



WESTERN PROVINCE CRICKET ASSOCIATION (WPCA)

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR THE 2026/2027 SEASON

1. THE CODE

This Code of Behaviour outlines the standards of behaviour expected from all members, players, coaches, officials, and volunteers associated with the Western Province Cricket Association (WPCA), hereinafter referred to as “participants”. It aims to promote respect, integrity, and fairness within the cricket community.

- 1.1 Western Province Club cricket has traditionally strived to maintain and exhibit the highest levels of conduct and sportsmanship.
- 1.2 Whilst cricket has always been a most competitive game, the continued strength of the sport has relied upon the acceptance of the Umpires’ decisions and the preparedness to play within the "Spirit of the Game".
- 1.3 All participants shall respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every person involved in cricket, regardless of age, gender, ability, race, religion, or social status.
- 1.4 All participants shall conduct themselves honestly and ethically.
- 1.5 Participants must not engage in any form of cheating or unfair play.
- 1.6 The use of drugs, alcohol, or any banned substances before or during participation in any cricket activity is strictly prohibited.
- 1.7 All participants shall maintain a high standard of behaviour both on and off the field.
- 1.8 Coaches, team captains and officials shall function as role models and lead by example.
- 1.9 The use of social media should be responsible and respectful, avoiding any posts that could harm the reputation of the WPCA or its members. Participants shall not disclose, comment publicly on, or make any public pronouncement (including on any form of media, social or otherwise) about any matter which brings into disrepute, in particular and not limited to:
 - 1.9.1 the game of cricket in general; or
 - 1.9.2 a particular tournament or match in which they are involved; or
 - 1.9.3 relations between the competing teams; or
 - 1.9.4 which is critical of the selection of any team for any regulated Match, or

- 1.9.5 the reputation of any individual involved in the game of cricket.
- 1.10 The areas of major concern, and those clearly unacceptable to the WPCA, are:
- 1.10.1 The use of offensive language - generally as a disparaging remark to an opposing player or toward an Umpire, or even as an expression of frustration or self-admonishment. This includes vilification (any act that is reasonably likely to threaten, disparage, offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate another person or group on any basis, including but not limited to race, religion, descent, colour, sexual orientation or national or ethnic origin).
 - 1.10.2 The questioning/disputing of an Umpire's decision - often in an aggressive or sarcastic manner. This applies equally to dismissals and unsuccessful appeals as to the judgment of calls on no balls, wides, byes, etc. Coaches and officials at all levels are fully bound by the Code with the same obligations and sanctions applied to players.
 - 1.10.3 The excessive number of frivolous and ridiculous appeals - primarily aimed at pressuring and intimidating an Umpire into a favourable decision.
 - 1.10.4 The actions of the dismissed batsman in failing to leave the crease promptly on being given out, and any equipment abuse (e.g. banging the bat into the ground or against a fence, etc. and/or throwing the bat or equipment during or after his return to the pavilion).
 - 1.10.5 The actions of directly or indirectly engaging in, or giving advice concerning, betting, gambling or any form of financial speculation on the outcome of any regulated match.
 - 1.10.6 The acceptance of any form of inducement which is likely or calculated to affect a player's performance or the performance of any participant involved in any regulated match adversely.
- 1.11 Breaches of this Code of Behaviour will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include warnings, suspensions, or expulsion from the WPCA. The severity of the disciplinary action will be determined by the nature of the breach, any previous misconduct and considering the mandatory penalties
- 1.12 It is the responsibility of everyone involved with WPCA cricket, including club officials, team captains and especially the players, to uphold the levels of conduct and sportsmanship traditionally inherent in the game.

- 1.13 Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their members and supporters towards players and umpires.
- 1.14 All participants shall acquaint themselves and shall be deemed acquainted with the Constitution, the By-Laws, Playing Conditions, WPCA External Communication Policy and Protocols, and Code of Behaviour of the WPCA.

