CNW – CODE OF BEHAVIOUR – 2026-27

COB-01 Scope and application

COB-01.1

This Code of Behaviour replaces Law 42 of the Laws of Cricket and is intended to protect and enshrine the important qualities and standards so that all may continue to enjoy the game of cricket now and in the future.

COB-01.2

Players and Club Officials acknowledge that it is their personal responsibility to familiarise themselves with all of the requirements of the Code of Behaviour, including what behaviour constitutes an offence under the Code of Behaviour.

COB-01.3

Players and Club Officials, and any other person who is bound in accordance with the Cricket North West ("CNW") Rules Handbook and By-Laws or who has otherwise agreed to be bound by this Code of Behaviour, agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the CNW Tribunal.

COB-02 Spirit of Cricket

COB-02.1 The Preamble to the Laws of Cricket sets out the Spirit of Cricket as follows:

The Spirit of Cricket.

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket.

The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, Match Officials and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.

Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.

Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires. Play hard and play fair. Accept the umpire's decision.

Create a positive atmosphere by your own behaviour and encourage others to do likewise.

Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.

Congratulate the opposition on their successes and enjoy those of your own team. Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

COB-03 Code of Behaviour Offences

COB-03.1

The behaviour described in Schedule A and Schedule B will amount to an offence under the Code of Behaviour if committed by a person who is bound by the Cricket North West Rules Handbook / By-Laws and/or who has otherwise agreed to be bound by the Code of Behaviour.

COB-03.2

Guidance notes have been provided in the text boxes beneath the description of a particular offence. Such notes are intended only to provide guidance as to the nature and examples of certain behaviour that might be prohibited by a particular Article and should not be read as an exhaustive or limiting list of behaviour prohibited by such Article.

COB-03.3

For the purposes of the Code of Behaviour, the phrase "during a Match" should be interpreted broadly to cover all behaviour which takes place at the ground on the day of a Match, which is incidental to, relating to, arising from, subsequent to or in connection with the Match, and not just behaviour which takes place on the field of play.

It will therefore include behaviour which takes place off the field of play at the ground on the day of the Match, and it may also include behaviour that is incidental to, or connected to matters which transpired prior to, on the field of play, or after the Match. Examples include behaviour in the changing rooms, during any of the intervals in the Match, behaviour at a location nearby the ground after play has concluded, dissent at an Umpire's decision on social media.

COB-04 Reporting

COB-04.1

Any one of the following individuals can Report an alleged offence under the Code of Behaviour by lodging a Report in the manner described in clause COB-04.2, below (a Report):
(a) An Umpire or Umpires;
(b) A Match Referee, if appointed; or
(c) CNW Board member (or their delegate).

A Team Captain can approach an Umpire during the game or in a post-game meeting to raise a matter of concern that the Umpire may not have been aware of for consideration by the Umpire for inclusion in an Umpire's report for video review.

COB-04.2

All Reports must be notified to Cricket North West via reporting formats put into place by CNW, with such reports to be submitted within the timeframes set out in clause COB-05 and be in the form requested or they may be rejected.

COB-04.3

A Report may be withdrawn at any time before a Decision is made or a Hearing occurs by the Person Reporting.

COB-04.4

Each Captain must check with at least one Umpire at the end of a Match to ascertain whether any Reports have been made.

COB-05 Initial review and notification procedure and provisional action

COB-05.1

All Reports must be lodged with CNW by no later than 10.00am on the next business day after the completion of the Match.

COB-05.2

The CNW Code of Behaviour Review Committee (see further below) may, in their absolute discretion, accept a Report outside of the time frames set out at clause COB-05.1, if exceptional circumstances exist.

COB-05.3

All Reports will go through an initial review by the CNW Code of Behaviour Review Committee **(COBRC)** comprising such members as considered appropriate by the Cricket North West Board who will determine whether the Reported Person named in the Report has a case to answer in relation to the matters identified in the Report and, if so, determine the type and/or level of offence and the penalty. As part of that review, the COBRC may, in their absolute discretion, seek further evidence as part of the initial review including:
(a) notifying the Reported Person and/or asking further questions of them;
(b) requesting further information from the Person Reporting, other witnesses and/or the relevant Club; and/or
(c) making such other inquiries as appropriate in the circumstances.

