

NM Cricket League Disciplinary Process:

1. Only Captain and Umpire may report player misconduct in the Captains and Umpires Report following a game.
2. All incidents must be reported in the weekly Captains Reports following a game, i.e., incidents not reported by then will not be reviewed.
3. By Friday of each week or as soon as possible, abqcc is responsible for reviewing, investigating and instituting discipline for any incidents contrary to the abqcc code of conduct as noted in the weekly Captains reports.
4. Below are the disciplinary guidelines according to the severity of offense as described later in this document.

Note: Offenses will be tracked across seasons, i.e., there will be no 'reset 'after each season.

	First offense	Second offense	Each subsequent offense
Level 1	Warning	\$50 fine	\$100 fine + 1 match ban
Level 2	\$ 100 fine + 1 match ban	\$150 fine + 2 match ban	\$200 fine + 3 match ban
Level 3	\$500 fine and 1 year ban	1 year ban	n/a

5. Appeals: The disciplined member may appeal the disciplinary action by providing an explanation via email to abqcc .within two calendar days of being notified. Abqcc shall review the appeal, investigate further if they deem it necessary, and issue a final ruling within three calendar days of receiving the appeal. This decision shall be final.
6. The disciplined member will not be eligible to play in a game until they pay their fines to the Abqcc and serve any match bans. The disciplined member must clear their penalty before playing.

Code of Conduct Offenses: There are 3 levels of offenses in increasing order of severity according to which appropriate disciplinary action may be taken.

Level 1 Offenses:

1. Abuse of cricket or ground equipment. Examples: throwing a bat or other equipment to the ground in apparent anger even if not directed at an individual, hitting/ kicking the wickets.
2. Showing dissent at an umpire's decision during a match. Examples: showing excessive, obvious disappointment at a decision, delaying the game, pointing to the bat or pad, snatching cap or sweater from the umpire, arguing or holding a prolonged discussion with the umpire.
3. Using offensive language or gestures during a match: swearing or making obscene gestures. This does not include comments based on race, religion, etc., which are unacceptable and addressed under Level 2 offenses below.

4. Excessive appealing: repeated appealing of the same decision. Not intended to cover loud or enthusiastic appealing.
5. Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion by a bowler or other member of the fielding side upon the dismissal of a batsman.
6. Public criticism or inappropriate comments regarding an opponent or umpire. 7. Any other behavior that, in the judgment of the umpires, is contrary to the spirit of the game and qualifies as a Level 1 offense.

Level 2 Offenses:

1. Showing serious dissent at an Umpire's decision: Dissent, including the examples given under Level 1 above will be classified as serious when the conduct contains an element of anger or abuse which is directed at the Umpire or the Umpire's decision or where there is excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket or where there is persistent reference to the incident over time.
2. Charging or advancing towards the Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
3. Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play. 4. Throwing a ball (or any other equipment) at or near a player, Umpire, or any other third person in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.
5. Using language or gesture(s) that is seriously obscene or offensive to another player, Umpire, or any other third person, including language or gestures that are likely to offend another person on the basis of their race, religion, gender, color, national or ethnic origin.
6. Cheating: changing the condition of the ball in an unfair manner as described under the Laws of Cricket (ball tampering), deliberately changing the score of the game to affect the outcome, deliberately changing playing conditions such as boundaries, etc.
7. Any other behavior that, in the judgment of the umpires, is contrary to the spirit of the game and qualifies as a Level 2 offense.

Level 3 Offenses:

Overwhelmingly serious offenses such as any act of violence or threat of violence, both on and off the field, against players, umpires, or any third person. Threat of violence includes those made verbally or by gesture.

Guidelines for Reporting Offenses: This code of conduct is not meant to punish every trivial offense and take all the fun out of playing the game. Captains are encouraged to use their discretion while still maintaining control of the game and setting a high standard for member conduct. Captain should report incidents in a timely manner, i.e., in their reports due by Tuesday each week, and with sufficient detail to allow Abqcc committee to make an informed decision. Audio and/or video evidence, if available, can be used for reporting or reviewing an offense.