2. DEFINITIONS

In this Code of Behaviour, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following words and expressions shall bear the meanings assigned to them below:

- 2.1 **"AC"** means the Appeals Committee of the WPCA.
- 2.2 **"Accused"** means any Participant, Club, or official against whom a report alleging a breach of this Code has been lodged.
- 2.3 **"Board"** means the Board of Directors of the WPCA.
- 2.4 **"By-Laws"** means the by-laws of the WPCA, as amended from time to time.
- 2.5 **"CEO"** means the Chief Executive Officer of WPCA or his/her designated representative.
- 2.6 **"Club"** means any affiliated cricket club under the jurisdiction of the WPCA.
- 2.7 **"Code"** means this WPCA Code of Behaviour.
- 2.8 **"DC"** means the Disciplinary Committee of the WPCA.
- 2.9 **"LLC"** means the Local Leagues Committee of the WPCA.
- 2.10 **"Participant"** has the meaning given to it in clause 1 of this Code and includes, but is not limited to, players, coaches, managers, officials, volunteers, selectors, and members of the WPCA.
- 2.11 **"Regulated Match"** means any match, tournament, or cricket activity organised, sanctioned, or administered by the WPCA or any of its affiliated bodies.
- 2.12 **"Report"** means a formal written complaint submitted in accordance with clause 3 of this Code.
- 2.13 **"Spirit of the Game"** refers to the traditional values of cricket as embodied in the Preamble to the Laws of Cricket published by the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), including respect for opponents, umpires, the game's traditional values, and the pivotal role of the captain in maintaining these standards.
- 2.14 **"Suspension"** means a prohibition from participating in matches and/or related cricket activities for a specified number of playing days or period.
- 2.15 **"WPCA"** means the Western Province Cricket Association.
- 2.16 **"WPCUA"** means the Western Province Cricket Umpires' Association.

3. ELIGIBILITY TO LODGE AN ALLEGED BREACH OF THE CODE

- 3.1 A report of an alleged breach of the Code may be submitted by any of the following (“the complainant”):
 - 3.1.1 any official umpire officiating in a match, provided that the report is countersigned by the second official umpire, if there was one, and ratified by the WPCUA;
 - 3.1.2 any Affiliate or Associate Member, provided that the report is submitted by a committee member of the Member concerned. All such reports shall be submitted on the official letterhead of the Affiliate or Associate Member concerned;
 - 3.1.3 any office bearer, official or representative of the WPCA;
 - 3.1.4 any member of the WPCA Board, or member of any other WPCA committee.
- 3.2 The WPCA Board must refer any written allegation of a Code breach to the LLC within 10 (ten) business days of receiving it.
- 3.3 The LLC has the right to review any Club’s internal decision relating to a breach of the Code of Behaviour and the penalty imposed in respect thereof and, if necessary, refer the matter to the DC.

4. LODGING A REPORT AND CONDONATION

- 4.1 A written report must reach the offices of the WPCA by no later than the close of business (18h00) of the third business day (defined as Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays) after the day on which the breach is alleged to have occurred. However, the LLC may, at its discretion, condone any late report on condition that a valid reason is provided, for example, family emergencies (such as death), ill health, club travel or work commitments. The LLC may, at its discretion, request evidence to be submitted for the late submission. As soon as reasonably possible after receiving the report, the WPCA shall inform the accused person(s), in writing through their Club, that a report has been submitted.
- 4.2 The LLC shall have the power, whether on its own initiative or as a result of a report received, to investigate and adjudicate any breaches of the by-laws, playing conditions and any complaints and disputes; to impose administrative penalties, to impose fines and deduct or award points as provided for in the By-Laws and/or Playing Conditions; to refer any breach of the Code of Behaviour to the DC; and to make decisions concerning the interpretation and application of Playing Conditions and By-Laws.

5. BREACHES – PROCEDURE

- 5.1 When an official umpire submits a report, the LLC will review it and conduct any necessary inquiries. If the committee determines that there has been a prima facie breach of the Code of Behaviour, it will cite the accused, apply the mandatory penalties listed herein and inform the accused accordingly. Note that when an official umpire intends to submit a report, he/she shall advise the captain of the accused of his/her intention no later than 30 minutes after the close of play on match day. The LLC may grant condonation should the latter not be possible, provided that the umpire provides reasons for his/her inability to inform the captain. An umpire's report shall be signed by both umpires.
- 5.2 Upon receiving this citation, the accused may request a Disciplinary Hearing in accordance with the WPCA Constitution, By-Laws, and Code of Behaviour. The request for a hearing must detail the grounds for the hearing and be countersigned by the Club Chairperson.
- 5.3 This request should be submitted in writing to the Club Cricket Coordinator of the WPCA by no later than close of business 18h00 of the third business day (defined as Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays) of the accused being informed of the imposed sentence. However, the DC may condone any late request, on condition that a valid reason, for example, family emergencies (such as death), ill health, club travelling or work commitments, has been given for the late submission. The DC may, at its discretion, request evidence to be submitted for the late submission. If the DC deems the grounds for the hearing to be frivolous or vexatious, the accused will be liable for a R3000.00 fee to cover the hearing costs.
- 5.4 Reports submitted by persons other than an official umpire shall be dealt with by LLC, which shall make such inquiries as it deems necessary. If the LLC determines that there has been a breach of the Code of Behaviour, it shall draw up a notice of a breach of the Code of Behaviour and refer it to the DC.
- 5.5 The notice of breach of the Code of Behaviour drawn up by the LLC shall set out and include the following:
 - 5.5.1 the name and club name of the accused (e.g., "member of XXX CC").
 - 5.5.2 the official violation report.
 - 5.5.3 the number and description of each offence and the prescribed penalty.

