



BCSA

CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it is to be played not only within its Laws, but also within the spirit of the game. Any action seen as abusing this spirit causes injury to the game itself.

Embracing the spirit of the game means participating, either as a player or as an official, fairly and exhibiting respect for other players and officials and the game's traditional values such as graciousness in defeat and humility in victory.

Cricket has a distinct place in Australian society and history. As an element in Australia's national identity, cricket plays a significant role. This status brings with it particular responsibilities for players and officials to conform to high standards of fair play and personal behaviour on and off the field.

This Code of Conduct is intended to protect and enshrine such important qualities and standards so that all may continue to enjoy the game of cricket now and in the future.

The Code aims to set out the minimum standards for anyone involved in representing BCSA. It shall apply when playing, training or taking part in any BCSA sanctioned activities.

The Code shall be binding for Blind Cricket SA players, officials and members when representing BCSA or in relation to any conduct relating to the operation or management of BCSA.

Code of Conduct

1. Act within the rules and the Spirit of Cricket.
2. Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
3. Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
4. Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of Cricket.
5. Treat each person as an individual.
6. Show respect and courtesy to all involved with Cricket.
7. Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
8. Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.
9. Observe Australian Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People.
10. Display appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
11. Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
12. Act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
13. Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
14. Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
15. Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.
16. Do not engage in any act or communication that brings into disrepute BCSA, its members, committee or partner organisations such as SACA, Cricket Australia and Blind Cricket Australia.

Players

1. Give your best at all times.
2. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.



3. Play by the rules and show respect for other players, coaches, officials and administrators.
4. Be a financial member of the club and remain up to date with any club costs.

Coaches

1. Place the safety and welfare of players above all else.
2. Help each participant to reach their potential. Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback.
3. Ensure all players are included and can participate, regardless of their race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
4. Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest coaching practices and principles.

Officials

1. Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
2. Ensure all players are included and can participate, regardless of their race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
3. Be consistent, impartial and objective when making decisions.
4. Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for other players and officials.

Committee Members and Administrators

1. Ensure quality supervision and instruction for players.
2. Support coaches and officials to improve their skills and competencies.
3. Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport, club or association as a whole.
4. Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
5. Conduct club responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.

Supporters and Members

1. Respect the effort and performances of players, administrators and officials.
2. Reject the use of harassment, bullying or violence in any form, whether by other spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.

Conflict of Interest

If a conflict of interest (a situation that has the potential to undermine the impartiality of a person because of the possibility of a clash between a person's personal, professional and/or public interests) should occur, the person with that conflict needs to declare this conflict to the appropriate BCSA members.



RULES FOR BEHAVIOUR – OFFENCES

Each of the rules for behaviour has a guideline. The guidelines are intended as an illustrative guide only and in the case of any doubt as to the interpretation of the Rule, the provisions of the Rule itself shall take precedence over the provisions of the guidelines. The guidelines should not be read as an exhaustive list of offences or prohibited conduct.

Level 1 Offences

The Offences set out at 1.1 to 1.5 below are Level 1 Offences. Players and where applicable, officials and members must not:

No.	Rule	Guidelines
1.1	Abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.	Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket actions such as hitting or kicking the wickets and actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage to the advertising boards, boundary fences, or any part of, or contents of, any building or structure at the ground.
1.2	Show dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.	Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire's decision or with an umpire making the decision and obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket. This Rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision, or the captain from commenting on the umpires' performance in his/her Captain's Report if applicable.
1.3	Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and / or the making of an obscene gesture.	This includes swearing and offensive gestures which are not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or fortune. The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach.
1.4	Engaging in excessive appealing.	Excessive shall mean repeated appealing when the bowler / fielder knows the batter is not out, with the intention of placing the umpire under pressure. It is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing. However, the practice of celebrating or assuming a dismissal before the decision has been given, may also come within this Rule.
1.5	Point or gesture towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner, or behave aggressively or derisively towards either batter, upon the dismissal of a batter.	Includes charging or running up to the batter and getting "in his / her face".



