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BBCL has the right to expel any team/player found guilty of any abuse below or any abuse not named below that BBCL deems appropriate, without notice and without an opportunity for the team/player to appeal. By participating in BBCL, each team/player agrees to these conditions.

A. Persons/Matches Covered

1. This Code of Conduct shall apply to:

- (a) Players; and
- (b) Team Officials.

2. Disciplinary Committee shall be bound by Section D of this Code of Conduct.

3. This Code of Conduct shall apply to all League Matches.

B. Rules of Conduct

1. Players and/or Team Officials shall at all times conduct play within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws of Cricket and the Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that this is adhered to (Rule C3 deals with the application of and penalties for breach of this Rule).

2. Players and/or Team Officials shall at no time engage in conduct unbecoming to their status which could bring them or the game of cricket into disrepute (Rule C3 deals with the application of and penalties for breach of this Rule).

3. Where the facts of or the gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the level/category of offenses below, the person laying the charge may allege one of the following offenses

(A) breach of Rule C1 - conduct contrary to the spirit of the game; or

(B) breach of Rule C2 - conduct that brings the game into disrepute

The person laying such a charge must specify the level of breach to accompany the charge: for example, “conduct contrary to the spirit of the game – Level 2” or “conduct that brings the game into disrepute – Level 1”.

4. In deciding penalty, the Committee is entitled to and should take into account the prior record of the person charged.

5. If damage has been caused to any property, the Committee may order compensation to the aggrieved party as part of the penalty.

6. Penalties are to be applied in the form of matches in which the Player is likely to play. The Committee is to specify the number of matches in respect of which the Player is banned.

7. Where there are separate incidents in the course of the match, the umpire should lay separate charges. If the Committees find the person charged to be guilty of more than one offense, they should impose separate penalties in respect of each offense. Penalties in such cases are cumulative and not concurrent.

8. Plea bargaining is not permitted. It is open to the Committees to find a Player guilty of an offense in a level lower than that in which he is charged where the constituent elements of the lesser offenses are the same. For example, if a Player is charged with serious dissent under clause offense-Level 2.1, it is open to the Committees to find the Player guilty under clause offense-Level 1.3 of dissent rather than serious dissent.

9. Nothing in this Code of Conduct 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.

10. The Player or Official reported shall be entitled to appeal against a finding and/or a penalty imposed in respect of Level 2, Level 3 or Level 4 offenses as provided in section J. The appeal will be decided on by Captains of BBCL teams from a division other than the division of the incident.

C. Offenses, Penalties and Guidelines

Level 1

The offenses set out at 1.1 to 1.8 below are Level 1 offenses.

Penalty:

a. Fine of \$50.00

1.1 Showing dissent at an umpire’s decision.

1.2 Abuse of cricket equipment, 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 score boards, boundary fences and other fixtures and fittings.

1.3 Failure to pick up garbage after a league match, violating ground policies during course of the league match.

1.4 Using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene Gesture. Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire's decision, an obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket, shaking the head, pointing or looking at the inside edge when given out lbw, pointing to the pad or rubbing the shoulder when caught behind, snatching the cap from the umpire, a bowler or fielder arguing or entering into a prolonged discussion with the umpire about his decision

1.5 Excessive appealing. Repeated appealing when the bowler/fielder knows the batsman is not out with the intention of placing the umpire under pressure. It is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing. 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 Public criticism of, or inappropriate comment on a match related incident or match official in BBCL forum. Without limitation, players and team officials will breach this rule if they publicly criticize the match officials or denigrate a player or team against which they have played in relation to incidents which occurred in a match. When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the context within which the comments have been made and the gravity of the offending comments must be taken into account.

1.8 Failure to provide a complete score sheet to the opponents after the completion of the match.

Level 2

The offenses set out at 2.1 to 2.12 below are Level 2 offenses.

Penalty:

a. Fine of \$100.00

b. 1 to 3 Regular Season Match Ban.

