

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

9 ECB Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket

- 9.1 The Alliance subscribes and adheres to the ECB's Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket incorporated in it. In particular the Alliance requires that the highest standards both on and off the field are observed in keeping with the dignity and best sporting traditions of the game.
- 9.2 Member clubs and their players and officials must adhere to the ECB's Code of Conduct and the Spirit of Cricket.
- 9.3 Clubs are responsible for ensuring that their players and officials understand the Laws of Cricket, the NCB's Disciplinary Code and other relevant regulations.
- 9.4 It is intended that in the first instance any complaint relating to a breach of the Code of Conduct or Spirit of Cricket by a player be dealt with by the player's club.
- 9.5 In any case where a complaint is reported to the Chairman of the NCB's Disciplinary Committee then subject to 9.7
- (i) as soon as reasonably practicable he will send full details of the complaint to the player's club
 - (ii) request that the club investigate and deal with the complaint within not more than 14 days from the date the complaint is referred to them
 - (iii) explain that if the club considers the complaint proven then provided it imposes a penalty in accordance with the NCB's Disciplinary Tariff currently in force (see 9.13 below) the NCB will take no action itself.
- 9.6 A club must ensure that any penalty imposed by it in respect of a complaint referred to it under 9.5 takes effect no later than 21 days after they receive details of the complaint under 9.5.
- 9.7 Nothing in 9.5 prevents the NCB through its Disciplinary Committee from itself investigating and taking action in respect of the complaint if the Chairman of the NCB's Disciplinary Committee considers it appropriate to do so or if the club so requests.
- 9.8 As soon as the player's club has investigated and dealt with a complaint referred to it under 9.5 it must inform the Chairman of the NCB's Disciplinary Committee in writing of its decision and the reasons for it.

9.9 The Chairman of the NCB's Disciplinary Committee will then either

- (i) endorse the disciplinary action taken by the club, in which case no further action will be taken against the player in respect of the complaint; or
- (ii) if not satisfied with the action taken by the club refer the matter to the NCB's Disciplinary Committee to consider under its disciplinary procedures.

9.10 The NCB will ensure that the Alliance is informed of any complaints dealt with under any part of the above.

9.11 Nothing in the above will prevent the NCB Disciplinary Committee or the Alliance taking action in respect of any complaint against the player's club or a non-playing official of a club if this is considered by it to be appropriate.

9.12 References in this Rule to the Chairman of the NCB's Disciplinary Committee include any other person appointed by the NCB for the purpose of exercising any of the relevant roles, in particular in any circumstances where the Chairman is unable to act.

9.13 The NCB's Disciplinary Tariff is currently

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| Dissent at umpiring decisions | 7 days |
| Sledging, foul or abusive language to fellow player, club or league official or spectators whether on or off the field | 14 days |
| Foul or abusive language to an umpire | 21 days |
| Threatening or aggressive behaviour, intimidation or deliberate distraction of opponents | 28 days |
| Incidents of physical assault or racial abuse | 12 months |

9.14 In applying the periods of suspension referred to in 9.13 (apart from the last line) there must be disregarded any period after the end of the League season and before the date which is 6 days before the start of the next League season.

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