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Code of Conduct



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Section A. DEFINITIONS

In this Code of Conduct the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

Adjudicator

Shall mean the person adjudicating during the hearing to determine an alleged breach of the rules of conduct. The VP of Teams and Regulation of CLNJ will be responsible to play this role.

Appeals Committee

Group of body appointed by the CLNJ President.

Code of Conduct

All those provisions comprising this Section, namely 'A - Definitions' and the following Sections B - J inclusive and the annexed Guidelines on the Principles of Natural Justice.

Laws of Cricket

The Laws of Cricket (2000 Code), or such further revision thereof as may come into force from time to time, as amended from time to time by ICC Regulations + All CLNJ rules and regulations

League Official

Any member of the executive committee of CLNJ

Match

A limited (max 40 over) match sanctioned in accordance with the CLNJ classifications, such as the Preseason, Regular Season and Playoffs games. Inter-league games would be monitored if requested by USACA

Member

Any Member Team of the CLNJ as provided for in its By Laws

Player

Any person included in the roster of a Member Team of CLNJ, irrespective whether that person actually plays cricket in such matches or not

President

The person from time to time holding office as President of CLNJ in accordance with CLNJ by laws

Rules of Conduct

The rules contained in the Player's and Team Official's Code forming Sections C of this Code of Conduct

Season

The period between the first day of a CLNJ sanctioned Match to the day of the last CLNJ sanctioned Match for a given year

Team Official

Any person, designated as President, Captain or Vice Captain of a Member Team

Umpire

A person appointed by the CLNJ to officiate/supervise a match

Witness

Any person providing evidence on behalf of the person lodging a report or on behalf a person charged of misconduct. Only an Umpire, Player, Team Official or League Official is allowed as witnesses during a hearing.

Section B. PERSONS/MATCHES COVERED

1. This Code of Conduct shall apply to:
 - Players.
 - Team Officials.
2. This Code of Conduct shall apply to all games sanctioned/approved by CLNJ, as well as inter league games if requested by USACA.

Section C. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

- C1. Players and/or Team Officials shall at all times conduct play within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws of Cricket and the captains and team officials are responsible at all times for ensuring that this is adhered to. The burden of being acquainted with the rules of the league rests on the teams themselves, not on the board as a whole or the executive committee
- C2. Players and/or Team Officials shall at no time engage in conduct unbecoming to their status, which could bring them or the game of cricket into disrepute.

Offence Levels

Level 1

The Offences set out at 1.1 to 1.6 below are Level 1 Offences.

- 1.1 Breach of C1 or C2.
- 1.2 Abuse of ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.
- 1.3 Showing dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.
- 1.4 Using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture.
- 1.5 Excessive appealing.
- 1.6 Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner by a bowler or other member of the fielding side upon the dismissal of a batsman.
- 1.7 Consumption of Alcohol during the game.

Level 2

The Offences set out 2.1 to 2.8 below are Level 2 Offences.

- 2.1 Breach of C1 or C2.
- 2.2 Repeat of any Level 1 Offence within 12 months of such offence.
- 2.3 Showing **serious** dissent at an Umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.
- 2.4 Making inappropriate comments on a player, umpire, team official or league official.
- 2.5 Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between Players or with an Umpire in the course of play.
- 2.6 Charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
- 2.7 Throwing the ball at or near a Player, Umpire or (Team/League) Official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.
- 2.8 Using language that is obscene, offensive or of a generally insulting nature to another Player, umpire, Team Official or spectator.
(It is acknowledged that there will be verbal exchanges between Players in the course of play. Rather than seeking to eliminate these exchanges entirely, umpires may look to lay charges when this falls below an acceptable standard. In this instance, language will be interpreted to include gestures).
- 2.9 Any attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, scores, net run rate or otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.

Level 3

The Offences set out at 3.1 to 3.4 below are Level 3 Offences.

- 3.1 Repeat of any Level 2 Offence within 12 months of such offence.
- 3.2 Intimidation of an umpire or League Official whether by language or conduct.
- 3.3 Threat of assault on another Player, Team Official or Spectator.
- 3.4 Using any language or gesture that offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

Level 4

The Offences set out at 4.1 to 4.4 below are Level 4 Offences.

