

CRICKET PEI CODE OF CONDUCT AND SPIRIT OF CRICKET

1.1 Code of Conduct

1.1.1 The Cricket PEI is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. This code of conduct incorporates the Spirit of Cricket and is set out below. It applies to all matches played under the auspices of the Cricket PEI and may be applied to cricket in general.

1.1.2 The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of cricket as well as within the Laws.

1.1.3 Players and team officials must at all times accept the Umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the Umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards another player or a spectator.

1.1.4 Players and team officials shall not intimidate, assault, or attempt to intimidate or assault an Umpire, another player, or a spectator.

1.1.5 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.

1.1.6 Players and Team officials shall not use language or gestures that offend, insult humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage, or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, sexual orientation, colour, descent, national or ethnic origin.

1.1.7 Players and Team officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use of illegal drugs.

1.1.8 Players and Team officials shall not make any public or media comment which is detrimental to the League, Clubs, Umpires, or the game in general. In this instance, media shall include press, radio, television, external websites, social networking sites and club match programmes.

1.1.9 Players and Team officials shall not disclose or comment upon any alleged breach of this code.

1.1.10 Clubs and Team management must take adequate steps to ensure the good behaviour of their members and supporters towards players and umpires.

1.2 Spirit of Cricket

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.

1.2.1 There are two Laws which place the responsibility for the teams' conduct firmly on the captain.

Responsibility of Captains: The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws.

Players Conduct: In the event of any player failing to comply with the instructions of an umpire, criticising his decision by word or action, showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place, report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, requesting the latter to take action.

1.2.2 Fair and Unfair Play

According to the Laws, Umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The Umpires may intervene at any times, and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action when required.

1.2.3 The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other action they consider unfair

1.2.4 The spirit of the game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponent
- Your own captain and team
- The role of the umpires
- The game's traditional values

1.2.5 It is against the spirit of the game:

- To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action, or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance
 - a) appeal knowing the batsman is not out

- b) advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
- c) seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

1.2.6 Violence

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

1.2.7 Players

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

1.3 Failure to comply with the provisions of this Paragraph 1, may lead to disciplinary action, irrespective of an alleged breach being related to a match not under the jurisdiction of the League.

2. REGULATIONS FOR CRICKET LEAGUES

2 Aims and Jurisdiction

These regulations shall apply to any player who plays for any club at any level under the auspices of the Cricket PEI and are intended to provide assistance and uniformity to all Clubs and Leagues in dealing with any alleged breach of the Cricket PEI Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket (Paragraph 1). It is intended that any breach of Paragraph 1 should be in the first instance be dealt with by the player's club who shall notify the Secretary of PEICB or Disciplinary committee of the result of any action taken against its player.

3 Procedure

3.1 Any alleged breach of Paragraph 1 above shall be notified in writing (to be known as "a complaint") to the Secretary of PEICB or Disciplinary committee.

3.2 Any complaint so initiated must be referred to the President of PEICB or the Chief of the Disciplinary Committee.

3.3 Upon receipt of such complaint, and as soon as reasonably practicable, the President of PEICB or the Chief of Disciplinary Committee shall consider the complaint and resolve either;

3.3.1 To take no action except to record the complaint and notify the Club/Team management:
or

3.3.2 To endorse the disciplinary action taken by the Club/Team management: or

3.3.3 To refer the matter for a Disciplinary Hearing which shall be convened by the President of PEICB or the Chief of Disciplinary Committee as soon as practicable.

4 Disciplinary Hearing

4.1 In any case which is referred for a Disciplinary Hearing, at least seven days notice in writing of the hearing and of the offence(s) alleged shall be given to the player, or in the case of a club, it's Secretary.

4.2 The President of PEICB or the Chief of Disciplinary Committee shall convene a hearing as soon as is practicable and in any event within twenty-one days of the decision to refer. Any adjournments may be granted at the discretion of the Chairman of the Disciplinary Hearing.

4.3 The Player and Club/Team management shall be entitled to attend the hearing, state their case (in the case of a Club by its secretary or other official), to be supported by a colleague and to call witnesses.

4.4 The Hearing shall be conducted by the Disciplinary Committee of the League which shall consist of not less than three persons, none of whom shall be connected with the player, the club, or their opponents at the time of the alleged breach.

5 Penalties

5.1 If at a hearing the Disciplinary Committee finds the alleged offence proved it shall have the power to impose one or more of the following penalties, together with such order as to costs as it deems appropriate.

5.2 In the case of a player:

5.2.1 To require the player to submit appropriate letter(s) of apology within a specified time.

5.2.2 To record a reprimand and to give the player a warning as to his future conduct.

5.2.3 To impose a fine.

5.2.4 To suspend the player for one or more matches, or for a stated period of time.

5.2.5 To deduct League points from the player's team.

5.2.6 To expel the Player from the League.

5.3 In the case of a Club;

5.3.1 To require the Club to submit appropriate letter(s) of apology within a specified time.

5.3.2 To record a reprimand and to give a warning as to future conduct.

5.3.3 To impose a fine.

5.3.4 To deduct league points from the Club's team(s).

5.3.5 To relegate to any lower Division of the League.

5.3.6 To expel the Club from any competition of the League.

5.3.7 To expel the Club from the League.

5.4 The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to suspend the operation of any part, or all, of the penalty it imposes for such period and subject to such terms and conditions it deems appropriate.