COB-05.4

Following the initial review, the COBRC may:

(a) determine that there is no case to answer and take no action against the Reported Person;

(b) for a Level 1 General Offence only, issue a warning to the Reported Person which means that the relevant offence has been proven, however, it is determined no further sanction be applied at this time; or

(c) issue a Notice of Charge against the Reported Person or any other person in accordance with this Code of Behaviour; and/or

(d) refer the matter to a hearing of the Tribunal in accordance with this Code of Behaviour; or

(e) refer the matter to be managed under a different process in accordance with the Cricket North West Constitution and/or Rules Handbook / By-Laws and/or matters as determined by the Cricket North West Board.

COB-05.5

For the purpose of clause COB-05.4(e), the matter may be brought back to be managed under this Code of Behaviour if the circumstances of the case require it.

Notice of Charge – Conduct Graded at Levels 1 and 2

COB-05.6

After the initial review by the COBRC is complete, the CNW Secretary or their delegate may issue a notice that will specify that the Reported Person has the following options for conduct classified at Levels 1 or 2 (Notice of Charge):

(a) they may admit the offence charged and accept the proposed sanctions specified in the Notice of Charge, provided that the admission is received by the CNW Secretary or their delegate prior to the time specified in the Notice of Charge;

(b) they may admit the offence charged and dispute the proposed sanction specified in the Notice of Charge, in which case the matter will proceed to a hearing in accordance with clause COB-06; or

(c) they may deny the offence charged, in which case the matter will proceed to a hearing in accordance with clause COB-04.

(d) in the case of a sanction being challenged or an offence charge disputed, a payment of $200 is to be paid by the Reported Person's Club, at the time of making any notification.

(e) money paid in accordance with COB-5.6 (d) will only be refunded if the challenge is upheld.

COB-05.7

The Reported Person or their Club must respond to the Notice of Charge advising of their decision under clause COB-5.6 by no later than 24 hours after the Notice of Charge is served.

Notice of Charge – Conduct Graded at Levels 3 or 4

COB-05.8

If the CNW Secretary or their delegate issues a Notice of Charge grading the conduct at Levels 3 or 4 the matter will be referred to the Tribunal for hearing. The Reported Person will be required to attend the hearing, in person or by video.

COB-05.9

Failure of the Reported Person to respond to the Notice of Charge, or attend any hearing, will not prevent the Tribunal from proceeding with the hearing in their absence, provided that the Tribunal has made reasonable enquiries as to why there has been no response.

The Tribunal must also be satisfied that the Notice of Charge was properly served and that the Reported Person had adequate notice of the time and place of the hearing.

COB-06 Disciplinary Procedures

COB-06.1

A Reported Person cannot attempt to negotiate, bargain or otherwise seek to reduce the imposed sanction in relation to any alleged offence committed under this Code of Behaviour.

This clause does not prevent a Reported Person from disputing a proposed sanction through the process provided for in clauses COB-05.6 and COB-04.

COB-06.2

The Tribunal will conduct any disciplinary procedure under this Code of Behaviour with as little formality and technicality and as quickly as possible, subject to proper consideration of the Report being permitted.

COB-06.3

Where a Reported Person elects to progress the matter to a hearing or the matter is referred to a hearing in accordance with clause COB-05.6 (b) or (c), the matter will be heard by the Tribunal.

COB-06.4

Nothing in this Code of Behaviour prevents the Tribunal, after receiving the evidence at a hearing, from deciding on a different offence, or a different level of offence as prescribed in the Code of Behaviour.

COB-06.4A

A member of the COBRC who has taken part in the review of a Report or the framing of a Notice of Charge in a matter may provide support to the Tribunal in the hearing of that same matter.