2.1 Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision. (Cursing at an Umpire is an immediate Ejection from the game. If the player does not leave, the team will forfeit the match and be on probation from the league).

Dissent, including the examples given in 1.3 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.

2.2 Serious violation of ground policies during [and up to two hours of before and after] course of the league match.

2.3 Serious public criticism of, or inappropriate comment on a match related incident or match official in BBCL forum. Without limitation, players and team officials will breach this rule if they publicly criticize the match officials or denigrate a player or team against which they have played in relation to incidents which occurred in a match. When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the context within which the comments have been made and the gravity of the offending comments must be taken into account.

2.4 Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between Players in the course of play. Without limitation, players will breach this regulation if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder another player.

2.5 Charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.

2.6 Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play.

2.7 Throwing the ball at or near a Player, umpire or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner. This regulation will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion.

2.8 Using language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another Player, Umpire, Team Official or spectator. It is acknowledged that there will be verbal exchanges between Players in the course of play. Rather than seeking to eliminate these exchanges entirely, umpires will look to lay charges when this falls below an acceptable standard. In this instance, language will be interpreted to include gestures.

2.9 Changing the condition of the ball. Deliberately throwing the ball into ground for the purpose of roughening it up and the application of moisture to the ball save for perspiration shall not be permitted.

2.10 Any attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points or trying to apply rules which are not in BBCL rule book when umpires and/or opponent teams are not aware of the rules. The Captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.

2.11 Repeat of Level 1 offense during the same cricket season.

Level 3

The offenses set out at 3.1 to 3.4 below are Level 3 offenses.

Penalty:

a. Fine of \$150.00

b. 3 to 5 Regular Season Match Ban

3.1 Intimidation of an umpire whether by language or conduct.

Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner

3.2 Threat of assault on another Player, Team Official or spectator.

3.3 Using language or gestures that offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, color, descent or national or ethnic origin. In assessing the seriousness of a breach the degree to which the behavior was likely to give offense (to the ordinary person) and whether it was directed specifically towards any person or persons shall be taken into account.

3.4 Repeat of Level 2 offense during the same cricket season.

Level 4

The offenses set out at 4.1 to 4.5 below are Level 4 offenses.

Penalty:

a. Fine of \$250.00

b. 8 Regular Season Match Ban up to a life ban for the Player or Official concerned

4.1 Threat of assault on an umpire.

4.2 Physical assault of another Player, Umpire, BBCL Official or spectator.

4.3 Any act of violence on the field of play.

4.4 Using language or gestures that seriously offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, color, descent or national or ethnic origin. In assessing the seriousness of a breach the degree to which the behavior was likely to give offense (to the ordinary person) and whether it was directed specifically towards any person or persons shall be taken into account.

4.5 Any attempt to play a player who is not part of the team roster. Includes adding players in the scorecard in order to have them qualify for playoffs etc. If an unregistered player plays a game, 4 points will be deducted from the team. The President, Captain and Vice Captain will also be suspended for 1 match. The result of such a match will be determined by BBCL Executive Committee.

D. Disciplinary Committee

1. Disciplinary Committee shall:

- a. be appointed by the BBCL President, consisting of three or more members, and
 - b. members of the committee shall be independent of any Member Club laying a charge or complaint, and
 - c. neither team will have a right of objection to committee members.
 - d. BBCL president shall appoint a temporary replacement if a member of the committee happens to be part of any Member Club laying a charge or complaint.
- ##### 2. Members of the disciplinary committee shall be the independent and authoritative representative of the BBCL during all hearings.
- ##### 3. Members of the disciplinary committee must not make any detrimental written comment in BBCL forum about hearings they are adjudicating.
- ##### 4. Members of the disciplinary committee, at all times, liaise with the umpires on any matter they consider appropriate.
- ##### 5. Disciplinary committee shall manage and have ultimate responsibility for the conduct of the hearing, in so far as appropriate, for any charges or complaints from member teams. Their duties include, but are not limited to:
- a. ensuring the full implications of Law are properly understood and upheld;
 - b. ensuring the Code of Conduct, together with the Rules of Conduct therein, is upheld;
 - c. investigating and adjudicating upon alleged breaches of the Rules of Conduct notified to Them.
 - d. ensuring the appropriate sanction is applied to any person found to be in breach of the Rules of Conduct;
 - e. Logging of all umpires' reports;
- ##### 6. In the event of the Disciplinary committee can not identify the Player who is in breach, the Captain may be the person charged and subjected to any sanction which would otherwise have been imposed on the Player responsible, had that Player been identified;
- ##### 8. Disciplinary committee shall not have the authority to change the monetary penalty specified in Section A [Offenses, Penalties and Guidelines].
- ##### 9. Disciplinary committee shall have the authority to decide on the number of matches specified in Section A [Offenses, Penalties and Guidelines] as they feel appropriate. This shall always be within the range specified in guidelines.

