

## SECTION 9

### Canterbury Cricket Association Inc

#### – Code of Conduct

##### 1. Introduction

1.1 This Code of Conduct shall apply to all competitions subject to Canterbury Cricket Association Inc (“CCA”) or Christchurch Suburban Cricket Association (“CSCA”) Playing Conditions. The Code of Conduct that is to apply to all District representative matches shall be that of New Zealand Cricket.

##### 2. Definition

2.1 For the purposes of this Code the term: “Team Official(s)” shall mean and include any Team Manager, Team Cricket Manager or Team Coach appointed by a Club of the CCA or CSCA to manage and/or coach a team participating in the match; “ shall mean umpires appointed by the Canterbury Cricket Umpires Association to stand as umpires in any match but, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not include players who are participating in a lower grade match and are from time to time presiding as umpires during that match.

##### 3. Rules of the Code

3.1 Players and Team Officials must not indulge in unacceptable behaviour on any part of a cricket ground including the field of play. Without in any way limiting the generality of the term “unacceptable behaviour”, examples are set out in Appendix A of this Section.

3.2 Players must not infringe the rules relating to advertising on cricket clothing and equipment (refer to Section 3, Rules 12 and 13).

3.3 Players, Team Officials or any person holding any official position within a Club of CCA or CSCA must not make any public announcement or media comment or engage in any act, omission or conduct prejudicial to the interests of cricket or bring the game of cricket, any cricketer, group of cricketers, Team Official or Club into disrepute.

#### **4. Eligibility to Lodge a Report**

- 4.1 An alleged breach of Rules 3.1 or 3.2 or 3.3 may be reported by:
- a) Either or both Umpires; or
  - b) The Chief Executive of CCA, or a CSCA Executive member;
  - c) A CCA Staff member or a Club Cricket Advisory Group member;
  - d) Any Team Official.
- 4.2 Prior to any alleged breach of Rules 3.1 or 3.2 being reported by any of the persons named in Clause 4.1(c) or 4.1(d) above they shall first consult with the Umpire or Umpires (or, in the absence of an Umpire, the person named at clause 4.1(b) ) in respect of any on field conduct or behaviour that is alleged to have breached this Code, but the decision to report an alleged breach shall remain that of those named persons.
- 4.3 All reports of an alleged breach or breaches of the Code must be in writing in the form of Form 4 of Section 10 of this Handbook or substantially in compliance with such Form.

#### **5. Commissioners**

- 5.1 Prior to 1 September each year, the CCA and the CSCA will nominate and have approved by the Board sufficient Club Commissioners to hear and decide, in a manner determined by them, any reports of an alleged breach or breaches of the Code lodged under Rules 3.1 or 3.2 or 3.3.
- 5.2 For the purposes of nominating, approving and appointing the Commissioners, the Board will have regard to the need for such Commissioners to conduct enquiries into an alleged breach or breaches of the Code in a quasi-judicial manner in accordance with the rules of natural justice, and for the Commissioners to have an adequate understanding of the Laws of Cricket, and that it is in the best interests of the game to dispose of an alleged breach or breaches of the Code in a fair and timely fashion.
- 5.3 Commissioners shall have a discretionary power to extend time limits under this Code, whether or not the time limit has passed.

5.4 If two Commissioners cannot be contacted within any of the time limits herein stated then contact may be made with the Chief Executive of the CCA, his nominee or the Chairman of the CCA Board.

## 6. Reports – Procedure

6.1 In the case of an alleged breach of Rules 3.1 or 3.2:

- a) A person entitled to make a report of an alleged breach under Rules 3.1 or 3.2 shall advise the Chief Executive of the CCA or his nominee at the earliest opportunity complete and submit a written report using Form 4 Section 9 of this Handbook or substantially in accordance with such Form no later than 4.00pm on the first working day after the end of the day's play during which the alleged breach or breaches occurred.
- b) The Chief Executive of the CCA or his nominee shall immediately advise the player(s) or Team Official(s) reported, their respective Club or Clubs, and two (2) Commissioners of the contents of the report.
- c) Notice of the report shall be deemed to have been duly given or made:
  - i) If given by hand, on personal delivery to the player or Team Official reported; and
  - ii) In the case of communication by letter, on the second day after being posted by mail, correctly addressed and stamped; and
  - iii) In the case of communication by facsimile, when transmitted with indication of complete transmission to the last known fax number of the player or team official reported or alternatively, to the fax number of the Club with which the player or Team Official is associated and which is recorded in Section 10 of the Handbook;
  - iv) In the case of communication by email when the sender has received electronic confirmation that the message has been sent to the last known email address of the player or Team Official reported or, alternatively to the email address of the Club of which the player or Team Official is associated and which is recorded in Section 10 of the Handbook.

- d) The Commissioners will arrange a hearing as soon as possible following the lodging of the report, which hearing must be attended by the player(s) and/or the Team Official(s) reported, the player(s) Captain or Team Manager, and the initiator of the report, unless any of these persons are excused by the Commissioners. The Commissioners may require any person subject to the Code to attend the hearing where that person might assist in any way.
- e) If the report is against the Captain then the Vice-Captain, Team Manager or Team Official will attend.
- f) The Commissioners will hear and decide upon the report in a manner which accords with the principles of natural justice and which best ensures the fair and prompt determination of the alleged breach or breaches of the Code.
- g) The Commissioners will communicate their decision within 24 hours of the conclusion of the hearing either orally or in writing; and must deliver a written decision with full reasons within seven (7) days of the decision being first communicated. The Commissioners will ensure that the oral or written decision and any further written decision is advised to:
  - i) The player and or Team Official concerned;
  - ii) The initiator of the report;
  - iii) The Chief Executive CCA or CSCA Executive Member or his or her nominee.
- h) The CCA will ensure that full details of the report, the hearing procedures adopted, the decision, and the reasons for the decision are forwarded in writing to the Chief Executive and the Board.