- 4.1 Repeat for any Level 3 Offence within 12 months of such offence.
- 4.2 Threat of assault on an umpire or League Official.
- 4.3 Physical assault of another Player, Team Official or Spectator.
- 4.4 Any act of violence on the field of play.

Level 5

The Offences set out at 5.1 to 5.2 below are Level 5 Offences.

- 5.1 Repeat for any Level 4 Offence within 12 months of such offence.
- 5.2 Physical Assault on Umpire or League Official.

Penalties

Level 1 Offence

- **Fine of \$50.**

Level 2 Offence

- **Fine of \$50.**
- **One (1) game Ban.**

Level 3 Offence

- **Fine of \$100.**
- **One (1) game Ban.**

Level 4 Offence

- *Fine of \$500.*
- *Three (3) to Five (5) game Ban.*

Level 5 Offence

- **Fine of \$1000.**
- **Five (5) to Fifteen (15) game Ban.**

Appeals

Applicable Fee

- **Fee of \$50 non-refundable**

All appeals have to be made to the President of CLNJ. The decision of the appeals committee is final and cannot be appealed further.

Notes:

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- 6.1 Where the facts of or the gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, the person laying the charge may allege one of the following offences
 - breach of Rule C1- unfair play; or
 - breach of Rule C2 - conduct that brings the game into disrepute.The person laying such a charge must specify the level of breach to accompany the charge: for example, 'unfair play - Level 2' or 'conduct that brings the game into disrepute - Level 1'.

- 6.2 In deciding penalty, the adjudicator is entitled to and should take into account the prior record of the person charged.
- 6.3 The adjudicator is to specify the number of matches in respect of which the Player is banned.
- 6.4 Where there are separate incidents in the course of the match, the umpire should lay separate charges (This also includes multiple occurrence of an offence). If the adjudicator finds the person charged to be guilty of more than one offence, he should impose separate penalties in respect of each offence. Penalties in such cases are cumulative and not concurrent.
- 6.5 Plea-bargaining is not permitted. In no condition shall the adjudicator find a Player guilty of an offence/Level higher than that of what the Player has been charged of. The adjudicator does have the right to lower the Offence/Level if deemed appropriate.
- 6.6 Nothing in this Code of Conduct alters the onus on the captain to ensure that the Spirit of the Game is adhered to, as stated and defined in the preamble to the Laws of Cricket.
- 6.7 The Player or Official reported shall be entitled to appeal against a finding and/or a penalty imposed to the President of CLNJ. The President will appoint an Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee will then determine the appropriate penalty (if any) on an appeal. Irrespective of note C6.6 the committee has the authority to increase or decrease the original Penalty imposed by the adjudicator.

Section D. ADJUDICATOR

- 1 The adjudicator must not make any detrimental written or spoken comment about any charges reported to him.
- 2 The adjudicator shall, at all times, liaise with the umpires on any matter the adjudicator considers appropriate provided that the adjudicator shall not interfere with the role of the umpires under the Laws of Cricket.
- 3 The adjudicator shall:
 - a. ensure the Code of Conduct, together with the Rules of Conduct therein, is upheld;
 - b. investigate and adjudicate upon alleged breaches of the Rules of Conduct notified to him;
 - c. ensure the appropriate sanction is applied to any person found to be in breach of the Rules of Conduct;
- 4 In respect of investigating and imposing sanctions for breaches of the Rules of Conduct, the jurisdiction of the Adjudicator is limited to:
 - a. any alleged breach of the Rules of Conduct occurring on the field of play during a Match;
 - b. any alleged breach of the Rules of Conduct occurring off the field of play, within the precincts of the ground, on any day of Match;
 - c. any alleged breach of **Rule C 2.4** of the Rules of Conduct wheresoever alleged to have been committed provided that the alleged breach occurred during the Season.
- 5 In the event of a Player or Team Official being alleged to have breached the Rules of Conduct during a the Season in circumstances where there is no League Official or an umpire to witness the occurrence, then in that case the matter can be reported to CLNJ by any Team Official. The CLNJ executive committee at its own discretion can empower the adjudicator to determine the facts, take appropriate action and impose sanctions by following the procedures set forth in this Code of Conduct.

Section E. THE REPORTING/NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

1 General

- 1.1 An alleged breach of the Rules of Conduct can **only** be reported by:
 - An **Umpire**, appointed for the Match;
 - Any **Team Official**, either on his own behalf or on behalf of any of his Players participating in the League
 - Any **League Official**, either on his own behalf or behalf of any Player, Umpire or Spectator
- 1.2 A report must be made in writing, signed and dated by the person(s) making the report and, if possible, be on such form as may be provided from time to time by CLNJ for the making of reports.

