

Wamuran Stanley River Code of Conduct



PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code applies to any player or official representing Wamuran–Stanley River Cricket Club. “Official” means the manager or a member of the coaching, the selectors of a team; any other person acting in an official capacity for Wamuran–Stanley Rivers Cricket Club Cricket.

1. CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

[a] 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. [b] This Code applies to all registered players and officials. Sections 1[b][v], 1[b][vii], 1[b][viii] of this Code apply at any time. Sections 1[b][i], 1[b][ii], 1[b][iii], 1[b][iv], 1[b][vi] apply whether participating or spectating at any match or event under the auspices of Cricket Australia or Queensland Cricket, including matches sanctioned by Queensland Cricket Affiliates. This Code applies in addition to and not in substitution for the ICC Code of Conduct and the Cricket Australia Code of Behavior, Racial and Religious Vilification Code and the Anti-Harassment Policy, [the Codes]. Specifically:

[i] Players and officials must not abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.

[ii] Players and officials must not assault or attempt to assault an umpire, a player, an official or spectator.

[iii] Players and officials must not react with unnecessary obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval either towards an umpire, his decision, or generally, following an umpiring decision.

[iv] Players and officials must not use crude or abusive language, or otherwise engage in conduct detrimental to the spirit of the game. An umpire would be expected to caution the

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player and advise the captain of his concern before reporting any player for this type of behavior.

[v] Players and officials must not indulge in conduct detrimental to the game.

[vi] Players and officials must in no way use crude or abusive hand signals.

[vii] Players and officials must not engage in any form of racial or religious abuse or harassment as defined in the Queensland Cricket Racial and Religious Vilification Code, the Cricket Australia Racial and Religious Vilification Code or Anti-Harassment Policy.

[viii] Without limiting any other rule, players and officials must not make public or media comment which is detrimental to the interests of the game. Note: Public comment includes comment on Club websites and other electronic media.

2. CONDUCT HEARING

[a] Wamuran-Stanley River Cricket Clubs Committee will be responsible for receiving, investigating and dealing with any alleged breach of the Code of Behavior.

[b] Any alleged breach of the Code of Behavior will in the first instance be heard and determined by the Wamuran-Stanley River Cricket Club Committee.

[c] The Committee will conduct a hearing, when possible to be held on a Monday evening:

[i] In private unless all parties to the report and the Committee agree otherwise; and

[ii] in other respects as the Committee determines;

[iii] With as little formality and technicality as reasonable; and

[iv] as quickly, as proper consideration of the report or complaint permits.

[d] The Committee:

[i] may conduct the hearing by telephone or other conference facility;

[ii] may themselves and may permit the person alleged to have breached the Code and the person who lodged the report to examine and cross-examine witnesses;

[iii] may appoint another person to assist with the hearing; and

[iv] may allow the person alleged to have breached the Code to be assisted by another person [such as a Club representative].

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[e] All people attending a hearing before the Committee must:

[i] dress in a manner acceptable to the Committee

[ii] behave with due decorum;

[iii] comply with the directions of the Committee as to the manner in which the hearing will be conducted; and

[iv] any person who fails to comply may be ejected from the hearing room and sanctioned under this Code

[f] The Committee may impose any penalty thought fit in accordance with this Code

[g] In the event that a hearing cannot be completed before the start of a relevant match the Committee may make such interim ruling as deemed appropriate including the interim suspension of a Player pending completion of the hearing.

[h] Any decision made by the Committee will be final

[i]The Committee will conduct hearings, when possible to be held on a Monday evening:

[ii] in private unless all parties to the report and the Committee agree otherwise;

[iii] in other respects as the Conducts Committee Chairman determines;

[iv] with as little formality and technicality as reasonable; and

[v] as quickly, as proper consideration of the report or complaint permits.

[j] The Conducts Committee:

[i] may conduct the hearing by telephone or other conference facility;

[ii] may itself and may permit the person alleged to have breached the Code and the person who lodged the report to examine and cross-examine witnesses through the Chairman;

[iii] may appoint another person to assist it; and

[iv] may allow the person alleged to have breached the Code to be assisted by another person such as a Club representative].

[iv.i] All people attending a hearing before the Conducts Committee must:

[iv.ii] dress in a manner acceptable to the Conducts Committee;

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[iv.iii] behave with due decorum;

[iv.iv] comply with the directions of the Conducts Committee Chairman as to the manner in which the hearing will be conducted;

[iv.v] any person who fails to comply may be ejected from the hearing room and sanctioned under this Code;

[k] All parties except the Conducts Committee must leave the room when the Conducts Committee is deliberating on its decision;

[l] The Conducts Committee may impose any penalty it thinks fit in accordance with this Code.

[m] In the event that a Conducts Committee hearing cannot be completed before the start of a relevant match the Conducts Committee may make such interim ruling as it deems appropriate including the interim suspension of a player pending completion of the hearing.

4. METHOD OF HANDLING BREACHES OF THE CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

[a] An alleged breach of the Code of Behavior may be reported by:

[i] Either or both umpires;

[ii] The Secretaries of the Clubs participating in the match in which the alleged breach occurred;

[iii] A player participating in the particular match in which an alleged breach occurs;

[iv] Wamuran- Stanley River Cricket Club Committee

[d] Where a player or official as outlined above wishes to report an alleged breach of the Code

[e] There are three [3] levels of Grading of Offences to apply:

Level 1:

The Committee may invoke any of the following options:

[i] official reprimand

[ii] a suspended sentence

[iii] a one [1] match suspension

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[iv] offer a penalty to a player or official that pleads guilty or,

[v] refer the report to the Conducts Committee who may impose any penalty as it sees fit.