COB-06.5

The COBRC will provide the Tribunal with:
(a) a copy of the Notice of Charge; and
(b) the prior record of the Reported Person as detailed in the Code of Behaviour Register.

COB-06.6

Subject to clause COB-07, the Tribunal may determine the procedure at the hearing in their absolute discretion, however, the Tribunal must ensure that the Reported Person is provided with a fair and reasonable opportunity to present their case.

COB-06.7

At any time prior to making a decision under the Code, the COBRC may withdraw or amend the Notice of Charge subject at all times to the requirements of procedural fairness to the Reported Person.

COB-06.8

The Tribunal may upgrade or downgrade the Level of the offence reported to them in the Notice of Charge. The minimum penalties outlined in Schedule A for General Offences are guidelines for first offences.

The Tribunal has the discretion to impose such penalty as it considers appropriate having regard to the specific circumstances outlined in the Notice of Charge and the other matters outlined in clause COB-08.3.

COB-07 Standard of Proof and Evidence

COB-07.1

Unless otherwise described herein, the standard of proof in all cases brought under the Code of Behaviour is whether the Tribunal is comfortably satisfied, bearing in mind the seriousness of the allegation that is made, that the alleged offence has been committed.

COB-07.2

The Tribunal will not be bound by the rules of evidence. Instead, facts relating to an offence allegedly committed under the Code of Behaviour may be established by any reliable means, including admissions.

COB-07.3

The Tribunal may draw an adverse inference against the Reported Person based on their refusal, without extenuating circumstances, to appear at the hearing and/or to answer any relevant questions.

COB-08 Sanctions on Reported Person/s

COB-08.1

Where the Tribunal determines that an offence under the Code of Behaviour has been committed, they must impose a sanction on the Reported Person.

COB-08.2

Sanctions will be imposed using the prescribed penalties set out at Schedule A for General Offences (clause COB-11.2) and Schedule B for Serious Offences (clause COB-12.2). These clauses detail minimum penalties for offences. The Tribunal has the discretion to impose sanctions in excess of the minimum penalties (up to life bans) depending on the specific circumstances as outlined in clause COB-08.3.

COB-08.3

Other than as prescribed in this Part, the Tribunal may take into account any other factors that it deems relevant and appropriate to the mitigation or aggravation of the nature of the offence before determining, in accordance with the relevant Schedule, the appropriate sanction(s). Those factors may include:

(a) The seriousness of the offence;
(b) The harm caused by the offence to the interests of cricket and Cricket North West;
(c) The Reported Person's seniority and standing in the game;
(d) Any remorse shown by the Reported Person and the prospect of further offences; and
(e) The prior record of the Reported Person in abiding by this Code of Behaviour.

Interpretative matters when imposing warnings and suspensions

COB-08.4

If a Player receives two (2) warnings under clause COB-05.4(b) within a 24-month period, the Player will receive an automatic suspension of one (1) Multi-Day Match or One (1) day of Limited Overs Cricket. This suspension will apply to the next match regardless of format. A Player may not challenge the issuing of a warning and any suspension imposed under this clause (COB-08.4) cannot be appealed.

COB-08.5

For the purpose of determining suspension periods for a Reported Person:

(a) The suspension must be served as soon as practicable and cannot be delayed. It will apply to the next match regardless of form. Suspensions will carry across seasons as necessary.

(b) If a Reported Person has refused to accept a penalty included in a Notice of Charge for a Level 1 or 2 Offence and is found guilty as charged by the Tribunal, the Tribunal may impose a higher penalty than specified in the Notice of Charge.

(c) The Tribunal must specify the type of Match or Matches to which the suspension will apply (that is, Multi-Day Matches and/or Days of Limited Overs Cricket, as appropriate). This is unnecessary for longer suspensions which may be expressed in terms of fixed time periods (for example, 1 year).

(d) Where a prescribed penalty provides for a suspension of multiple Matches, then an alternate sanction may be imposed for a fixed period of time measured in weeks equivalent to the relevant number of Match(es) or range of Matches; or any combination of Match(es) or a fixed period of time.