2 Reports relating to alleged breaches of the Rules of Conduct committed on the field of play during a Match

- 2.1 If any person eligible to lodge a report decides to lodge a report relating to an alleged breach of the Rules of Conduct committed on the field of play during a Match that person must lodge the report with the Adjudicator within **3** days of the Match played, save in the case of the League Official, who must lodge any such report with the Adjudicator within **5** days of the Match played.
- 2.2 If the person lodging a report under Section E 2.1 is an umpire he shall inform the *appropriate person* of his intention to lodge a report or of the fact he has lodged a report as soon as reasonably practicable.
The *appropriate person* is to be such person(s) to whom the Adjudicator gives notification under Section E 2.3.
- 2.3 The Adjudicator who has received a report lodged under Section E 2.1 shall give notification of his receipt of the report, as soon as reasonably practicable:
 - In the event of the person named in the report being a Player then to any Team Official of the Player's team
 - In the event of the person named in the report being any Team Official then to all the Team Officials.

3 Reports relating to breaches of the Rules of Conduct committed otherwise than on the field of Play but within the precincts of the ground on any day of any Match.

- 3.1 If any person eligible to lodge a report decides to lodge a report relating to an alleged breach of the Rules of Conduct committed off the field of play but within the precincts of the ground, on any day of any Match, that person must give the report to the Adjudicator as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 3.2 The Adjudicator who receives a report under Section E 3.1 shall give notification of his receipt of the report, as soon as reasonably practicable, in the same manner as specified in Section E 2.3.

4 A Breach of Rule C 2.4 of the Rules of Conduct.

- 4.1 If any person eligible to lodge a report decides to lodge a report relating to an alleged breach of **Rule C 2.4** of the Rules of Conduct wheresoever committed but where the alleged breach occurred during the Season, that person must give the report to the Adjudicator as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 4.2 The Adjudicator who receives a report under Section E4.1 shall give notification of his receipt of the report, as soon as reasonably practicable, in the same manner as specified in Section E2.3.

5 A Breach of the Rules of Conduct where the Adjudicator does not have jurisdiction.

- 5.1 If any person eligible to lodge a report decides to lodge a report, then in accordance with Section D 5 person making such a report has to file it with the CLNJ Executive Committee.
- 5.2 The Adjudicator who receives a report under Section E 5.1 shall give notification of his receipt of the report, as soon as reasonably practicable, in the same manner as specified in Section E 2.3.
- 6 Once the notification procedures set out above have been complied with the Player and/or Team Official in respect of whom notification has been given shall be deemed to have been charged with a breach of the Rules of Conduct.
- 7 In the event of an alleged breach, where it is not possible to identify the particular Player(s) who has breached the Rules of Conduct the team captain may be the person charged and, if appropriate, sanctioned.
- 8 It shall be the Adjudicator's responsibility, to keep a written record of all reports lodged, as well as a written record of the action taken by him/her pursuant to receipt of the reports.
- 9 Copies of the written records kept by the Adjudicator shall be forwarded as soon as reasonably practicable to the CLNJ Secretary for archives.

Section F. APPEALS COMMITTEE

1. CLNJ President will appoint a body consisting of not less than 5 and not more than 7 individuals from within the Members of CLNJ. These individuals can not be
 - These individuals cannot be from the same Member Team.
 - Does not necessarily have to be a Team Official, could be any Player.
 - Cannot be associated with the same Member Team as that of the person filing the report, person charged or the Adjudicator.
 - All decisions have to be agreed upon by a 2/3 majority of the appeals committee.

