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**DALLAS PREMIER LEAGUE**

**Code of Conduct 2017**

**2017 DPL Tournament**

**Code of Conduct**

1. **The Spirit and Intent**
	1. The Code of Conduct, henceforth referred to as “The Code”, has been established as a vehicle to supplement the Playing Conditions of the tournament. The Code shall apply to all Team owners, Team Managers, Team Coaches, other Team Officials, Players and Tournament Officials for all games played in the DPL. Breaches of the Code will deemed to be a breach of the Playing Conditions of the tournament and an applicable penalty will be rendered by the DPL Management / Operations.
	2. Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action, which is seen to abuse this Spirit, causes damage to the game. The major responsibility for ensuring the Spirit of fair play on the field rests solely with the captains. The onus of ensuring that teams adhere to the Spirit of Cricket off the field rests with the Team Owners / Delegate.
	3. Players, umpires and officials shall be bound by the Laws of Cricket, these Playing Conditions and the Code of Conduct as established herein. The Laws of Cricket put the responsibility for the conduct of players firmly on the captains.
2. **Application, Interpretation & Enforcement**
	1. Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the game as well as within the Laws of Cricket.
	2. Players and/or team officials shall at no time engage in conduct or conduct themselves in a manner that is inconsistent with the true spirit of the game of cricket and shall observe the highest standards and tradition of the game.
	3. Players and/or team officials shall at all times accept the decisions of umpires and shall not show dissent or public disagreement with such decisions.
	4. Players and/or team officials shall not make abusive and insulting language or use any offensive gestures on the field of play or, engage in public confrontation with umpires, other players or spectators and members of the public.
	5. Players and/or team officials shall at all times conduct themselves with dignity and decorum and shall not conduct themselves in a manner which may bring themselves or the game of cricket into disrepute.
	6. Players and/or team officials shall at all times use ONLY changing rooms to wear inner wear including abdominal guard, thigh guards etc., and at no point in time expose themselves in their underwear in public unless they are wearing full inners. Where there are no changing rooms available and players are not wearing full inners, players need to ensure that they change in their cars or in a private enclosure. At no point in time will any player or team official expose their skin in public.
	7. Players and/or team officials shall not intimidate assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another player or spectators either at or in the vicinity of the playing area.
	8. Players and/or team officials shall at no time smoke or consume alcohol in public during a match or in the vicinity of the playing area.
	9. Players and/or team officials shall not use, or be involved in, or participate in the distribution of illegal drugs during a match on in the vicinity of the playing area.
	10. Players and/or team officials shall not make any public pronouncement; media comment or publish any statements, which may be detrimental to the game of cricket or the DPL, NTCA or the other teams.
	11. Players and team officials shall at all times be properly attired in approved color cricketing kits both on and off the field of play and shall comply with the lawful and reasonable instructions of a Team Manager, Captain, Umpire or Member of the DPL Management / Operations on such matters.
	12. Players and/or team officials shall not disclose or comment upon any alleged breach of the Code, hearing, report or decision arising from such breach.
	13. The captain of the fielding team is responsible to finish their quota of overs in the stipulated time (after due consideration by the umpires of delay beyond their control). Failing to do so, might qualify for action under the code-of-conduct as deemed necessary.
	14. In case of there is no other witness of a disciplinary event, the report of the umpires, match referee or the DPL Management / Operations member who is present, on the incident will be accepted as final on the same.
3. **Penalty for Infractions**

The DPL Management / Operations team will classify the infraction as Level I, Level II or Level III considering the severity of the incident and also prior incidents, after due consideration of the mitigating circumstances as well.

For a Level I infraction the penalty will vary from either a warning or a fine (between $100 -150$) or both as decided by the DPL working committee.

For a Level 2 Infraction the penalty will vary from either a fine (between $200- $250) and/or a suspension of 1 or 2 matches or both.

For a Level 3 Infraction the penalty will vary from either a fine (between $500 -$1000) and / or a suspension of 3-4 games, or the maximum penalty of being expelled from DPL.

Please note the DPL Management / Operations team reserves the right to interpret or amend this document as deemed necessary at any time.

If a player/official who had been previously been penalized or warned for an infraction breaches the code-of-conduct again, the penalty is automatically treated at the next higher level. (For example, if a player is warned for a Level 1 breach and if he repeats the same infraction again, it will be considered a Level 2 breach directly without considering the severity of the current infraction. Also if a player is let off with a warning for a Level 1 breach, and he is involved in a similar incident again, it will be treated as Level 2 breach of the code.)