(e) If the CNW Roster does not align with any suspension received, the COBRC shall have regard to the various formats of upcoming matches to determine and apply the most appropriate penalty.

(f) If the Reported Person is to be involved in games other than CNW Roster during this period, the situation will need to be reviewed and determined by the relevant governing body and/or association for the impact of any CNW sanctions relating to the Reported Person.

(g) The imposition of sanctions apply equally to round Matches and finals as the case may be and it shall not be relevant that the next Match in which the Reported Person is eligible to play is a final.

(h) The sanctions imposed on a Reported Person by CNW are to be applicable to CNW roster games or CNW representative games, with no allowance for any other games that the individual may not be allowed to participate in (under another governing body / association) as a result of CNW imposed sanctions.

(i) Where CNW is made aware of an individual being under sanctions from another governing body and/or association COBRC will consider the appropriateness of that individual to participate in CNW roster games or CNW representative games until such sanctions have finished.

Effect of Sanctions imposed

COB-08.6

During any period of suspension, the Reported Person must not play, coach or otherwise participate or be involved in any capacity in any Matches which take place during the suspension period. If a Club fields a suspended Player, the provisions of applicable Rules Handbook / By-Law provisions will apply.

Note:
For the avoidance of any doubt, the Reported Person must not be nominated as, or carry out any of the duties or responsibilities of, a substitute fielder; or enter any part of the playing area (which includes the field of play and the area between the boundary and perimeter boards) at any time, including during any scheduled or unscheduled breaks in play.

COB-08.7

For the avoidance of doubt:

(a) the Tribunal has no jurisdiction to adjust, reverse or amend the results of any Match;

(b) the Tribunal may not impose a suspended sentence;

(c) where a Reported Person is found guilty of committing two separate Code of Behaviour offences that do not relate to the same incident or set of circumstances arising during a Match and is sanctioned separately for each offence, then any sanctions should run cumulatively (and not concurrently);

(d) where a Reported Person is found guilty of committing two Code of Behaviour offences in relation to the same incident or set of circumstances arising during a Match and sanctioned separately, then any sanctions imposed should run concurrently (and not cumulatively);

(e) where the Tribunal finds a Reported Person not guilty of the offence allegedly committed under the Code of Behaviour, it remains open to them, in their absolute discretion, to find the Reported Person guilty of an offence of a lower or higher level than that with which they have been charged, provided that a finding of guilt in respect of an offence of a higher level may only be made where the Reported Person has been given notice of, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard in relation to, that offence; and

(f) decisions of the Tribunal cannot be appealed.

COB-09 Code of Behaviour Register

COB-09.1

The CNW Secretary is to maintain the Code of Behaviour Register.

COB-09.2

The Code of Behaviour Register is to record the outcome of any Notices of Charge and hearings, including any penalty or warning accepted or imposed under the Code of Behaviour.

The Code of Behaviour Register is to be available to the COBRC and Tribunal for the purpose of assessing any proposed penalty for a breach of the Code of Behaviour.

COB-09.3

The COBRC and the Tribunal may also have regard to any other publicly available register for the purpose of assessing any proposed penalty for a breach in accordance with the Code.

COB-09.3

Past warnings and penalties will be maintained for a 2 year rolling period for consideration of future matters and can result in additional penalties being applied by COBRC and/or the Tribunal for subsequent matters arising.

