

**CDCA PLAYER CONDUCT FRAMEWORK  
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Offence Level	Player Offences	MCC Law 42 Action by Umpires	Recommended Player Penalties
<p><b>Level 1 Offences</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wilfully mistreating any part of the cricket ground, equipment or implements used in the match.</li> <li>• Showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action.</li> <li>• Using language that, in the circumstances, is obscene, offensive or insulting.</li> <li>• Making an obscene gesture.</li> <li>• Appealing excessively.</li> <li>• Advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.</li> <li>• Any other misconduct, the nature of which is, in the opinion of the umpires, equivalent to a Level 1 offence.</li> <li>• Failure to follow CDCA Mandatory Head Protection Policy</li> </ul>	<p><u>During Play</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The umpire shall call time, if necessary.</li> <li>• Together the umpires shall summon and inform the offending player's captain that an offence at this Level has occurred.</li> <li>• The umpire shall award 5 penalty runs to the opposing team.</li> <li>• As soon as practicable the umpire shall call Play.</li> </ul> <p><u>Post Play</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The umpires together shall report the occurrence as soon as possible after the match to the captain and or Executive of the offending player's team and to any Governing Body responsible for the match.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the player elects to have the matter heard by the CDCA Independent Tribunal, a minimum penalty of two matches will apply if the Umpire determination is upheld.</li> <li>• The Independent Tribunal can set any sanctions as it sees fit within the scope of level 1 to 4 penalties.</li> <li>• Minimum mandatory suspension players – 1 match – Teams, Officials, Clubs \$250</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Level 2 Offences</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Showing serious dissent at an umpire’s decision by word or action.</li> <li>Making inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with another player.</li> <li>Throwing the ball at a player, umpire or another person in an inappropriate and dangerous manner.</li> <li>Using language or gesture to another player, umpire, team official or spectator that, in the circumstances, is obscene or of a seriously insulting nature.</li> <li>Any other misconduct, the nature of which is, in the opinion of the umpires, equivalent to a Level 2 offence.</li> </ul>	<p><u>During Play</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The umpire shall call time, if necessary.</li> <li>Together the umpires shall summon and inform the offending player’s captain that an offence at this Level has occurred.</li> <li>The umpire shall award 5 penalty runs to the opposing team.</li> <li>As soon as practicable the umpire shall call Play.</li> </ul> <p><u>Post Play</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The umpire shall report the occurrence as soon as possible after the match to the captain and or Executive of the offending player’s team and to any Governing Bosity responsible for the match.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the player elects to have the matter heard by the CDCA Independent Tribunal, a minimum penalty of three match suspension will apply if the Umpire determination is upheld.</li> <li>The Tribunal can set any sanctions as it sees fit within the scope of level 1 to 4 penalties.</li> <li>Minimum mandatory suspension players – 2 matches – Teams, Officials, Clubs \$500</li> </ul> <p>Note: Players found guilty of a level 2 offence in the home and away season are ineligible for player of the season association awards.</p>

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<p><b>Level 3 Offences</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intimidating an umpire by language or gesture.</li> <li>Threatening to assault a player or any other person except an umpire.</li> </ul>	<p><u>During Play</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The umpire shall call Time, if necessary.</li> <li>The umpire shall summon and inform the offending player’s captain that an offence at this Level has occurred.</li> <li>The umpire shall direct the captain to remove the offending player immediately from the field of play for a period in accordance with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In a match where the innings are not limited to a number of overs, the player shall be suspended from the field of play for 10 overs. Any balls remaining in the over in progress at the time of suspension shall not count towards the overs for which the player is suspended.</li> <li>In a match where the innings are limited to a number of overs, the player shall be suspended for one fifth of the number of overs allocated to the current innings at its commencement. If, in calculating the length of the suspension, a part-over results, it shall be considered as a whole over. Any balls remaining in the over in progress at the time of suspension shall not count towards the overs for which the player is suspended.</li> <li>If the offending player is a fielder, no substitute shall be allowed for him/her. The offending player may return to the field of play after serving the period of suspension and may bowl immediately.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the player elects to have the matter heard by the CDCA Independent Tribunal, a minimum penalty of four match suspension will apply if the Umpire determination is upheld.</li> <li>The Tribunal can set any sanctions as it sees fit within the scope of level 1 to 4 penalties.</li> <li>Minimum mandatory suspension players – 3 matches – Teams, Officials, Clubs \$750</li> </ul> <p>Note: Players found guilty of a level 3 offence in the home and away season are ineligible for player of the season association awards.</p>

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<p><b>Level 4 Offences</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Threatening to assault an umpire.</li> <li>Making inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with an umpire.</li> <li>Physically assaulting a player or any other person.</li> <li>Committing any other act of violence.</li> </ul>	<p><u>During Play</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The umpire shall call Time, if necessary.</li> <li>Together the umpires shall summon and inform the offending player’s captain that an offence at this Level has occurred.</li> <li>The umpires shall direct the captain to remove the offending player immediately from the field of play for the remainder of the match and shall apply the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the offending player is a fielder, no substitute shall be allowed for him/her. He/She is to be recorded as Retired – out at the commencement of any subsequent innings in which his/her team is the batting side.</li> <li>If a bowler is suspended mid-over, then that over must be completed by a different bowler, who shall not have bowled the previous over nor shall be permitted to bowl the next over.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum mandatory suspension players – 1 season – Teams, Officials, Clubs \$2,500</li> <li>If the player elects to have the matter heard by the CDCA Independent Tribunal penalty can be up to life ban.</li> </ul> <p>Note: Players found guilty of a level 4 offence in the home and away season are ineligible for player of the season association awards.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the offending player is a batter, he/she is to be recorded as Retired – out in the current innings, unless he/she has been dismissed under any of Laws 32 to 39, and at the commencement of any subsequent innings in which his/her team is the batting side. If no further batter is available to bat, the innings is completed.</li> <li>• As soon as practicable, the umpire shall:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Award 5 Penalty runs to the opposing tea.</li> <li>- Signal the Level 4 penalty to the scorers.</li> <li>- Call Play.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Post Play</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The umpires together shall report the occurrence as soon as possible after the match to the Executive of the offending player’s team and to any Governing Body responsible for the match, who shall take such further action as is considered appropriate against the captain, any other individuals concerned and, if appropriate, the team.</li> </ul>	