

**CENTRAL COAST CRICKET ASSOCIATION  
CODE OF CONDUCT  
RULES FOR BEHAVIOUR**

	OFFENCE	GUIDELINES	EARLY PLEA POINTS	JUDICIARY POINTS
1.	Abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings <b><u>on the field of play</u></b>	Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket actions – such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hitting or kicking the wickets</li> <li>• actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage to boundary markers, fences and other fixtures and fittings</li> <li>• Throwing a bat or other equipment</li> </ul>	10	20
2.	Abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings <b><u>off the field of play</u></b>	Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket actions – such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage to dressing room and other fixtures and fittings</li> <li>• Throwing a bat or other equipment if that occurs off the field of play</li> </ul>	5	10
3.	Show dissent at an umpire’s decision by action or verbal abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire’s decision or with an umpire making the decision</li> </ul>	10	20

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		<p>and obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or the captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision</li> </ul> <p>Where the dissent is serious see Offence 4</p>		
4.	Show <b>serious</b> dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse	Dissent should be classified as serious where the dissent is expressed by a specific action such as a blatant and obvious shaking of the head, snatching cap from umpire, pointing at pad or inside edge, other displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire, or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket	20	40
5.	Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This includes swearing and offensive gestures which are not directed at another person – such as swearing in</li> </ul>	5	10

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	<p>making of an obscene and/or offensive gesture</p> <p><b><u>not directed at another person</u></b></p>	<p>frustration of one's own poor play or fortune</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This offence is not intended to penalise trivial behaviour. The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence must be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach</li> </ul>		
6.	<p>Use language that is obscene, offensive or of an insulting nature and/or the making of an obscene and/or offensive gesture <b><u>to another player, official or spectator</u></b></p>	<p>This is language or gestures which are directed at another person</p>	10	20
7.	<p>Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a <b><u>seriously</u></b> insulting nature and/or the making of an obscene and/or offensive gesture to another player, official or spectator</p>	<p>This is language or gestures which are directed at another person and which are more serious in nature than those in Offence 6</p>	20	40
8.	<p>Engage in excessive and/or frivolous and/or orchestrated appealing</p>	<p>Excessive shall mean repeated appealing when the bowler/fielder knows the batsman is not out – with</p>	5	10

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		<p>the intention of placing the umpire under pressure</p> <p>(It is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing. However the practice of celebrating or assuming a dismissal before the decision has been given may also come within this rule)</p>		
9.	Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing		10	20
10.	Point or gesture towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner upon the dismissal of a batsman		5	10
11.	Use language that is obscene, offensive, demeaning, intimidating or of an insulting nature upon the dismissal of a batsman	This is the verbal send-off of a batsman by a member of the fielding side on that batsman's dismissal	10	20

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12	Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players or officials in the course of play	Where a player deliberately walks or runs into or shoulders another player, official or match official	50	80
13	Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play	A deliberate attempt to distract a striker by words or gestures or deliberately shepherd a batsman while running or attempting to run between wickets	10	20
14	Deliberately throw the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner	This offence involves a deliberate action on the part of the person who throws the ball and is not intended to penalise a player who is making a genuine effort to run out a batsman	20	40
15	Change the condition of the ball	Prohibited behaviour includes picking the seam or deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening it up and the application of moisture to the ball (apart from perspiration and saliva)	10	20

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16.	Attempting 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	This includes incidents where a team bats in such a way as to either adversely affect its own, or improve its opponents, bonus points, net run rate or quotient. The person held responsible for this offence is the captain.	30	50
17.	Intimidate an umpire by language or conduct	Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner	30	50
18.	Threaten to assault another player, team official or spectator		Judiciary	Judiciary's Discretion
19.	Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin		Judiciary	Judiciary's Discretion

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21	Threaten to assault an umpire		Judiciary	Judiciary's Discretion
22	Physically assault another player, umpire, official or spectator		Judiciary	Judiciary's Discretion
23	Engage in any act of violence on the field of play		Judiciary	Judiciary's Discretion

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24.	<p>Players must obey the Laws of Cricket and play within the spirit of the game. The captain and team coach must use their best efforts to ensure that their team and individual members of the team comply with this rule</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is meant as a general rule to deal with situations where the facts or gravity or seriousness of the incident are not adequately or clearly covered elsewhere in this Code</li> <li>• Conduct prohibited under this rule includes time wasting and any conduct which is considered “unfair play” under Law 42 of the Laws of Cricket</li> <li>• This rule does not punish unintentional breaches</li> </ul>	Judiciary	Judiciary’s Discretion
25.	<p>Without limiting any other rule, players, umpires, Club members and officials must not at any time engage in behaviour unbecoming to a player, umpire, Club member or official that could bring the game of cricket into disrepute or be harmful to the interests of cricket or which is disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is meant as a general rule to deal with situations where the facts or gravity or seriousness of the incident are not adequately or clearly covered elsewhere in this Code</li> <li>• It is intended to include serious or repeated misconduct, unruly behaviour and cheating during play</li> </ul>	Judiciary	Judiciary’s Discretion

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26	Breach of captain's responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A captain is responsible for any breach of this Code which the captain could reasonably have prevented</li> <li>▪ This would include failure by a captain to attempt to prevent members of his team from breaching the Code</li> <li>▪ Where there is no official umpire it is the captain's responsibility to appoint players from his team who are capable of impartially performing that role</li> </ul>	Judiciary	Judiciary's Discretion
27	Alcohol	No player, umpire or anyone else participating in a game may consume alcohol between the time the game begins and the time when stumps are officially drawn on that day.	Judiciary	Judiciary's Discretion

**CLARIFICATION:** The level of society's acceptance of what was once considered "offensive language" has to be considered when raising a charge. The key aspects are the context in which the language is used, the level of aggression in using the language, the extent to which the language was directed at another person/s, and the position of

the person at whom the language was directed (player/umpire/official). There are certain words that remain unacceptable to society in general.

### **ACCUMULATION OF POINTS:**

1. Points for a breach of the Code apply for 2 years from the date on which the Offence occurred and are added together over that 2 year period.
2. After that 2 year period has passed, the points for each Offence are removed from the Reported Person's record once a period of 2 years has elapsed from the date on which the particular Offence occurred.
3. For every 10 points accumulated by a Reported Person an automatic 1 match suspension applies (For example: 40 points = 4 matches). So even if a Reported Person serves a 1 match suspension after accumulating 10 points, if that Reported Person accumulates more points during the 2 year period then the suspension that applies next time is equal to the total number of points accumulated at that time.
4. If those points are reached during a match then the Reported Person can take no further part in that match and, in addition, the automatic suspension applies from the end of that match.
5. An example of how this automatic suspension system works:
  - (a) If a Reported Person gets 10 points in the 2008/9 season he or she is suspended for 1 match.
  - (b) If that Reported Person gets another 10 points in the 2009/10 system he or she is suspended for a further 2 matches.
  - (c) If that Reported Person receives no more points then 2 years after the date of the first Offence the Reported Person's points drop back to 10.