COB-10 Definitions and Interpretation

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Defined Terms

COB-10.2

Defined terms not otherwise defined in this Code of Behaviour have been defined in, and have the meaning given to them in, the By-Laws. In this Code of Behaviour, the following words have the corresponding meaning:

Term	Meaning
Club Official	Includes a Club coach or administrator
Code of Behaviour Register	The register required to be maintained by the CNW Secretary under clause COB-09 containing all reports of alleged breaches of the Code of Behaviour.
COBRC	The Code of Behaviour Review Committee established under clause COB-05.3.
Cricket Participant	Any person involved in a Match or in Clubs registered with Cricket North West in an official capacity, including a Player, a Club Official, an Umpire, a Match Referee, a scorer, a coach and any member of a Team's support personnel, but does not include a spectator.
Day of Limited Overs Cricket	A scheduled match day encompassing either a one-day or Twenty20 match. If multiple Twenty20 matches are scheduled on the same day, the day will be considered to be a Day of Limited Overs Cricket.
Tribunal	The Tribunal convened in accordance with CNW Rules Handbook/By-Laws/Constitution.
Match	The game of cricket during or in relation to which the alleged offence was committed that is the subject of the Report. Relates to Cricket North West roster games (including CNW Clubs participating in the Greater Northern Cup) and Cricket North West representative games.
Match Referee	A person appointed by Cricket North West to a Match Referee role, that would include involvement in Code of Behaviour matters as considered applicable by Cricket North West Board.
Multi-Day Match	A match of more than one day's scheduled duration.
Notice of Charge	A notice issued under clause COB-05.6 or clause COB-05.8.
Person Reporting	The person who has made a Report of an alleged breach of the Code of Behaviour.

Term	Meaning
Reported Person	The person about whose conduct a Report has been made under the Code of Behaviour.
General Offences	The Offences set out in Articles A.1 to A.14 in Schedule A.
Report	Formal document completed in accordance with format as outlined by Cricket North West to those indicated in clause COB-04.
Serious Offences	The Offences set out in Articles B.1 to B.2 in Schedule B.
Team	Those selected to play for a Club in a Match or competition that is under the jurisdiction of the Code of Behaviour.
Umpire	A person who officiated in the Match during or in relation to which the alleged offence was committed, whether or not they are an accredited Umpire with the North West Tasmania Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association ("NWTCUSA").

Interpretation

COB-10.2 In this Code of Behaviour:

(a) references to 'including' or similar words are not words of limitation;

(b) words in the singular include the plural and vice-versa; and

(c) a construction that would promote the purpose or object underlying this Code of Behaviour must be preferred to a construction that would not promote that purpose or object.

COB-11 - Schedule A – General Offences

COB-11.1

The table below prescribes the behaviour that will amount to a General Offence under the Code of Behaviour if committed by a person who is bound in accordance with the Cricket Tasmania By-Laws and/or who has otherwise agreed to be bound by the Code of Behaviour.

In the tables that follow, a tick (✓) indicates that the Level applies to the Offence; "Not applicable" indicates that it does not.

A.1 Where the facts of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by an offence under Articles A.2 to A.14, behaviour that is contrary to the Spirit of Cricket or could bring the game of cricket and/or CNW into disrepute

Note:
Article A.1 is intended to be a 'catch-all' provision to cover all types of behaviour that is not (and, because of its nature, cannot be) adequately covered by the specific offences set out in this Schedule.

The Spirit of Cricket as set out in the Preamble to the Laws of Cricket and in clause 49 of the Code of Behaviour involves respect for your captain, teammates, opponents and the authority of the Umpires.

Where behaviour may be reasonably seen to infringe on the Spirit of Cricket but is not otherwise captured by another offence set out in the Code of Behaviour, this offence may be used to capture such behaviour. The level of this offence will be measured with regard to the seriousness of the behaviour, the repetitive nature of the behaviour, whether a warning was issued by the Umpire during the Match.

Article A.1 could include Players or officials engaging in behaviour which could bring them or the game of cricket into disrepute or be harmful to the interests of cricket. It is intended to include (but is not limited to) serious or repeated criminal conduct, public acts of misconduct, unruly behaviour or sexual misconduct. This behaviour could occur either during a CTPL Match while attending an official cricket function or event or while commenting on social or traditional media. It would include commenting publicly on a report prior to its determination by the Tribunal or criticising publicly a decision of the Tribunal.