Level 2:

The Committee may invoke any of the following options:

[i] official reprimand

[ii] a suspended sentence

[iii] a two [2] match suspension

[iv] offer a penalty to a player or official that pleads guilty or,

[v] refer the report to the Conducts Committee who may impose any penalty as it sees fit.

Level 3:

The Committee may offer a penalty to a player or official that pleads guilty or refer the matter to a Conducts Committee who may impose any penalty as it sees fit.

[g] If found guilty of a Level 1 offence, a player would ordinarily expect to receive a minimum one [1] multi-day match suspension [or equivalent]. If found guilty of a Level 2 offence, a player would ordinarily expect to receive a minimum two [2] multi-day match suspension [or equivalent].

[h]The Conducts Committee may vary the level of offence [higher or lower]

[i] A breach of the Code of behavior will be graded and the penalty determined within the three [3] levels as outlined.

[j] For level 2 or level 3 offences, the Committee or Conducts Committee has discretion to determine whether a suspension applies for representative matches

[k]The findings of the Conducts Committee or Conducts Committee should clearly define the suspension, be it for one day match[es], two day match[es] or a time frame.

[1] Each of the rules for behavior has a guideline. The guidelines are intended as an illustrative guide only and in the case of any doubt as to the interpretation of the Rule, the provisions of the Rule itself shall take precedence over the provisions of the

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guidelines. The guidelines should not be read as an exhaustive list of offences or prohibited conduct.

[m] In considering a penalty to be imposed in each case, the Conducts Committee or the Conducts Committee must first consider whether the player or official has previously been found guilty of any offences under the Code of behavior (or any predecessor regulations that may have applied) within a period of eighteen months prior to the date on which the proven offence took place.

GUIDELINE OFFENCES:

1. Level 1 Offences The Offences set out at 1.1 to 1.5 below are Level 1 Offences. Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

1.1 Abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket actions such as hitting or kicking the wickets and actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage to the advertising boards, boundary fences, dressing room doors, mirrors, windows and other fixtures and fittings.

1.2 Show dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire's decision or with an umpire making the decision and obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket. This Rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision or a Team official from making a formal complaint.

1.3 Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture this includes swearing and offensive gestures which are not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or fortune. This offence is not intended to penalize trivial behavior. The extent to which such behavior is likely to give offence shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach.

1.4 Engage in excessive appealing Excessive shall mean repeated appealing when the bowler/fielder knows the batsman is not out with the intention of placing the umpire under pressure. 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.

1.5 Point or gesture towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner upon the dismissal of a batsman Self-explanatory.

2. Level 2 Offences The Offences set out at 2.1 to 2.9 below are Level 2 Offences. Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

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2.1 Show serious 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 the 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. This Rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision or a Team official from making a formal complaint.

2.2 Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players or officials in the course of play without limitation, players will breach this regulation if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder another player, official or match official.

2.3 Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing. Self-explanatory.

2.4 Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play Without limitation, players will breach this rule if they deliberately attempt to distract a striker by words or gestures or deliberately shepherd a batsman while running or attempting to run between wickets.

2.5 Throw the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner This Rule will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion.

2.6 Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, official or spectator. This refers to language or gestures which are directed at another person. See comments under Rule 1.3 above in relation to the seriousness of the breach.

2.7 Change the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3 Prohibited behavior includes picking the seam or deliberately throwing the ball into ground for the purpose of roughening it up and the application of moisture to the ball, save for perspiration and saliva.

2.8 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 shall be held responsible. Prohibited conduct under this rule will include incidents where a team bats in such a way as to either adversely affect its own, or improve its opponent' s, bonus points, net run rate or quotient.

2.9 Seriously breach any regulation regarding approved clothing or equipment. See guideline for Rule 1.6 above. Without limitation, a breach will be considered serious if it

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is done in bad faith or where it has serious commercial consequences (e.g. display of logo of competing CA or State sponsor)

3. Level 3 Offences The Offences set out at 3.1 to 3.6 below are Level 3 Offences. Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

3.1 Intimidate an umpire or referee whether by language or conduct.

3.2 Threaten to assault another player, Team official or spectator Self-explanatory.

3.3 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 Self-explanatory.

3.4 Physically assault another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator.

3.5 Engage in any act of violence on the field of play.

3.6 Make public or media comment detrimental to the interests of the game Prohibited conduct under this rule includes: Denigrating or criticizing any player, umpire, official, team, Cricket Australia, Queensland Cricket or any Commercial Partner of Cricket Australia, Queensland Cricket, SCCA or the respective Affiliated Clubs; Denigrating or criticizing any player, umpire or official by inappropriately commenting on any aspect of his or her performance, abilities or characteristics; Commenting on the likely outcome of or criticizing the outcome of a hearing, report or any appeal; or Criticizing any evidence, submission, or comment made by any person at the hearing of a report or any appeal. Note: 3.6 includes comment on Club websites and other electronic media. Each Club shall be responsible for advising Queensland Cricket of the Club Official that is responsible for monitoring their website.