



Cricket West Indies Masters Association

Code of Conduct

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ARTICLE 1 - SCOPE AND APPLICATION

Cricket West Indies Masters Association (“CWIMA”) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. CWIMA believes that it is important that members, players, coaches, and administrators within the organization should, always, show respect, be encouraged to be always open and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the organization.

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 injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

The Code:

This code of conduct applies to all matches played when participating in a CWIMA event or representing CWIMA. It also applies to all training and practice sessions organized by CWIMA. All Members/Players are expected to comply with the defined CWIMA COC (Code of Conduct) policy and that, by taking part in activities organized by CWIMA, you agree to comply with all reasonable instructions from team managers and/or captains and/or coaches and/or organizers. To comply with all other reasonable instructions from other members and officers of CWIMA including, but not limited to, any directives and instructions which may be displayed from time to time during various events and tournaments.

Failure to comply with this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action being taken in accordance with CWIMA’s disciplinary procedures.

ARTICLE 2 - OFFENSES

LEVEL 1

- Breach of the Logo Policy (except for a commercial logo or player's bat logo once approved by CWIMA).
- Abuse of equipment, clothing, or any part of the ground, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.
- Disobeying an umpire's decision by word or by action. Players and Team Officials must always accept the umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the Umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards an Umpire at any time.
- Using language, actions or gestures that are obscene, offensive, disparaging, provoking, or insulting towards others.
- Excessive appealing during a match.
- Aggressive pointing towards the pavilion by a member of the fielding side upon the dismissal of a batsman.
- The game should be played competitively, but with the highest standards of sportsmanship must always be maintained. Recognize the achievements of both your team-mates and your opponents. Do not glory in their failures.
- Remember that your conduct is a reflection not only on yourself but also on the Masters' organization. Conduct which damages the reputation of the Masters' Organization will not be tolerated.
- Players and Team Officials shall not use crude and/or abusive language (known as "sledging") nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent.
- Critiquing captain or acting captain's decision during a game. Refusing to accept instructions from captain or acting captain during a game.

LEVEL 2

- Repeat of any Level 1 Offense within 12 months.
- Players and Team Officials shall not intimidate, assault, or attempt to intimidate or assault an Umpire, another player, or a Spectator.
- Showing dissent at an Umpire's decision (Not instinctive disappointment at dismissal)
- Engage in any conduct which constitutes 'Unfair play' under Clause 41 of the ICC Standard Test, ODI and T20I Playing conditions.
- Any attempt to manipulate a match for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons.
- Inappropriate physical contact with a player, player support personnel, umpire, match referee or any other third person during a match
- Players and Team Officials shall not make racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members, and supporters.
- Players and Team Officials shall not engage in:

- Anything that can bring disrepute to CWIMA both on and off the field.
- Public criticism of or inappropriate comment on a match related incident, player, player support personnel, team, or match official.
- Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between players during play.
- Aggressively charging towards an umpire while appealing.
- Deliberate distraction or obstruction on the field.
- Throwing the cricket ball, equipment or any object at a player, umpire, official or any other third person in a dangerous manner.
- Using language or a gesture that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, umpire, referee, team official or spectator.
- Any attempt to manipulate a match regarding the result (In a negative way), net run rate, bonus points or otherwise. (Example: Intentionally losing so that a team will face a weaker opponent in the Finals.)

LEVEL 3

- Repeat of any Level 2 Offense within 12 months.
- Changing the condition of the ball.
- Players and Team Officials shall not use or in any way be involved in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.
- Personal abuse of a player, player support personnel, umpire or, match referee during a match
- Attempting to gain an unfair advantage during a match
- Threat of assault on another player, player support personnel, umpire or match referee or any other person during a match
- Using language or gestures that offends race, religion, color, descent or national or ethnic origin.

LEVEL 4

- Repeat for any Level 3 Offense within 12 months.
- Physical assault of another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator.
- Any act of violence during play.
- Conduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game
- Engage in any action that may be linked to match fixing

ARTICLE 3 - REPORTING AN ALLEGED OFFENSE UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Issues of misconduct can be reported by on field umpires, match referees, management, captains, or players to either the match referee or organizers. Level 1 & Level 2 offenses shall be reported within 24 hours from close of play for On field offenses and 48 hours from the commission of the alleged offense. Level 3 shall be reported within 48 hours after the commission of the alleged offense to the match referee. Level 4 offenses shall be reported within 7 days of the relevant match.

The disciplinary procedure shall follow the rules determined by the match referee or tour/match organizers and requires that the hearings are conducted in a fair and reasonable manner.

ARTICLE 4 - PENALTIES

The penalties available for each offense are based on the level. The penalties are as follows:

For Local Tournaments:

Level 1: first warning.

Level 2: Minimum of a two-game ban of all Masters sanctioned games (next 2 games).

Level 3: Minimum Ban of one year from all Masters or Masters sanctioned games.

Level 4: Minimum Ban of two years from all Masters or Masters sanctioned games.

For International Tournaments:

Level 1: Minimum of a one game ban from all Masters competitions.

Level 2: Minimum of a two-game ban of all Masters sanctioned games (next 2 games)

Level 3: Minimum Ban of one year from all Masters or Masters sanctioned games.

Level 4: Minimum Ban of two years from all Masters or Masters sanctioned games.

ARTICLE 5 - APPEALS

No appeal for Level 1 & 2.

Appeal for Level 3 & 4 - to CWIMA directors

ARTICLE 6 — OTHER IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

All players in the Masters league are ambassadors of the league and as such these offences and penalties for them apply if a player is participating in a Masters sanctioned game or a spectator at a said game. Offences relating to match-fixing carry penalties of bans from 12 months to life. The penalties included in this communication are the minimum penalty and the judiciary committee of the Masters has the authority to impose any penalties they deem appropriate for these offenses and any offense which is not covered here.

If an offence occurred in a T20, 45-Over or Friendly match sanctioned by the Masters, the ban applies to the respective number of games for that format of the game. For example, number of games applies; if an offence occurred in a 40-Over game, then the ban for a number of 40-Over games applies. However, any player under suspension (ban) by the Masters may not participate in any form of the game while on suspension for an offense occurring under a specific form of the game.

A 12-month probationary period follows each offense for Level 3 and Level 4(only) offenses. While on probation, no member is allowed to serve on any committees of the Masters, serve as an executive board member of the Masters or represent the Masters in any form of the game.

TEAMS:

- Any team which is found guilty of encouraging or facilitating any of the Offenses listed herein will face the same suspension period as the individuals.
- Teams who allow players to play that are under suspension will forfeit the games in which the player participates.
- Any team found guilty of allowing a player under suspension to play in more than one

game will forfeit half of their points for the season in all competitions (straight deduction no bonus points to the teams which they previously beat).

- All suspensions will be communicated via email and on the Masters website. It is the responsibility of the managing body of each team to check for these suspensions. Ignorance of a suspension will not be valid as an excuse for playing a suspended player.