5.5 Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee (a finding that a complaint is proved or not proved or a decision on penalty) shall be by majority vote, where necessary the Panel Chief shall have a casting vote.

6 Appeals Procedure

6.1 A player or Club shall have the right of appeal to the Appeals Committee. Notice of Appeal setting out the grounds must be given in writing to the Secretary of PEICB within seven days of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

6.2 If notice of appeal is given the penalty shall not take effect pending the hearing of the Appeal, which shall take place as soon as is practicable.

6.3 The Appeal shall be by way of re-hearing before a different Committee. The composition of the Committee shall be at the discretion of the President of PEICB and shall consist of not less than three persons, none of whom shall be connected with the player, the Club, or their opponents at the time of the alleged breach. The player or the Club shall have the same rights of attendance and representation, and to call witnesses as they had before the Disciplinary Committee.

6.4 The Appeals Committee may confirm, vary, or reverse the decision of the Disciplinary Committee and it shall have the power to increase the penalty and award costs of the appeal hearing. Decisions of the Appeal Panel shall be by majority vote; where necessary, the chairman shall have a casting vote.

6.5 The decision of the Appeals Committee or, if no appeal, of the Disciplinary Committee, shall be final and binding.

REGULATIONS FOR CLUBS

7 Internal Club Inquiry

7.1 The Club of its own volition and without any need for the receipt of a written complaint or other prompting shall, where any alleged case of conduct which is not fair and proper occurs as stated in Paragraph 1 above, or otherwise as the Club may think fit, forthwith convene an internal Club Enquiry.

7.2 The purpose of the Internal Club Enquiry shall be to establish the facts and, where appropriate, to take the necessary disciplinary action so as to ensure that the Club does not fail properly to control or discipline its player or players and to ensure that the club acts in a manner designed to protect the good name of the Club and of cricket generally.

7.3 Any player requested to attend such an Internal Club Enquiry, or any Appeal therefrom, shall be entitled to be accompanied at the Enquiry by a friend or other representative.

8 Penalties

8.1 If the Internal Club Enquiry finds the misconduct proved, the Club shall have the following powers:

8.1.1 To require the player to write letter(s) of apology within a specified time

8.1.2 To record a reprimand and give a warning as to future conduct.

8.1.3 To impose a fine.

8.1.4 To suspend the Player's right to be considered for selection by the Club to play in one or more matches.

8.1.5 To suspend the Player's membership of the Club for a period.

8.1.6 If the conduct constitutes gross misconduct the Club shall have the power to terminate the Player's membership forthwith.

8.2 The Club for the same offence may, if it is thought fit, impose more than one of the above penalties.

9 Appeals Procedure

9.1 The Player shall have the right to appeal to the President of the Club or to the President's nominee for a review of the findings of the Internal Club Enquiry and of the penalty or penalties imposed.

9.2 The decision of the President or his nominee in all cases shall be final and binding.

OFFENCES CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME

Level One

- Time wasting by either fielding or batting side.
- Abuse of cricket ground, equipment or fixtures.
- Showing dissent at umpire's decision by word or action.
- Using language that is obscene, offensive, or insulting and/or making of an obscene gesture. Excessive appealing.

Recommended minimum penalty: ONE week (after three offences)

Level Two

- Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action.
- Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between players in the course of play.
- Charging or advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
- Deliberate or malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play, regardless of whether such conduct is deemed unfair under law 42.5.
- Throwing the ball at or near a player, umpire, or official in an inappropriate or dangerous manner.
- Using language or gesture that is obscene or of a serious insulting nature to another player, umpire, team official, or spectator (ignore the verbal exchanges between players which can be stepped on straight away).
- Changing the condition of the ball other than as permitted by Law 42.3.
- Bowling of fast, short pitched that results in the bowler being disallowed from bowling further in that innings.
- Causing avoidable damage to the pitch contrary to Laws 42.13 and/or 42.14 that results in a 5 run penalty being awarded.

Standard recommended penalty: TWO – THREE weeks (immediate effect)

Level Three

- Intimidating an umpire or referee.
- Threatening to assault another player, team official, or spectator.
- Using language or gesture that offend, insult, humiliate, threaten, disparage, or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, sexual orientation, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin.

- Deliberate bowling of any high full pitched ball contrary to Law 42.8.

Standard recommended penalty: THREE – FIVE weeks (immediate effect)

Level Four

- Threatening an umpire or referee.
- Physical assault of another player, umpire, referee, official, or spectator.
- Any act of violence on the field of play.
- Using language or gesture that seriously offend, insult, humiliate, threaten, disparage, or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, sexual orientation, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin.

Standard recommended penalty: minimum TEN weeks (immediate effect)

POLICY STATEMENTS

The Committee shall ensure a duty of care to all members of the League by adopting and implementing the Cricket PEI Cricket Equity Policy and any future versions of the policy.

The Committee shall ensure a duty of care to all members of the League by adopting and implementing the Cricket PEI "Safe Hands – Crickets policy for Safeguarding Children" and any future versions of the policy