Level	Applicability
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓

A.2 Using language, actions or gestures which disparage or which could provoke an aggressive reaction from another Player

Note:

Article A.2 includes any language, action or gesture used by a Player and directed towards another Player which has the potential to provoke an aggressive reaction from that other Player, or which could be considered to disparage or demean such Player, regardless of whether such Player feels disparaged or demeaned. Without limitation, Article A.2 includes:

(a) any type of 'send off'; (b) excessive celebration directed at and in close proximity to the Player; (c) verbally abusing the Player; (d) provocative behaviour including pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion or scoreboard.

Nothing in this Article A.2 is intended to stop Players celebrating during the game in an appropriate fashion.

NB - Where the conduct involves offensive, obscene and/or profane language that is directed at a person, Offence A.13 may also apply.

Level	Applicability
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓ Applies to more serious or aggressive behaviour.
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

A.3 Excessive appealing during a Match

Note:
For the purposes of Article A.3, 'excessive' may include: (a) repeated appealing of the same decision/appeal; (b) repeated appealing of different decisions/appeals when the bowler/fielder knows the batter is not out with the intention of placing the Umpire under pressure; (c) charging or advancing towards the Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing; or (d) celebrating or assuming a dismissal before the decision has been given. It is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing.

Level	Applicability
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓ Applies in the case of serious, aggressive and materially repetitive cases.
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

A.4 Use of an audible obscenity during a Match

Note:

Article A.4 covers the use of words commonly known and understood to be offensive, obscene and/or profane (in any language) which:

(a) can be heard by spectators and/or the viewing public whether by way of any live stream of the relevant Match via Play HQ (or any other form of media) or otherwise and/or (b) whether it can be heard by Players and officials on the field and/or spectators and/or the viewing public, is repetitive and/or is materially offensive, obscene and/or profane. This behaviour may include, for example, swearing in frustration at one's own play or misfortune.

While the use of audible obscenity is not condoned during a Match, and cricketers should be practised at refraining from using audible obscenities during a Match, it is recognised that the use of audible obscenities can be involuntary. Accordingly, there are certain circumstances where a lesser sanction may be imposed, including a warning.

NB - Where offensive, obscene and/or profane language is directed at a person, Offence A.13 may also apply.

Level	Applicability
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓Applies where materially offensive, obscene, profane and/or repetitive language.
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

A.5 Disobeying an Umpire or Match Referee's instruction during a Match

Note:
Article A.5 includes any repeated failure to comply with the instruction or directive of an Umpire or Match Referee during a Match. This behaviour may include challenging or arguing with an Umpire's decision in relation to Law 2.7 and/or Law 2.8, or decisions made pursuant to policy such as the Heat Policy.

NB – where behaviour is persistent and/or more egregious, Offence A.12 may also apply.

Level	Applicability
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓ Applies for serious and intentional and/or repetitive behaviour.
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

A.6 Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings during a Match

Note:
Article A.6 includes any action(s) outside the course of normal cricket actions, such as hitting or kicking the wickets or any deliberate (ie intentional), reckless or negligent (in either case even if accidental) action(s) to fixtures or fittings including but not limited to the advertising boards, boundary fences, dressing room doors, mirrors, windows and other fixtures and fittings.

When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors will be taken into account: (a) the context of the particular situation, including without limitation, whether the action was deliberate, reckless, negligent and/or avoidable; (b) whether any object was damaged; (c) the force at which the object was abused; and (d) whether any person within proximity was injured.

For the avoidance of doubt, the wickets or any other fixtures or fittings do not need to be damaged in order to constitute a breach of Article A.6.

For example, this offence may be committed, without limitation, when a Player swings their bat vigorously in frustration and hits a structure at the ground.

Level	Applicability
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓ Applies in the case of serious, aggressive and materially repetitive cases.
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

A.7 Throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment including, without limitation, a bat, helmet, gloves or water bottle) at or near a Player, official, or any other third person in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner during a Match.

Article A.7 will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion, or from throwing the ball at the stumps or to a team member when attempting a run out.

