

PART G. ADELAIDE TURF CRICKET ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT AND GUIDELINES FOR PENALTIES

This Code of Behaviour document should be read in conjunction with the Laws of Cricket and the ATCA Constitution, Rules and Bylaws and is not intended to replace them.

PREAMBLE

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 cause's 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 Behaviour 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.

SECTION 1: 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.

1. Level 1 Offences

The Offences set out at 1.1 to 1.5 below are Level 1 Offences. The range of penalties which shall be imposed for a Level 1 Offence is set out in Section 2 of this Code.

Players and, where applicable, officials 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 Captain's Report.
1.3	Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 batsman 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 batsman, upon the dismissal of a batsman	Includes charging or running up to the batsman and getting "in his face".

2. Level 2 Offences

The Offences set out at 2.1 to 2.8 below are Level 2 Offences. The range of penalties which shall be imposed for a Level 2 Offence is set out in Section 2 of this Code.

Players and, where applicable, officials must not:

No.	Rule	Guidelines
2.1	Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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 commenting on the umpires' performance in his Captain's Report.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 batsman 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 picking the seam or deliberately throwing the ball into ground for the purpose of roughening it up 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 otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.	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.

3. Level 3 Offences

The Offences set out at 3.1 to 3.3 below are Level 3 Offences. The range of penalties which shall be imposed for a Level 3 Offence is set out in Section 2 of this Code. **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. The range of penalties which shall be imposed for a Level 4 Offence is set out in Section 2 of this Code.

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.

5. 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.

6. Unbecoming Behaviour, includes breaches of ATCA policies

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 including by written word, unruly public behaviour and cheating during play.

SECTION 2: PENALTIES

1. In the event the Commissioner decides that any person has breached any of Levels 1- 4 (inclusive) of Section 1 of this Code of Behaviour, he will normally apply a penalty but are not bound by a penalty or form of penalty, within the range of penalties for each level of offence set out in the table below. However, he may also apply any or all of the penalties set out in Level 2 of this Section where circumstances require a greater penalty than the guideline (such as in the case of a player having been found guilty of previous offences, whether in this or other Competitions, or where the offence is particularly serious).

Set apart penalties relevant to all 3 senior competitions

Level of Offence	Penalty Range Two Day Comp	Penalty Range Limited Over and T20 Comp
Level 1	Official reprimand and/or a fine up to \$500 and/or a ban of up to 2 Matches	Official reprimand and/or a fine up to \$500 and/or a ban of up to 4
Level 2	Ban of 2 or 3 Matches	Ban of 4 or 6 Matches
Level 3	Ban of 3 to 5 Matches	Ban of 6 to 10 Matches
Level 4	Ban of 6 or more Matches or a life ban.	Ban of 10 or more Matches or a life ban.

- i. Any part of a suspension handed down may be suspended
- ii. Any suspended sentence so imposed will automatically apply for a minimum period of two (2) years
- iii. If a player is subsequently found guilty of a further offence whilst that suspended sentence is still current no allowance will be given to suspending any part of any new penalty.
- iv. As well as the penalty imposed against the player as outlined in 1 (i) the Commissioner or CEP will apply a match point penalty within the range of penalties for each level of offence set out in the tables below. The penalty will be applied to the offending player's team in the grade in which the offence occurred.

Penalty Range 2 Day Comp	Match Point Range	Penalty Range LO Comp	Match Point Range
Ban of 1 to 2 Matches	1 to 3 points	Ban of 1 to 4 Matches	1 to 3 points
Ban of 3 Matches	4 to 6 points	Ban of 5 to 7 Matches	4 to 6 points
Ban of 4 to 5 Matches	7 to 10 points	Ban of 8 to 10 Matches	7 to 10 points
Ban of 6 or more Matches or a life ban.	11 to 20 points	Ban of 11 or more matches or a life ban	11 to 20 points

- v. The following penalty range will automatically be enacted and continue to be applied upon the third instance of a player from the same club being subject to a guilty finding during the current season. That additional penalty, as well as being applied in its entirety to the team for which the offending player played, will be also applied up to a maximum of 5 Match Points, equally across all the clubs other teams participating in all designated ATCA Competitions. For the purposes of this Bylaw the Senior and Junior competitions shall be regarded as separate standalone competitions.

Number of Players	Match Point Range
3	1 to 4 points
4	5 to 8 points
5	9 to 12 points
6 or more	13 to 20 points

- vi. The CEP or Commissioner has a discretion, based on the premise of exceptional circumstances, to waiver all or part of the imposition of the extra penalty for any player or team who has been penalised under part (v).
- vii. Match Point Penalties incurred during the round of finals will be applied at the beginning of the next season. NOTE: The penalty will be applied irrespective of the fact that part of the penalty may be suspended. Suspended penalties carried over from the previous season and activated in the current season fall within the parameters of this section.
2. Without limiting the penalties in Level 1 of this Section, in the event the Commissioner decides that any person has breached any of Levels 5 or 6 of Section 1 of this Code of Behaviour, the following penalties may be applied:-
 - i. Ban the person from participating in any Match;
 - ii. Fine the person any amount up to \$500 and/or Reprimand the person
 - iii. Official reprimand and/or fine the person any amount up to \$500 and/or
 - iv. Impose a suspended sentence
 - v. A combination of a fine or ban, including an either/or option
 - vi. Any match bans are also subject to match point penalties using above criteria and table/s
3. When imposing any penalty under Section 2, upon a person who has breached this Code of Behaviour, the Commissioner may take into account any circumstance it considers relevant, including the following:-
 - i. The seriousness of the breach;
 - ii. The harm caused by the breach;
 - iii. The person's seniority and standing in the game;
 - iv. Remorse shown by the person and the prospect of further breaches;
 - v. The person's prior record
 - vi. The impact of the penalty on the person.