E. The Reporting/Notification Procedure

1. General

1.1 An alleged breach of the Rules of Conduct can be reported by:

- a. the umpires, appointed by BBCL.
- b. the team captain, either on his own behalf or on behalf of any of his Players participating in a match;
- c. the BOD of the member team participating in a match;
- d. any member of BBCL Executive Committee..

1.2 A report must be made in writing, signed and dated by the person(s) making the report and, if possible, be on such form as may be provided from time to time by BBCL for the making of reports.

F. The Disciplinary Procedure

1. As soon as reasonably practicable after notification under Section E, the Committee(s) shall provide written particulars of the Rules of Conduct it is alleged have been breached (based on the particulars notified to them). The particulars, in addition to identifying which of the Rules of Conduct it is alleged have been breached, shall give a brief statement of how it is alleged they have been breached (also based on the particulars notified to them). If more than one breach is alleged, whether of the same or separate Rules of Conduct, each alleged breach must be individually identified.

2. The Committee(s) shall hold a hearing as soon as reasonably practicable.

G. The Committee's Decision

1. At the end of the hearing and prior to the announcement of the Committee's decision there shall be an adjournment. The adjournment, during which the Committees shall consider their decision.

2. The Committee(s) will announce their decision. After the Committee(s) have given their decision and the reason(s) for their decision the person charged shall be given the opportunity to make a statement prior to the pronouncement of any sanction/penalty.

H. Penalties to be imposed by the Committee

1. For the purposes of determining the penalty to be imposed,

- a) the Committee must regard a repeat of any offense within the same cricket season of such offense as an offense at the next level above that particular offense. For instance, any

repeat of a Level 1 offense within the same cricket season of such offense would be regarded as a Level 2 offense for the purposes of calculating the penalty to be imposed.

b) the Committee must regard any offense committed in current cricket season as an offense at the next level above that particular offense, if the player had committed an offense of Level 2 or higher during the previous cricket season. For instance, if a player had committed Level 2 or higher during the previous cricket season, a Level 2 offense committed by the same player in the current season would be regarded as a Level 3 offense for the purposes of calculating the penalty to be imposed.

2. The maximum ban that can be imposed on a Player is a life ban, which shall mean a ban for a minimum period of 20 years.

3. If necessary the ban will carry over into the next cricket season.

I. Penalties - General

1. Once the Committees have informed the person found to be in breach of the Rules of Conduct of the sanction, if any, they are applying, the Committees shall inform in writing of the sanction to be imposed.

2. The Committees, in providing the written notification, shall -

(a) clearly identify when any ban commences;

(b) clearly identify any fine ordered to be paid;

(c) clearly identify the name of the person to whom the sanction applies.

3. All fines shall be paid by the person(s) found to be guilty of a breach of the Rules of Conduct.

4. If any Player or Team Official fails to pay any fine imposed upon him within the prescribed period that Player shall not be allowed to participate in league matches until the fine is paid.

J. Appeals Process

1. The person(s) or the team charged will have the right to appeal the decision(s) and/or penalties imposed by the Committees.

2. The appeal will be decided on by Captains of BBCL teams from a division other than the division of the incident.