Note:
When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors will be taken into account: (a) the context of the particular situation, including without limitation, whether the action was deliberate, reckless, negligent and/or avoidable; (b) whether the ball/object struck the other person; (c) the speed at which the ball/object was thrown; and (d) the distance from which the ball/object was thrown.

Level	Applicability
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓Applies where the action is more aggressive and involves a higher risk of injury
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

A.8 Showing dissent at an Umpire's decision during a Match

Level	Applicability
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓ Applies in the case of 'serious' dissent including where an element of anger or abuse is directed at the umpire or where there is excessive delay by a batter in leaving the wicket or play resuming.
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

Note:

Article A.8 applies to all participants during a Match. Without limitation, Article A.8 may include:

(a) in relation to a batter – excessive, obvious disappointment with an Umpire's decision; an obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket or ground; shaking the head; pointing or looking at the inside edge of the bat when given out LBW; pointing to the pad or rubbing the shoulder when given out caught behind; arguing or entering into a prolonged discussion with the Umpire about their decision or signalling for third umpire review.

(b) in relation to a bowler or fielder – excessive, obvious disappointment with an Umpire's decision; an obvious delay in resuming play; running towards the Umpire, batter or pitch; shaking the head, standing with hands on hips, head in hands; snatching the cap from the Umpire; arguing or entering into a prolonged discussion with the Umpire about their decision; Players approaching &/or congregating around the Umpire.

(c) continuous reference to a decision throughout innings.

(d) words or behaviour following an Umpire's determination of a Playing Condition.

It will not be a defence to any charge brought under this Article to show that the Umpire might have, or in fact did, get any decision wrong.

This offence is not intended to punish a Player showing their instinctive disappointment at an Umpire's decision, whether in relation to their dismissal or the declining of an appeal.

When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors (without limitation) should be considered: (a) whether the behaviour contains an element of anger or abuse that is directed at the Umpire or the Umpire's decision; (b) whether there is excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket or ground; (c) whether the Player's behaviour was aggressive or intimidatory; or (d) whether there is persistent reference to the incident over time.

This offence does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a Team Captain from respectfully asking an umpire for a decision or a Club Official from making a formal complaint.

A.9 Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 41 of the Laws of Cricket

Level	Applicability
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓ Applies where implements or external objects are used and/or in cases of more serious or repetitive behaviour.
Level 4	Not applicable

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Note:

Any action(s) likely to alter the condition of the ball which are not specifically permitted under Law 41.3.2 may be regarded as 'unfair'. The following actions will therefore, not be permitted (this list of actions is not exhaustive but included for illustrative purposes): (a) deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening it up; (b) applying any artificial substance to the ball; and applying any non-artificial substance for any purpose other than to polish the ball (see note below); (c) lifting or otherwise interfering with any of the seams of the ball; (d) scratching the surface of the ball with finger or thumb nails or any implement.

The Umpires will use their judgement to apply the principle that actions taken to maintain or enhance the condition of the ball, provided no artificial substances are used, will be permitted. Any actions taken with the purpose of damaging the condition of the ball or accelerating the deterioration of the condition of the ball will not be permitted.

Without limiting this offence, the Team Captain of the offending side may breach Article

A.12 in the event that the Player or Club Official involved in the breach are not able to be identified, or where the breach was planned or systematic to the extent that the Team Captain either knew, or ought to have known, that the breach was occurring.

NB: Absent evidence of any other substance, the mere using of sweat or saliva to shine or polish the ball, while potentially contrary to any Playing Condition or Law of Cricket, will not fall within this offence.

This offence is in addition to any on-field sanctions that may be applied by the Umpires under Law 41.3 including the awarding of penalty runs to the batting team and the changing of the match ball.

A.10 Intimidation or attempted intimidation of an Umpire or Match Referee whether by language or behaviour (including gestures) during a Match

Note:
Article A.10 is intended to cover any form of intimidation of an Umpire or Match Referee. It includes, without limitation: (a) any form of continual verbal or physical harassment; (b) any form of intentional behaviour that would cause the person at whom it is being directed to fear injury or harm; and (c) attempts to impede or block movement.