Section G. THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

1. As soon as reasonably practicable after notification under Section E, the adjudicator shall provide written particulars of the Rules of Conduct it is alleged have been breached (based on the particulars notified to him). The particulars, in addition to identifying which of the Rules of Conduct it is alleged have been breached, shall give a brief statement of how it is alleged they have been breached (also based on the particulars notified to him). If more than one breach is alleged, whether of the same or separate Rules of Conduct, each alleged breach must be individually identified.
2. The adjudicator shall hold a hearing every Saturday and Sunday from 8 am to 10 am. The adjudicator shall provide the exact date and location when following Section G1.
3. The person (excluding the umpire) lodging the report and the person charged will be responsible for the following
 - Provide a written statement from any witness they intend to call to give evidence at the hearing.
 - The person charged should also give such a written statement if he intends to give evidence on his own behalf.
4. The person charged can plead guilty and waive the right to a hearing by providing a written notice.
5. The adjudicator shall be entitled, on behalf of the person lodging the report or on behalf of the person charged, to require the attendance at the hearing of any person to whom this Code of Conduct applies, or any Umpire, for the purposes of giving evidence. Failure on the part of any Player or Team Official to attend a hearing to give evidence when requested by the adjudicator to do so shall itself be liable, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, to be considered as a breach of Rule C 2 of the Rules of Conduct.
6. Subject to any express provision in this Code of Conduct, the conduct of the hearing shall be a matter to be determined by the adjudicator in his absolute discretion, provided that at all times the hearing is conducted in accordance with the principles of natural justice. Guidelines on the Principles of Natural Justice are annexed to this Code of Conduct.
7. In addition to the adjudicator the persons allowed to be present at the hearing :
 - the person charged
 - the person who lodged the report with the adjudicator
 - Team Officials of the person charged
 - League Officials
 - Witnesses
8. None of the persons mentioned in Section G 7 shall be denied the right to be at the hearing or make representations to the adjudicator. However, if such a person fails to attend the hearing and the adjudicator has complied with the requirements of Sections G 1 and G 2 the hearing may, at the adjudicator's absolute discretion, proceed in the absence of any or all such persons.
9. Any other person may be allowed to be present at the hearing if given permission by the adjudicator, such permission to be a matter for the adjudicator's absolute discretion. Any such person may also, at the adjudicator's absolute discretion, be allowed to make representations on behalf of the person charged.
10. If the provisions of Section G 3 have not been complied by any person other than the adjudicator, it shall be a matter in the adjudicator's discretion whether or not to allow any further evidence to be brought before the hearing.
11. The adjudicator shall be entitled to adjourn the hearing if he considers, in his absolute discretion, whether pursuant to an application by or on behalf of the person charged, that further evidence ought to be obtained, that further time is needed to consider the evidence in advance of the hearing or for any other reason he thinks appropriate. The person charged and the person lodging the report should be informed of the reason for the adjournment.
12. At the hearing of the alleged breach of the Rules of Conduct the person charged and the person lodging the report shall be entitled to cross examine any witnesses called.
13. The adjudicator is entitled, in his absolute discretion it is required, to seek legal advice prior to or during any hearing (for which purpose the adjudicator is entitled to adjourn the hearing) and/or prior to giving his decision.

Section H. THE ADJUDICATOR'S DECISION

1. At the end of the hearing the adjudicator has a minimum of 30 minutes and a maximum of 24 hours to review the proceedings of the hearing and his decision on the hearing.
2. Following the review the adjudicator shall announce his decision and the reason(s) for his decision.
3. After the adjudicator has given his decision and the reason(s) for his decision the person charged shall be given the opportunity to make a statement prior to the pronouncement of any sanction/penalty.
4. The adjudicator is entitled to give his decision and announce the sanction (if any) orally. However in such a case the adjudicator must as soon as reasonably practicable but within 48 hours provide a written statement of his decision and the reason(s) for his decision and sanction (if any).
5. In the event of an adjudicator determining that a Player or Team Official is in breach of the Rules of Conduct the adjudicator shall inform the CLNJ President, CLNJ Secretary, the Vice Presidents of Umpiring of his finding and the sanction (if any) he has imposed.
6. The adjudicator shall be entitled to make a statement and/or comment upon his decision within the scope of any limitations set by CLNJ in this respect from time to time.
7. The adjudicator's decision in respect of Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 offences is final and binding. Appeals in respect of Level 4 and Level 5 offences are permissible as provided for in sections H8 and H9
8. The following appeals system applies to Level 4 and Level 5 offences:
 - A Player or Team Official charged or any League Official on behalf of the person charged shall be permitted to appeal against an Adjudicator's finding and/or penalty in respect of a Level 4 or Level 5 Offence.
 - The relevant Player or Team Official or League Official seeking to appeal against a decision (the appellant) is to lodge with CLNJ President written notice of appeal setting out the grounds of the appeal within 48 hours of notification to the Player or Team Official of the Adjudicator's decision.
 - Within 48 hours of receiving the appellant's notice of appeal, the CLNJ president shall appoint an Appeals Committee to hear and determine the appeal.
 - The Appeals Committee shall hear and determine the appeal within 7 days of their appointment by the President.
 - The process for conducting the hearing shall be left in the discretion of the Appeals Committee. In most cases, the Appeals Committee will make the decision on the basis of the written submissions of the appellant and the adjudicator. In an exceptional case, the Appeals Committee shall have the power to conduct a hearing. In any such case, the appellant and the adjudicator shall be given the opportunity to listen to all of the evidence and to question any witnesses.
 - The Appeals Committee shall provide a written decision to the CLNJ President who in turn shall forward it to the appellant, the adjudicator and the CLNJ Secretary.
 - The Appeals Committee shall have the power to increase, decrease, amend or otherwise substitute their own decision from that of the adjudicator if they think it is appropriate to do so.
 - Pending resolution of an appeal, a Player shall be permitted to play in a match that is scheduled to commence prior to the announcement of the Appeals Commissioner's decision.
 - The decision of the Appeals Commissioner shall be final and binding.

