

Canterbury & Western Suburbs Cricket

Association Inc.

Code of Conduct

The preamble of the Laws of Cricket (2017 code **4th Edition - 2026**) emphasizes the need of captains, players and umpires to conduct the game and themselves within the Laws, but MOST importantly within the “Spirit of the Game”.

THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET:

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket.

The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, match officials and especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.

RESPECT is central to the Spirit of Cricket.

Respect your captain, teammates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.

Play hard and play fair.

Accept the umpire’s decision.

Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct and encourage others to do likewise.

Show self - discipline, even when things go against you.

Congratulate the opposition on their successes and enjoy those of your own team.

Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.

This code of conduct, endorsed by the executive committee should be used as a guide as to the standard of behaviour expected and necessary for the proper and fair conduct of our competitions.

The following information regards the procedure and actions to be taken by the executive committee should any player and or official breach this code. Penalties, suspensions and or fines may be imposed on any individual, team or club registered in the C&WSCA.

The penalties suggested in this code are a guide only and the Executive Committee have the power to alter these depending on past history of any individual, team club or person(s) is/are of good character, the first offence etc.

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CODE	CHARGE	ADMITTED	FOUND PROVED
1A.	Assault an Umpire	Level 1. 2 - 5 years	5 – 10 years
		Level 2. 5 -10 years	15 – 25 years
1B.	Attempt to Assault an Umpire	Level 1. 1 – 2 years	2 – 5 years
		Level 2. 2 – 5 years	5 – 10 years
2A.	Assault Player or Spectator	Level 1. 4 – 7 matches	8 – 12 matches
		Level 2. 12 – 16 matches	2 – 4 years
		Level 3. 2 – 4 years	4 – 6 years
2B.	Attempt to Assault Player	Level 1. 4 – 7 matches	8 – 12 matches
	Or Spectator	Level 2. 8 – 12 matches	1 – 1.5 years
		Level 3. 12 – 16 matches	1.5 – 2 years
3A.	Abuse orally an Umpire	Level 1. Caution + Fine	1 – 3 matches
	including crude or abusive	Level 2. 2 – 4 matches	4 – 6 matches
	language	Level 3. 5 – 8 matches	1 year
4A.	React disapprovingly to	Level 1. Caution	Fine + 1 match
	Umpire's decision	Level 2. Fine + 1 match	2 – 4 matches
		Level 3. 5 – 8 matches	1 year
4B.	Use crude or abusive language	Level 1. Caution + Fine	1 match + Fine
	& or hand signals or gestures	Level 2. 2 – 3 matches	3 – 4 matches
	to a player or spectator	Level 3. 4 – 5 matches	6 – 8 matches
5A.	Any conduct that is likely to	Same as 4B above	Same as 4B above
	bring the game into disrepute		
5B.	Refuse to provide name to	Level 1. Caution + Fine	1 – 3 matches
	person lodging report		
6A.	Captain failing to control	Level 1. Fine + 1 match	Fine + 2 matches
	players or team	Level 2. 2 – 3 matches	3 – 5 matches

NOTE: A person who makes a vexatious or frivolous report will be liable to penalties as contained in 5A.

Who Can Lodge a Report?

Any player, umpire or official may lodge a report through their Club or Affiliated body Secretary. No report will be excepted otherwise.

To Whom Do You Lodge This Report?

The report must be lodged in writing and sent to the Secretary of C&WSCA.

What Details are Required?

The report must contain the Date, Time and place of the incident(s) together with the name(s) of the person(s) involved and a brief description of the events that took place, along with names of any witnesses. You also need the name(s) of who you informed that the report was being lodged. If no names are provided the report will not be looked at.

When Do You Lodge a Report?

The report must be lodged within Forty - Eight Hours of the completion of the match in question. Any report lodged after that will not be accepted.

Who Else Must be Informed that the report is being lodged?

Either the player(s) or their captain (Coach or Manager in Juniors) must be informed at the completion of the days play that such a report is being lodged. If the Captain is not present, you must inform the Vice Captain or stand in captain and a name must be provided.

What Happens Next?

The Secretary will send a copy of the report to the members of the Executive Committee so it can be dealt with ASAP. If the Executive Committee considers that the report is serious enough, they will then consider what charges and Level of the charges should be brought against the person(s) named in the report. The C&WSCA Secretary will then inform the club Secretary of the player(s) involved together with a copy of the report and the details of what charge(s) the Association have deemed appropriate.

The person(s) charged have two (2) options, they may:

- (1) Plead "guilty" to the charges, in writing through their club secretary and the association secretary will inform them in writing, of the penalty imposed by the Executive Committee.
- (2) Elect to have the matter dealt with by a panel of members appointed by the Executive Committee. A hearing will be held ASAP but with at least seven (7) days' notice to the person(s) involved. The Executive Committee at it's discretion may

suspend a player until it hears the complaint. The panel of members appointed may also hear the complaint in the persons absence.

(3) No Legal Representative will be permitted.

(4) Any appeal shall be accompanied by a required fee determined by the Executive Committee.

What Can I Do if I Don't Agree with the Decision?

You have the right of appeal to the CNSW Integrity Unit. A cost will occur set by the CNSW Integrity Unit and paid for by the appellant.

This appeal must be made through the relevant secretary of the Association dealing with it within seven (7) days of the hearing, after notice of the resolution is served, as per Clause 12.6 of the Constitution.

Even though you have made an appeal, the penalty imposed will remain in force unless the appeal is upheld.