



**European Cricket Network  
Code of Conduct for Players, Player Support Personnel and  
Match Officials**

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# 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The European Cricket Network (“**ECN**”) is responsible for the governance of the sport of cricket during a ECN Match and/or Event and the implementation of this Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel and Match Officials (the “**Code of Conduct**”) as part of the ECN’s continuing efforts to improve the public image, popularity and integrity of cricket, and the commercial interests of the ECN by providing:
  - 1.1.1. the most effective means to deter any Participant or Match Official from conducting themselves improperly on and off the field-of-play or in a manner that is contrary to the Spirit of Cricket; and
  - 1.1.2. robust and proportionate disciplinary proceedings pursuant to which all matters of improper conduct can be dealt with fairly, with certainty and in an expeditious manner.
- 1.2. For the purpose of this Code a “**Participant**” shall be:
  - 1.2.1. Any **Player** who is selected in any squad that is chosen to represent a National Cricket Federation in any ECN Match and/or a ECN Event; and
  - 1.2.2. Any **Player Support Personnel** including but not limited to any coach, trainer, manager, selector, team official, doctor, physiotherapist or any other person employed by, representing or otherwise affiliated to a squad that is chosen to represent a National Cricket Federation in any ECN Match or series of ECN Matches.
- 1.3. For the purpose of this Code a “**Match Official**” shall be a **ECN Match Referee and Umpires** appointed to officiate in a ECN Match.
- 1.4. All Match Referees must keep a record of recorded breaches and sanctions issued during an ECN Event, that must be submitted to the ECN Head of Operations at the end of each tournament or series and shared with other Tournament Referees. The ECN Head of Operations will keep a further record which is accessible to those necessary.

## 2. Code Infringement

- 2.1. Any infringement of this Code by a Participant will be considered, having full regard to the scope and severity of the incident, and graded from Level 1 through to Level 6 as set out below.

### **Level 1 Charge heard and penalty decided by Tournament Referee**

- 1.1 Abuse of equipment, clothing, or any part of the ground.
- 1.2 Showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or by action.
- 1.3 Using language or a gesture that is obscene, offensive or insulting.
- 1.4 Excessive appealing.
- 1.5 Aggressive pointing towards the pavilion by a member of the fielding side upon the dismissal of a batter

### **Level 2 Charge heard and penalty decided by Tournament Referee**

- 2.1 Repeat of any Level 1 Offence within the tournament
- 2.2 Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action
- 2.3 Public criticism of a match related incident or match official
- 2.4 Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between players during play.
- 2.5 Aggressively charging towards an umpire while appealing
- 2.6 Deliberate distraction or obstruction on the field
- 2.6 Throwing the cricket ball at a player, umpire or official in a dangerous manner
- 2.7 Using language or a gesture that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, umpire, referee, team official or spectator
- 2.8 Any attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result (In a negative way), net run rate, bonus points or otherwise. (Example: Intentionally losing so that a team will face a weaker opponent in the Finals.)

**Level 3 All cases referred with recommendation by Tournament Referee to the ECN Technical Committee for hearing and penalty decision**

- 3.1 Repeat of any Level 2 Offence within the tournament.
- 3.2 Changing the condition of the ball.
- 3.3 Intimidation of an umpire or referee.
- 3.4 Threat of assault on a player, team official, or spectator.
- 3.5 Using language or gestures that offends race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

**Level 4 All cases referred with recommendation by Tournament Referee to the ECN Technical Committee for hearing and penalty decision**

- 4.1 Repeat for any Level 3 Offence within the tournament.
- 4.2 Threat of assault on an umpire or referee.
- 4.3 Physical assault of another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator.
- 4.4 Any act of violence during play.
- 4.5 Using language or gestures that seriously offends race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

**Level 5 All cases referred by Tournament Referee to the ECN Technical Committee and ECN Integrity Unit**

- 5.1 Suspicious or continual incorrect decision making by Match Official(s) which may be seen as corrupt or lacking integrity

**Level 6 All cases referred to the ECN Integrity Unit / Match Referee and ICC Anti-Corruption Unit**

- 6.1 Use of a mobile device inside the PMOA (exception to those who are authorised to use a mobile device in the PMOA, such as the Tournament or Match Referee, the appointed Integrity Officer, the appointed medical staff including Physiotherapist, members of the ECN Technical Committee, or anyone appointed by the Integrity Officer and seconded by the Match Referee.)
- 6.2 Involved in suspicious passages of play.
- 6.3 Reports from data coming from the betting or gaming industry.
- 6.4 Reports coming in from external sources of potential fixing or contriving to fix a match.

6.5 Investigations by the ECN Integrity Unit and or ICC Anti-Corruption Unit showing evidence or suspicions of corruption or anything similar.

### 3. Penalties

3.1. The penalties available for each offence by a Participant or Match Official are based on the level. The ECN penalties are as follows:

- 3.1.1. **Level 1:** Severe reprimand and final warning to offending Participant and Captain or Match Official, plus an apology if required. (**Tournament Referee**)
- 3.1.2. **Level 2:** Maximum of a two (2) ECN Match ban within the ECN Event. For a first time offender, one (1) ECN Match may be suspended. (**Tournament Referee**)
- 3.1.3. **Level 3:** A Three (3) ECN Match ban plus any suspended bans from any previous offences. No suspended punishment will be carried over to the following year's ECN Event if the penalty is not completed during the tournament. (**Advised by the Tournament Referee and submitted in writing to the ECN Technical Committee who must confirm the sanction (or change thereof) in writing to the Tournament Referee within 24 hours** If the player is selected to play within the 24 hours period he will have to forfeit that game till the technical committee has responded.
- 3.1.4. **Level 4:** Banned for the rest of the ECN Event and may not participate in the following years in any other ECN Event for a minimum of 24 months. (**Advised by the Tournament Referee and submitted in writing to the ECN Technical Committee who must confirm the sanction (or change thereof) in writing to the Tournament Referee within 24 hours**)
- 3.1.5. **Level 5:** Ban from umpiring or officiating for the rest of an ECN Match and/or Event/s.
- 3.1.6. **Level 6:** ECN has a zero tolerance policy on Level 6 breaches. Offences relating to use of mobile devices inside the PMOA, gambling, match-fixing or contriving to affect the outcome of a passage of play, Match and/or Event shall carry serious penalties of bans for lengthy periods based on investigations by the ECN Integrity Unit and ICC Anti-Corruption unit. Further at the request of the integrity officer the Tournament Referee has the right to withdraw the player with immediate effect from the game.

The ECN shall advise the ICC and the relevant National Cricket Federation in writing of the circumstances of the Level 6 breach for appropriate action under their respective jurisdictions.