Section I. PENALTIES - GENERAL

1. Once the adjudicator has informed the person found to be in breach of the Rules of Conduct of the sanction, if any, he is applying, the adjudicator shall inform the CLNJ Executive Committee and the Team Officials of the person charged in writing of the sanction to be imposed. If the person found in breach of the Rules of Conduct was informed of the sanction orally he shall also be provided with confirmation of the sanction in writing.
2. The adjudicator, in providing the written notification, shall -
 - clearly identify when any ban commences;
 - clearly identify any fine ordered to be paid;
 - clearly identify the name of the person to whom the sanction applies or, in the case of a fine being imposed for breach of Regulations applicable to an entire team, the identity of all persons fined or by reference to whom a cumulative fine has been calculated.
3. All fines shall be paid by the person(s) found to be guilty of a breach of the Rules of Conduct within one calendar month of written notification being given in accordance with Section I 1.
4. If any Player or Team Official fails to pay any fine imposed upon him within the prescribed period that Player shall be banned from playing all the remaining games in the Season. 2 points will be deducted from the Player's team and shall not be re-awarded even after the fines have been paid.

Section J. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Any section headings in this Code of Conduct are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of the substantive provisions contained within each section.
2. Every reference in this Code of Conduct in the masculine shall be deemed, for the purposes of interpretation, to include a reference to the feminine gender.
3. Where the context so permits references in the singular shall be deemed to include references in the plural even though not expressly stated.

GUIDELINES FOR OFFENCES

Preface

The schedule of offences contained in the ICC Code of Conduct has been drafted in clear and plain English. These guidelines are intended as an illustrative guide only and in the case of any doubt as to the interpretation of the Code, the provisions of the Code itself shall take precedence over the provisions of the guidelines.

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

Level 1

- **Breach of C1 or C2**

- **C1 – Conduct Contrary to the game.**

- This is meant as a general catch all clause. Conduct which will be prohibited under the clause includes using an illegal bat, time wasting, cheating during play (includes deliberate attempts to mislead the umpire) and any conduct which is considered 'unfair play' under Law 42.

- **C2 – Conduct unbecoming their status or which brings the game into disrepute.**

- This is another catch all clause and is intended to include serious or repeated criminal conduct, public acts of misconduct, unruly public behavior and inappropriate public comment which falls outside of Clause CC 2.4 and which is detrimental to the interests of the game.

- In this respect any comment which denigrates another Member, Player, Team/League official or Umpire shall be prohibited under this regulation.

- **Abuse of 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 fixtures and fittings. Getting into fights, involvement of police or park rangers, illegal parking etc. Any action that brings disrepute to the name of CLNJ.

- **Showing 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. Obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket.

- **Using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture.**

- This includes swearing and obscene 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.

- **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 a dismissal before the decision has been given may also constitute excessive appealing.

- **Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner by a bowler or other member of the fielding side upon dismissal of a batsman.**

- Self-explanatory.

- **Consumption of Alcohol during the game.**

- Players (playing or not playing) of the Member Teams playing the match should at no time consume alcohol during the Game.

