

CHRISTLETON CRICKET CLUB PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Why is player behaviour so important?

The Laws and the Spirit of Cricket are there to ensure that all 22 players and umpires enjoy a game that, although played competitively, is always played fairly.

Whatever your role in the game, we all have a responsibility to ensure that the Laws are upheld and that we don't tolerate any form of poor player behaviour.

Remember that poor behaviour detracts from the enjoyment of playing the game and causes additional work for volunteers by taking them away from supporting other areas of the game.

The Committee will implement fitting punishment to any player that they feel contravenes the club's policy on conduct and fair play, for example:

Level 1

Abuse of equipment clothing, or any part of the ground.
Showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or by action.
Using language or a gesture that is obscene, offensive or insulting.
Excessive appealing.

Level 2

Repeat of any Level 1 Offence within 12 months.
Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action.
Public criticism of a match related incident or match official.
Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between players during play.
Aggressively charging towards an umpire while appealing.
Deliberate distraction or obstruction on the field.
Throwing the cricket ball at a player, umpire or official in a dangerous manner.
Using language or a gesture that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, umpire, referee, team official or spectator.
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

Repeat of any Level 2 Offence within 12 months.
Changing the condition of the ball.
Intimidation of an umpire or referee.
Threat of assault on a player, team official, or spectator.
Using language or gestures that offends race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

Level 4

Repeat for any Level 3 Offence within 12 months.
Threat of assault on an umpire or referee.
Physical assault of another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator.
Any act of violence during play.
Using language or gestures that seriously offends race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

Penalties

The penalties available for each offence are based on the level. The penalties are as follows:

- Level 1: 1 match ban
- Level 2: 2 match ban
- Level 3: 2-4 match ban
- Level 4: 8 match - ban for life