#### 6.2 In the case of an alleged breach of Rule 3.3:

- a) Where any person mentioned in Rule 4.1 wishes to make a report of an alleged breach under Rule 3.3, they shall advise the Chief Executive of the CCA or his nominee at the earliest opportunity and submit a written report using Form 4 Section 9 of this Handbook (or substantially in accordance with such Form) no later than 4.00pm on the first working day after the end of the day's play during which the alleged breach or breaches occurred.

- b) The Chief Executive of the CCA or his nominee shall immediately advise the player(s) concerned, the player's Club, and two (2) Commissioners of the contents of the report.
- c) The Commissioners will hear and decide upon the report in a manner which accords with the principles of natural justice and which best ensures the fair and prompt determination of the alleged breach or breaches of the Code. The Commissioners shall give reasons in writing for their decision within seven (7) days of completion of the hearing process, and advise those persons referred to in paragraph 6.1(g) above.
- d) The Chairman of the CCA or his nominee will ensure that full details of the report, the hearing procedures adopted, the decision, and the reasons for the decision are forwarded in writing to the Chief Executive and the Board.

## 7. Penalties

7.1 Subject to Rules 7.2 and 7.3:

- a) where a player or Team Official has been found guilty of a breach of the Code, the following penalties or any combination of them may be imposed:
  - i) written censure;
  - ii) a fine up to a maximum of \$500.00;
  - iii) in the case of a player, suspension from play in fixtures under the control of the Board or any affiliated Association or Body or any other match in which the CCA or CSCA is involved including matches under the auspices of New Zealand Cricket ("NZC");
  - iv) in the case of a Team Official suspension from any involvement with any team playing in fixtures under the control of the Board or any affiliated Association or Body, or any other match in which the CCA or CSCA is involved including matches under the auspices of NZC.

- b) Suspensions may be imposed either for a number of matches or for a defined period, **and shall take effect immediately following the decision to suspend**, and shall apply to any fixtures under the control of the CCA or the CSCA or any of their affiliated Associations or Bodies and, for the avoidance of doubt, shall apply to international fixtures of any kind played within or outside New Zealand.
  - c) While penalties are for the Commissioners to determine, suspension should be imposed as the primary penalty, rather than a fine or written censure. In determining a period of suspension, the future playing commitments of the player should be brought into account.
  - d) A suspension may be deferred when playing commitments or other factors warrant deferral in order that the suspension shall have disciplinary effect.
  - e) Where a player or Team Official has been found guilty of breach of the Code, he shall personally pay and be liable for payment of any fine imposed.
- 7.2 Where a player has been found guilty of a breach of Rule 3.2 of the Code he shall be fined up to a maximum of \$500 and if a breach has been reported to the Captain or Team Manager of the player in breach, a separate offence shall be deemed to be committed in each session of play in which the player continues to wear the offending advertisement after the session in respect of which the report was made.
- 7.3 Should a breach of Rule 3.2 arise from the request and/or support from the players Club, then the fine specified in Clause 7.2 shall be payable by the players Club in respect of each player in breach.
- 7.4 Any fine must be paid to the Chief Executive of CCA within seven (7) days of the decision being advised under Rule 6.1(g) and any failure to meet this requirement will render the player ineligible and the Team Official ineligible in that capacity for selection or involvement in any fixture under the control of the CCA or the CSCA or any of their affiliated Associations or Bodies, for so long as payment remains outstanding.

## 8 Media

8.1 Only the Chief Executive of CCA or the Chairman of the Board of CCA or the Chairman of the Board of CSCA are authorised to notify the media of a report or a decision and any information regarding that process and the decisions made. In the absence of special reasons, publicity will be given to the disciplinary process in each case.

### Appendix A

#### Examples of unacceptable behaviour:

- 1) A player or Team Official assaulting or attempting to assault an umpire.
- 2) A player or Team Official abusing an umpire, or disputing, or showing dissent with, an umpire's decision or reacting in an obviously provocative or disapproving manner either towards an umpire, his decision, or generally following an umpiring decision.
- 3) A player or Team Official asking an umpire the reasons for a decision.

#### Commentary

It is unacceptable for a player or Team Official to ask any question of an umpire, connected with a decision to dismiss or not to dismiss a batsman, except a question by way of legitimate clarification of the reason for the decision (e.g. how dismissed-lbw, caught at the wicket, etc)

- 1) A player or Team Official intimidating an umpire by excessive appealing, celebrating a decision before the umpire makes his decision, or charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
- 2) A player or Team Official using language that is crude, obscene, offensive or insulting to another person or engaging in conduct detrimental to the spirit of the game.
- 3) A player or Team Official using crude or abusive hand signals.

- 4) A player or Team Official pointing or gesturing toward the pavilion in an aggressive manner upon the dismissal of a batsman.
- 5) A player or Team Official assaulting or attempting to assault or abusing another player or Team Official.
- 6) A player or Team Official assaulting, attempting to assault or unreasonably or unnecessarily abusing a spectator.
- 7) A captain of a team who fails to exercise responsibility for the player's conduct.

### **Commentary**

A captain of a team is responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the laws. In the event of a player failing to comply with instruction by an umpire, or criticising by word or actions the decisions of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

- 8) Reference should also be made to the New Zealand Cricket (NZC) Playing Conditions and to the International Cricket Council (ICC) Code of Conduct Standard Playing Conditions and other Regulations at the commencement of each cricket season for further examples of unacceptable behaviour.

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