Level 2 Offences

The Offences set out at 2.1 to 2.8 below are Level 2 Offences. Players and where applicable, officials and members must not:

No.	Rule	Guidelines
2.1	Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.	<p>Dissent should be classified as serious where the dissent is expressed by a specific action such as the shaking of the head, snatching cap from umpire, pointing at pad or inside edge, other displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket.</p> <p>This Rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision.</p>
2.2	Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players or officials in the course of play.	Without limitation, players will breach this regulation if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder another player, official or match official.
2.3	Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.	Self-explanatory.
2.4	Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play.	This does not replace Law 42 (4) and (5) of the Laws of Cricket. Without limitation, players will breach this rule if they deliberately attempt to distract a striker by words or gestures or deliberately shepherd a batter / runner while running or attempting to run between wickets.
2.5	Throw the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate and / or dangerous manner.	This Rule will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion.
2.6	Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, official or spectator.	This is language or gestures which are directed at another person. See comments under Rule 1.3 above in relation to the seriousness of the breach.
2.7	Change the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3.	Prohibited behaviour includes excessive scuffing, removing the plug in order to remove or attempt to remove the audibility contents of the ball and the application of moisture to the ball, save for perspiration and saliva.
2.8	Attempt to manipulate a Match in regard to the result, net run rate, performance points or	Prohibited conduct under this Rule will include incidents where a Team bats in such a way as to either adversely affect its own, or improve its opponent's, performance points or net run rate.



	otherwise. The Captain of any Team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.	
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Level 3 Offences

The Offences set out at 3.1 to 3.3 below are Level 3 Offences. Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

No.	Rule	Guidelines
3.1	Intimidate an umpire whether by language or conduct.	Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner.
3.2	Threaten to assault another player, Team official or spectator.	Self-explanatory.
3.3	Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.	Self-explanatory.

Level 4 Offences

The Offences set out at 4.1 to 4.4 below are Level 4 Offences. Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

No.	Rule	Guidelines
4.1	Threaten to assault an umpire or referee.	Self-explanatory.
4.2	Physically assault another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator.	Self-explanatory.
4.3	Engage in any act of violence on the field of play.	Self-explanatory.
4.4	Use language or gestures that seriously offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.	Self-explanatory.

Laws of Cricket and Spirit of the Game

No.	Rule	Guidelines
5	Players must obey the Laws of Cricket and play within the Spirit of the Game. The Captain and Team coach must use their best efforts to ensure that their Team and individual members of the Team comply with this rule.	This is meant as a general Rule to deal with situations where the facts of or the gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by the offences set out in Rules 1-4 (inclusive) of the Code. Conduct which will be prohibited under the clause includes time wasting and any conduct which is considered "unfair play" under Law 42 of the Laws of Cricket. This Rule is not intended to punish unintentional breaches of the Laws of Cricket. Reference may be made to any statement or explanation of the Spirit of Cricket published in conjunction with the Laws of Cricket. Nothing in this Rule or the Code alters the onus on the captain to



		ensure that the Spirit of the Game is adhered to as stated and defined in the preamble to the Laws of Cricket.
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Unbecoming Behaviour

No.	Rule	Guidelines
6	Without limiting any other rule, players and officials must not at any time engage in behaviour unbecoming to a player or official that could bring the game of cricket into disrepute or be harmful to the interests of cricket.	This is also meant as a general Rule to deal with situations where the facts of or the gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by the offences set out in Rules 1 – 4 (inclusive) of the Code. It is intended to include serious or repeated criminal conduct, public acts of misconduct, unruly public behaviour and cheating during play.

PENALTIES

1. Breaches or allegations of a breach of the BCSA Code of Conduct shall be investigated by the BCSA Committee to the best of its ability.
2. Any penalty for such breaches will be decided by the BCSA Committee.
3. Penalties may range from a warning through to suspension and up to expulsion from BCSA.
4. The Committee shall be empowered to hand over investigations to other authorities including SACA or the SA Police if necessary.
5. After a penalty is handed down, a member has 48 hrs from official notification (email) to appeal the penalty. Any appeal will be heard by an Appeals Committee which consists of the BCSA President and two persons appointed by the BCSA Executive. The appeal will be heard as soon as is reasonably possible.

Acknowledgement

By taking out a BCSA membership, you are agreeing to the conditions of this Code.



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