6. DC HEARINGS

- 6.1 The DC will comprise no fewer than 3 (three) persons.
- 6.2 DC members shall be independent and free of bias.
 - 6.2.1 The following persons are ineligible to serve on a DC:
 - a) any person whose Club participated in the match from which the report(s) arose;
 - b) any person who has pre-judged the incident by public comment.
 - 6.2.2 No person who serves on any WPCA Committee (including the DC, LLC or AC) shall appear before a DC as a representative of any Club or individual.
- 6.3 The charge sheet drawn up by the LLC shall set out the following:
 - 6.3.1 the name and name of the club of the accused (e.g., "member of XXX CC");
 - 6.3.2 the date, time and place when each alleged offence took place;
 - 6.3.3 the number and description of each offence and the prescribed penalty;
 - 6.3.4 particulars of each offence.
- 6.4 The accused will be notified of the date, time and place of the Disciplinary Hearing.
- 6.5 The Charge Sheet, Umpires' report, possible witness statements and audio-visual footage, if available, must be sent to the club of the accused at least 3 (three) days before the DC Hearing.
- 6.6 The accused may be represented by an Executive member of his/her Club. Legal representation is not permitted during disciplinary proceedings unless, on application by the accused, the Chairperson of the DC, in his/her sole discretion, deems it necessary in the interest of fairness and justice based on the complexity of the matter or severity of potential sanctions, particularly in respect of offences under Levels 4 and 5. If the Chairperson does not permit legal representation, the hearing will continue regardless.
- 6.7 Proceedings shall commence with an opening address by the Chairperson, including the identification of all persons present, any conflicts of interest and the procedure to be followed.
- 6.8 The accused has the option to represent him/herself or to be represented by an Executive member of his/her club. If the accused opts to represent him/herself, his/her representative shall only act as an observer.
- 6.9 The charge sheet shall be read by the Chairperson.
- 6.10 The Chairperson shall request the accused to plead to the charge/s set out in the charge sheet and may pose questions to the accused to clarify his/her plea or any aspect thereof.

- 6.11 If the accused pleads guilty to any charge/s, a plea of guilty shall be entered in respect of those charges. The DC shall proceed on the merits in respect of charges not pleaded guilty to. In the event that the accused pleads guilty to all charges, the hearing shall proceed to the penalty phase.
- 6.12 If the accused pleads not guilty to all charges or if the accused pleads guilty to only some of the charges, the hearing proceeds on the merits.
- 6.13 Everyone leaves the room, except for the accused and his/her representative.
- 6.14 The DC shall then call in the complainant to give his/her version of events.
- 6.15 If both umpires are present at the Hearing, they shall present their version of events separately, whereafter any other witnesses to the offence shall be called.
- 6.16 The DC shall be allowed to pose questions to the complainant, umpire(s) and any witnesses.
- 6.17 The accused or his/her representative, whichever is applicable, may ask relevant questions of the complainant, umpires and any witnesses, provided that the Chairperson may disallow irrelevant questions.
- 6.18 Following questioning by the accused, the DC may ask any questions of the complainant, umpires or witnesses for clarification.
- 6.19 The complainant, the umpires and all witnesses are excused as soon as each has given his/her evidence.
- 6.20 Thereafter, the accused shall be given the opportunity to present his/her version of events.
- 6.21 The DC will be allowed to pose questions to the accused.
- 6.22 After the accused has given his/her version, his/her witnesses shall be allowed to give evidence individually.
- 6.23 The DC shall be allowed to pose questions to the witnesses.
- 6.24 After the accused's witnesses have concluded their evidence, they shall be excused.
- 6.25 After all evidence, submissions and questioning have been concluded, the accused and his/her representative, if applicable, shall leave the room whilst the DC deliberates upon its decision.
- 6.26 Written submissions of witnesses, documents and other forms of evidence may be considered. However, unless confirmed by oral evidence, they shall carry less weight where direct oral evidence is presented on a disputed issue.
- 6.27 After deliberation, the accused will be called back and informed of the decision – guilty or not guilty
- 6.27.1 If not guilty, the hearing is concluded.

