or advancing towards the Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
3. Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play.
4. Throwing a ball (or any other equipment) at or near a player, Umpire, or any other third

person in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.

5. Using language or gesture(s) that is seriously obscene or offensive to another player, Umpire, or any other third person, including language or gestures that are likely to offend another person on the basis of their race, religion, gender, color, national or ethnic origin.
6. Cheating: *changing the condition of the ball in an unfair manner as described under the Laws of Cricket (ball tampering), deliberately changing the score of the game to affect the outcome, deliberately changing playing conditions such as boundaries, etc.*
7. Any other behavior that, in the judgment of the umpires, is contrary to the spirit of the game and qualifies as a Level 2 offense.

Level 3 Offenses: Overwhelmingly serious offenses such as any act of violence or threat of violence, both on and off the field, against players, umpires, or any third person. Threat of violence includes those made verbally or by gesture.

**Guidelines for Reporting Offenses:** This code of conduct is not meant to punish every trivial offense and take all the fun out of playing the game. Umpires and Captains are encouraged to use their discretion while still maintaining control of the game and setting a high standard for member conduct. Umpires and Captains should report incidents in a timely manner, i.e., in their reports due by Tuesday each week, and with sufficient detail to allow CACU to make an informed decision. Audio and/or video evidence, if available, can be used for reporting or reviewing an offense.