

# T20 Code of Conduct

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A code of conduct for cricketers is all about the Spirit of the Game which is how players, coaches, managers, and all connected with matches should behave on the field and beyond the boundary, before, during and after the game.

Appropriate and acceptable behaviour is, in almost all cases, about RESPECT..... Respect for:

- The game of cricket;
- The match;
- The match officials;
- Opponents;
- Own team members;
- The Venue, including the ground, the pitch, and those who prepare it;
- Those involved in running the match/tournament/competition;
- Sponsors;
- Team uniform and equipment;
- The supporters of teams involved.

### 1 Rules of the Code:

Players must not indulge in “unacceptable behaviour” on any part of a cricket ground, including the field of play. Without limiting the generality of the term examples follow:

- A player assaulting or attempting to assault an Umpire
- A player abusing an Umpire or disputing their decision, or reacting in an obviously provocative or disapproving manner towards an Umpire
- A player using crude or abusive language, or engaging in conduct detrimental to the spirit of the game
- A player using crude or abusive gestures
- A player assaulting, attempting to assault, or abusing another player
- A player assaulting, attempting to assault or abusing a spectator
- A player consuming alcohol while a match is in progress
- A player smoking and/or using a mobile phone while on the field of play
- A player partaking in illegal activities

Players or officials (unless authorised by the Association) must not make any public announcement or media comment or engage in any act, omission or conduct prejudicial to the interests of cricket or which may bring the game of cricket or any cricketer or group of cricketers into disrepute.

### 2 Officiating UMPIRE:

The Officiating UMPIRE will have full authority to address any such incident he/she may encounter during a game: Their decision will be final for all on field decisions. They have full discretion regarding any immediate penalties:

- May issue verbal warning.
- May issue YELLOW card (requiring player(s) to leave the field for 5 overs).

### 3 Eligibility to Lodge a Report:

The following persons may submit a written report if they are present at the time and have observed an alleged breach of the code:

- Official or player Umpires
- Board Members
- Management Team members
- Team/Club – Captain, officials or members
- Any official match observer/Referee if appointed

#### **4 Judicial Committee:**

The ROTORUA T20 management Team will appoint a Judiciary committee to hear each particular alleged breach.

#### **5 Reports Procedure:**

Where any person mentioned in Section 2 wishes to prepare a report of an alleged breach under Section 1 shall inform the officiating UMPIRE within 1hr on the completion of the game the day alleged incident occurred and complete a written report which must be received by ROTORUA T20 Management Team within 2hrs on the completion of the game the day alleged incident occurred.

The ROTORUA T20 Management Team will as soon thereafter as possible advise the player/s and his club that a report has been lodged and arrange a time as soon as possible for the hearing. The Judiciary will determine who will attend the hearing and may request attendance of the initiator of the report, an official representative of the club (preferably being an observer of the incident); the player/s reported and any other person thought fit to preserve the course of a fair and just hearing.

The Judiciary will hear and decide on the report in a manner which accords with the principles of natural justice and which best ensures a fair and prompt determination of the alleged breach of the code.

The Judiciary shall communicate its decision to the player/s concerned and the initiator of the report of its decision as soon as practicable.

The ROTORUA T20 Management Team will ensure that full details of the report, the hearing procedures adopted, the decision and the reasons therefore are recorded in the register of reports.

#### **6 Penalties:**

Where a player has been found guilty of a breach of the code, the judiciary may impose any penalty it thinks fit, including debarring a player, team or club from participating any further in the ROTORUA T20 competition, for any length of time, forfeiture of points (whether for the match in question or otherwise). Suspension may be for a number of matches or a definite period and shall take effect immediately

If any player is found to be in breach of the code for a second time the Judiciary must impose a penalty in a higher category than that imposed for the first offence.

#### **7 Media:**

Only the ROTORUA T20 Management Team or an elected member of the Judiciary is authorised to notify the media of a report or any determination of a hearing.