- 6.27.2 If guilty, prior to the announcement of the penalty, the Chairperson asks the accused or his representative if he/she has anything further to add in mitigation of the penalty.
- 6.28 The accused and his representative, if applicable, shall again leave the room whilst the DC deliberates upon a decision regarding the penalty.
- 6.29 After deliberation, the accused shall be called back and be advised of the sanction/penalty, along with the reason(s) given as to how the decision was reached.
- 6.30 The DC may decide, on the facts laid in front of them, to add or amend charges as they deem fit, guided by the WPCA by-laws, Code of Behaviour and Playing conditions.

The outcome of the DC will be conveyed to the complainant via his/her club or the WPCUA by no later than close of business (18h00) of the third business day (defined as Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays) after the day on which the DC was held, unless there are compelling reasons why the outcome could not be conveyed within the time frame.

7. RECORDING OF DC HEARINGS

- 7.1 The DC hearing will be assisted by a DC Secretary who will not participate in its decision, but who will be allowed to advise it on the Association's By-Laws.
- 7.2 The DC Secretary will record the charges or disputes, a summary of the evidence, and advise all other interested parties of the decisions and ensure the record of the hearing is available for any subsequent appeal.
- 7.3 If possible, a mechanical or electronic recording of the DC hearing shall be made by the DC Secretary, who shall make such recording available to any party to the proceedings, which party shall be entitled to transcribe such recording at its own cost.

8. PENALTIES & DETERMINATIONS

- 8.1 The DC shall have the power to reprimand or impose penalties on Clubs, players, officials and participants, including mandatory penalties and to impose fines.
- 8.2 It may suspend teams, in which case all members of the team in the match to which the charge relates will be suspended for the same period unless individually exonerated and the team will cease to take part in their current competition for the period of the suspension.
- 8.3 For the failure to control properly a Club's players, officials or teams, the DC may fine or reprimand that Club.
- 8.4 Suspensions and fines may be suspended, subject to good conduct, for a specified period.
- 8.5 A suspension must be for a specified period of playing days of the particular team in which the player was playing at the time of the transgression. It should be clearly understood that

a specific number of playing days' suspension excludes days when the team that he/she represented is on a bye.

- 8.6 To comply with WPCA procedures, the DC must nominate the date on which any suspension starts and ends.
- 8.7 If the DC finds that an incorrect ruling has been made by or on behalf of the WPCA, then it will correct the ruling in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (Constitution) and Rules of the WPCA.
- 8.8 Should any player, official, participant or team fail to attend a Disciplinary Hearing, they will automatically be suspended until they appear before the DC. However, should such player, official, participant or team request a postponement, the DC may grant this, on condition that the request is made no later than 3 (three) business days prior to the scheduled date of the hearing days, by no later than 18h00, and on condition that this request is deemed to be valid by the DC and is put in writing, with proof of the reason/s provided. For example, if the request for a postponement is work-related, an instruction from the employer to that effect must be provided. If the DC accedes to the request for a postponement, a second date will be set for the hearing, and the aforementioned suspension will not apply.
- 8.9 If a player, official or team fails to attend a rescheduled Disciplinary Hearing which has been specially convened for the purpose, the DC will deliberate at that time, and hand down its decision immediately, based on the evidence submitted. However, in the event of exceptional unforeseen circumstances which prevent such player, official, participant or team from attending the hearing, a request for postponement, submitted in writing with proof of the reason/s provided no later than 3 (three) business days prior to the scheduled date of the re-scheduled hearing, may, if deemed valid by the DC, be granted. Another date will then be scheduled, and no further requests for postponement will be considered. In such an event, where the accused fails to arrive for the rescheduled meeting, the DC will deliberate at that time and hand down its decision immediately, based on the evidence submitted. Any suspension which may have been imposed as contemplated in clause 8.8 will still apply.
- 8.10 Such a decision shall be conveyed verbally to the person/s concerned within 3 (three) business days after the meeting and confirmed in writing to that party within a period of 3 (three) business days or as soon as possible thereafter.
- 8.11 Should a person be found guilty of committing an offence, the mandatory penalties as listed below shall be applied. If he/she is found guilty of more than one offence committed on the same occasion, a cumulative sentence may be imposed. All or part of the sentence may be

suspended for a period, as is deemed fit. Any suspended sentence imposed for an offence shall be added to the sentence for a subsequent offence if the period of the suspended sentence has not expired, unless the DC finds valid and convincing reasons not to do so.