Level 2

- **Breach of C1 or C2**

- **C1 – Conduct Contrary to the game.**

- This is meant as a general catch all clause. Conduct which will be prohibited under the clause includes using an illegal bat, time wasting, cheating during play (includes deliberate attempts to mislead the umpire) and any conduct which is considered 'unfair play' under Law 42.

- **C2 – Conduct unbecoming their status or which brings the game into disrepute.**

- This is another catch all clause and is intended to include serious or repeated criminal conduct, public acts of misconduct, unruly public behavior and inappropriate public comment which falls outside of Clause CC 2.4 and which is detrimental to the interests of the game.

- In this respect any comment, which denigrates another Member, Player, Team/League official, or Umpire shall be prohibited under this regulation.

- **Repeat of any Level 1 Offence within 12 months of such offence.**
Refer to guidelines of Level1.
- **Showing 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.
- **Making inappropriate comments on a player, umpire, team official or league official.**
Without limitation, players will be considered as breaching this rule if they publicly criticize a player, umpire, team/league official. Or denigrate a player or member team against which they have played in relation to incidents that occurred in a match. Sending of emails in the same context is also considered a breach of this rule.
- **Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between Players or with an Umpire in course of play.**
Without limitation, players will be considered as breaching this rule if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder another player, team official or an Umpire.
- **Charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.**
Self-explanatory.
- **Throwing the ball at or near a Player, Umpire or (Team/League) Official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.**
This regulation will not prohibit fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion
- **Using language that is obscene, offensive or of a generally insulting nature to another Player, umpire, Team Official or spectator.**
(It is acknowledged that there will be verbal exchanges between Players in the course of play. Rather than seeking to eliminate these exchanges entirely, umpires may look to lay charges when this falls below an acceptable standard. In this instance, language will be interpreted to include gestures).
This is any language or gesture that is directed at another person or persons. In exercising his judgment as to whether the behavior has fallen below an acceptable standard, the umpire seeking to lay a charge shall be required to take into account the context of the particular situation and whether the words or gesture are likely to:
 - a) be regarded as obscene or
 - b) give offence or
 - c) insult another person.
 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.
- **Any attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, scores, net run rate or otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.**
Self-explanatory.

Level 3

- **Repeat of any Level 2 Offence within 12 months of such offence.**
Refer to guidelines of Level2. Third repetition of any level1 Offence is treated as Level 3 Offence.
- **Intimidation of an umpire or League Official whether by language or conduct.**
Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner.
- **Threat of assault on another Player, Team Official or Spectator.**
Self-Explanatory.
- **Using any language or gesture that offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.**
In assessing the seriousness of a breach the degree to which the behavior was likely to give offence (to the ordinary person) and whether it was directed specifically towards any person or persons shall be taken into account.

Level 4

- **Repeat of any Level 3 Offence within 12 months of such offence.**
Refer to guidelines of Level3. Fourth repetition of any level1 Offence is treated a Level 4. Third repetition of any level2 Offence is treated as Level 4 Offence.
- **Threat of assault on an umpire or League Official.**
Self-Explanatory.
- **Physical assault of another Player, Team Official or Spectator.**
Self-Explanatory.
- **Any act of violence on the field of play.**
Self-Explanatory.

Level 5

- **Repeat of any Level 4 Offence within 12 months of such offence.**
Refer to guidelines of Level4. Fifth repetition of any level 1 Offence is treated a Level 5. Fourth repetition of any level2 Offence is treated as Level 5 Offence. Third repetition of any level3 Offence is treated as Level 5 Offence.
- **Physical Assault on Umpire or League Official.**
Self-Explanatory.

INCIDENT REPORTING FORM

CLNJ Incident Reporting Form

Umpire, Team/League Officials of CLNJ should use this form to report any instance of alleged misconduct, whether on or off the field of play, by any Player, Team Official.

Match vs.
Date
Venue
Umpire(s) Name 1 **Name 2.**

Name everybody involved in the incident

Name:	Team:
Name:	Team:
Name:	Team:
Name:	Team:
Name:	Team:

Was the Batting side Captain informed? Yes/No
Was the Fielding side Captain informed? Yes/No
Details of the Incident:

Action taken at the Time of the Incident:

Was the Incident reported verbally to any Team Official Yes/No
If Yes, please give details

Name of Person Filing The Report :
Designation :
Date :

Note: Email this report ASAP to the VP of Teams and Regulations.
