

SOUTH FLORIDA CRICKET ALLIANCE



(SFCA) Code of Conduct



OVERVIEW

- A. The Tournament is arranged, operated and managed by the South Florida Cricket Alliance.**
- B. The rules are based on the ICC Code of Conduct and shall be construed based upon the spirit of those rules and regulations.**
- C. These rules shall cover all players, team officials, umpires, and members of the South Florida Cricket Alliance Executive Board.**
- D. Teams should make every effort to control the behavior of their fans.**
- E. These rules shall apply to South Florida Cricket Alliance sponsored events and shall be in effect during the event as well as the day of the event.**
- F. All South Florida Cricket Alliance players, members, teams, officials and umpires shall conduct play within the spirit of the game as well as the rules and laws.**
- G. Captains and Team Officials are responsible for their team to uphold the rules and laws.**
- H. No individual shall engage in conduct bringing the game of cricket, South Florida Cricket Alliance or themselves into disrepute.**
- I. Complaints may be brought by South Florida Cricket Alliance Disciplinary Committee member, umpires, captains, team officials or by any member of the South Florida Cricket Alliance Executive Board.**
- J. Any issue pertaining to offenses, penalties, procedure or any other issue as regards to these rules and / or discipline shall be decided by the South Florida Cricket Alliance Disciplinary Committee.**

PROCEDURES

1. Complaints shall be adjudicated by the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee is to be comprised of three (3) members and the Chairperson shall be a member of the South Florida Cricket Alliance Executive Board.
2. If all members of the Disciplinary Committee are not available to adjudicate a matter, a minimum of two (2) members can adjudicate the matter.
3. In the case of a two (2) person adjudication – a tie shall be broken by the President of the South Florida Cricket Alliance. If the President of the South Florida Cricket Alliance is unavailable then the Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer can break the tie.
4. Written incident reports shall be filed with the game report by the following Tuesday. A copy of the report shall be presented to the alleged offender, team captain or President of the Club.
5. Within three (3) days of the receipt of the report the Disciplinary Committee will convene a hearing with the alleged offender.
6. Any decision rendered by the Disciplinary Committee in absentia will be binding.
7. The Disciplinary Committee's decision will include suspensions, probations and the date that they are to be instituted. The Disciplinary Committee's decision shall be forwarded to the South Florida Cricket Alliance Executive Committee through the Secretary.
8. Appeals shall be heard by South Florida Cricket Alliance Executive Board at their discretion. The South Florida Cricket Alliance Executive Board may request additional information based upon the Disciplinary Committee's recommendation as decided. All appeals shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the Alliance stating reasons for granting the appeal.

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Offenses, Levels and Penalties

Level 1

1. Abuse of cricket equipment, clothing, ground equipment, fixtures and fittings.
2. Showing dissent at an umpire's decision.
3. Using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of obscene gestures.
4. 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 a dismissal before the decision has been given may also constitute excessive appealing.

Penalty

Violations of a Level 1 offense shall range from probation to two (2) games suspension.

Level 2

1. Showing serious and/or blatant dissent at an umpire decision.
2. Inappropriate and deliberate physical conduct between players during the course of play.
3. Charging or advancing to the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
4. Deliberate or malicious obstruction and or distraction on the field of play.
5. Throwing the bat or ball at or near a player, umpire or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.
6. Using language and/or gestures that are obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, umpire, official or spectator. (It is acknowledged that there will be verbal exchanges between players in the course of play. This charge is to be used when this falls below an acceptable standard.)
7. Changing conditions of the ball.
8. Any attempt to manipulate a match. The captain may be held responsible and/or additionally responsible should any team be found guilty of such conduct.

Penalty

Violations of a Level 2 offense shall range from three (3) games to five (5) games suspension and three (3) months probation.

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Level 3

1. Intimidation or assault on an umpire or match referee.
2. Physical assault of a player, umpire, match referee, official or spectator.
3. Any act of violence on the field.
4. Any insults based on race, religion, gender, color, descent, national ethnic.

Penalty

Violations of Level 3 offense shall range from six (6) games to (8) games and one (1) year probation.

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Additional Penalty

1. Any person found to have violated the Code of Conduct may be liable for restitution to the injured party, including but not limited to physical injury or property damage.
2. Penalties shall carry from game to game and season to season.
3. Prior records are to be taken into account and may add levels to the penalty.
(i.e. a player with priors may be penalized at Level 2 and 3 for a Level one offense)