- 8.12 If an offender is found guilty of any other or similar offence within a period of 2 (two) playing seasons, it shall be deemed to be a second or subsequent offence for the purpose of determining the prescribed penalty.
- 8.13 Should a player be suspended in terms of the mandatory penalties, the suspension will take effect upon the completion of the match in which the offence occurred, unless the player requests a DC hearing, in which event the player may continue playing until the hearing has been concluded.
- 8.14 Where appropriate, penalties imposed in respect of offences committed during the same match shall run concurrently; however, the DC has the discretion to order that certain penalties run consecutively.

9. APPEALS

- 9.1 AC members shall be independent and free of bias.
 - 9.1.1 No person whose Club participated in the match from which the report(s) arose shall be eligible to sit on the AC concerned.
 - 9.1.2 No person who serves on any WPCA Committee, including the DC, LLC or AC, shall appear before an AC as a representative of any Club or individual appearing before it.
 - 9.1.3 No person who has prejudged the incident by public comment shall be allowed to serve on the AC.
- 9.2 A party found guilty by the WPCA DC shall have the right to appeal such finding and/or any penalty imposed to the AC in the manner set out in the By-Laws and the Constitution of the WPCA.
 - 9.2.1 The deadline to file an Appeal shall be submitted to the Co-ordinator of Club Cricket by no later than the close of business (18h00) of the third business day (defined as Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays) after the accused has received the outcome of the DC Hearing in writing.
 - 9.2.2 The player has the right to appeal the above decision as per By-Law 21 (b) and (c) in the WPCA By-Laws for 2026/2027.
 - 9.2.3 Such appeal shall be in writing on the prescribed form ("Notice of Appeal") and shall be delivered to the WPCA Club Cricket Coordinator or his nominee within 3

(three) business days after the decision of the DC concerned has been communicated to the appellant in writing, whether in the form of a minute of the meeting of the committee concerned or otherwise.

9.2.4 The Notice of Appeal shall be signed by the Appellant, shall specify the grounds of the appeal fully and in detail and shall be accompanied by a deposit of R3000.00 (three thousand rand), which deposit shall be received and acknowledged by the WPCA.

9.2.5 Please note Clause K under WPCA By Law 21:

(k) Whilst an appeal is being formulated and heard, the appellant shall comply with whatever penalty has been imposed by the original DC or decision made by the LLC; however, the Chairman of the AC may, on application by the appellant and on good cause, suspend the implementation of such penalty or decision until after the conclusion of the appeal process.

9.3 The decision of the AC shall be binding on all parties; however, any aggrieved party may refer any unresolved dispute to the CEO of WPCA in terms of Section 42.9 of the Constitution of WPCA, not later than 10 (ten) business days after the date on which the decision was communicated.

10. PENALTIES

10.1 Mandatory Penalties Schedule

The mandatory penalties for breaches of this Code are categorised by levels of seriousness, as detailed in Annexure A: Schedule of Offences and Mandatory Penalties. This schedule forms an integral part of this Code.

10.2 Application of Penalties

The DC shall impose the mandatory penalties as set out in Annexure A for any offence of which a Participant is found guilty. The DC has the discretion to impose additional penalties, including fines and/or suspended sentences, as provided for in clause 8 of this Code.

10.3 Captain's Penalty

Captains are responsible for their team playing the game in the spirit, as stated in the MCC laws of the game. Where a captain is found guilty of any of the above offences, except for Level 1, number 1.8 and Level 3, number 3.6, the penalty shall be doubled.

10.4 Offences by non-Players

Where coaching staff, team management, club officials, participants (as defined) or spectators are charged with and found guilty of any offence listed in Annexure A, the DC may, at its reasonable discretion, impose a suspension ranging from 4 (four) to 40 (forty) playing days and/or a fine up to R20 000.00 (twenty thousand rand) per offence. The DC shall be guided by the levels and principles outlined in Annexure A.

10.5 Bringing the game or WPCA into disrepute

10.5.1 Any conduct which brings the game or WPCA into disrepute, including but not limited to knowingly publishing false or hateful statements on social media, such as Facebook, X (Twitter), WhatsApp, whether on a general WhatsApp or club WhatsApp group, or on any blogs, is explicitly prohibited.

10.5.2 A written report alleging such an offence shall be treated as a breach of this Code. All reports of such violations shall be supported by evidence, for example, screenshots.

10.5.3 A suspension ranging from 4 playing days to a Life ban and/or a fine up to R20 000.00 (twenty thousand rand) per offence may be imposed, at the reasonable discretion of the DC.

10.6 Other Cricket Law Transgressions

10.6.1 A player or captain of a team found guilty of any reportable transgression/s of the laws of cricket (not covered elsewhere in this Code) may face a suspension ranging from 4 (four) to 40 (forty) playing days and/or a fine up to R20 000.00 (twenty thousand rand) per offence, at the reasonable discretion of the DC.

11. EFFECT OF SUSPENSION

11.1 The penalty imposed on any player who has been suspended in terms of the WPCA Code of Behaviour shall apply only to the playing of club matches.

11.2 The penalty imposed on any coach, member of the team management, Club Officials, participants or spectators who have been suspended in terms of the WPCA Code of Behaviour shall apply only to their presence on match days.

11.3 A suspended participant shall still be allowed to participate in all other Club activities.

11.4 Any person found to be in contravention of their conditions of suspension may be charged with bringing the game or WPCA into disrepute in terms of clause 10.5 above.

SCHEDULE OF OFFENCES AND MANDATORY PENALTIES
(Integral part of the WPCA Code of Behaviour) Levels of Offences

MATCH RELATED OFFENCES (ON AND OFF THE FIELD) AND ASSOCIATED MANDATORY PENALTIES		Number of playing days for which the person is to be suspended.		
Offence Description		1st Offence	2nd Offence	3rd Offence
LEVEL 1 OFFENCES		4 days	6 days	8 days
1.1	Disputing an umpire's decision or acting in a disapproving manner either towards an umpire or his/her decision or generally acting in a provocative manner.			
1.2	Verbal abuse of a player.			
1.3	Incitement of any person to verbally abuse.			
1.4	Use of crude or abusive hand signals or gestures.			
1.5	Excessive appealing, after having been warned by the umpires.			
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	Abuse of cricket equipment or property. (Equipment or property need not be damaged by such abuse.)			
1.8	Failure by a captain to control his/her players after having been requested to do so by an officially appointed umpire or a duly elected official of the WPCA. Where a captain was not requested to control his/her players but, resulting from an investigation, it is the opinion of the LLC that he/she indeed failed to do so, the LLC may use its discretion to charge him/her under this offence.			
1.9	Failure by a captain to control his/her players, where no official umpires are appointed.			
LEVEL 2 OFFENCES		6 days	8 days	10 days
2.1	Intimidation (e.g. throwing the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate or dangerous manner).			
2.2	Threat of assault or physical interference.			
2.3	Incitement or provocation of any person to physical assault.			

2.4	Public criticism of, or inappropriate comments on, a match-related incident or match official, including via social media.			
2.5	Charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner.			
2.6	Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play during a match.			
2.7	Engaging in public acts of misconduct or unruly behaviour while playing any cricket game under the auspices of the WPCA.			
2.8	Consuming of alcoholic beverages and/or use of narcotic substances by a player while the match is in progress, whether on or off the field of play.			
LEVEL 3 OFFENCES		6 days	8 days	10 days
3.1	Verbal abuse of WPCA umpire or official.			
3.2	Intimidation of an umpire or threat of assault or physical interference.			
3.3	Physical interference (other than directed toward an umpire).			
3.4	Changing the condition of the ball or pitch.			
3.5	Making a racial, religious, cultural, or sexual remark or comment that could be interpreted as such in nature.			
3.6	Where no individual offender is identified in the changing of the condition of the ball or pitch, the captain shall be held responsible, and penalties applied to him/her accordingly.			
LEVEL 4 OFFENCES		20 days	30 days	40 days
	Assault (defined as the intentional infliction of minor physical harm or injury).			
LEVEL 5 OFFENCES		40 days	Life	
5.1	Physical assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.			
5.2	Collusion to contrive the result of a match or engaging in match-fixing.			