NB – an expressed threat of physical abuse or contact may be covered in Offence A.11.

NB - Where offensive, obscene and/or profane language are directed at an Umpire or Match Referee, Offence A.13 may also apply.

Level	Applicability
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	✓ Where the intimidation includes verbal harassment that is continual and serious.
Level 4	✓ Where there is serious physical harassment or intimidation causing fear of injury or harm.

A.11 Threat of physical abuse of another Player, Cricket Participant or any other person during a Match

Note:
Without limitation, a Player, Club Official or any other person subject to the Code of Behaviour will breach Article A.11 if they say anything which would cause a Player, Cricket Participant and/or other person to whom such action was directed to fear harmful or offensive contact, for example and without limitation, (a) threatening to hit or make contact with the relevant individual while at the same time raising a fist, (b) making any direct, implied or inferred threat of physical contact, or (c) threatening to physically harm another Player's, Cricket Participant's or other person's family.

This Article applies to less serious verbal threats. Where more serious threats are present, or threats are made towards Umpires, Article B.1 may apply.

Note:
When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors will be taken into account:
(a) the context of the particular situation, including without limitation; and
(b) the level of aggression displayed.

Level	Applicability
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓

A.12 Captain's breach of the Code of Behaviour

Note:

Article A.12 captures the requirements of Laws 1.4 and 41.1 and applies where:

(a) One or more Players in the team engaged in multiple breaches of the Code of Behaviour during a Match; and/or (b) Where one or more Players in the team engage in continuous breaches of the Code of Behaviour throughout a cricket season; and/or (c) The Captain has demonstrated a failure to address the team's behaviour during a Match, including where the Captain has been warned by an Umpire during the Match; and/or (d) Where the Captain has attempted to justify breaches of the Code of Behaviour by Players to Umpires during the Match.

It will be a mitigating factor if the Captain took reasonable steps to address the team's behaviour during a Match in all of the circumstances.

This offence is intended to ensure that the Captain upholds the Spirit of Cricket as prescribed in Laws 1.4 and 41.1 and is not intended to be a loading on top of any other offence that the Captain themselves is found to have engaged in.

Level	Applicability
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓Applies where the Captain's failures are serious and/or repeated
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

A.13 Personal abuse of a Player or Cricket Participant during a Match

Note:
Article A.13 is intended to cover language of a personal, insulting, obscene and/or offensive nature whether directed to any Cricket Participant, or any other person (including a spectator), or about another person during a Match. It is also intended to cover language of a personal, insulting, obscene and/or offensive nature relating to a family member of the Player, Cricket Participant or other person at whom it is directed.

When considering the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) will be considered: (a) whether such language was excessive and/or orchestrated; and (b) the person at whom the language was directed (ie whether they were a Player, Cricket Participant or another person).

Level	Applicability
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	✓ Applies where language is of a personal, insulting, obscene and/or offensive nature whether directed to any Player, Cricket Participant or any other person (including a spectator) or about another person (other than an Umpire or Match Referee).
Level 3	✓ Applies where language is highly offensive and/or is materially personal, insulting, obscene whether directed to any Player, Cricket Participant or any other person (including a spectator) or about another person, or whether directed at an Umpire or Match Referee.
Level 4	✓ Applies where the Player's or Club Official's language is likely to offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify any Player, Cricket Participant or any other person (including a spectator) on the basis of that person's race, religion, culture, descent, colour, national or ethnic origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status and/or parental status.

A.14 Inappropriate physical contact during a Match

Note:
Cricket is a non-contact sport and, as such, any form of inappropriate physical contact is prohibited in cricket. Without limitation, Players or others who are subject to the Code of Behaviour will breach Article A.14 if they deliberately, recklessly and/or negligently make contact with another Player, Cricket Participant (including an Umpire or Match Referee) or any other person (including a spectator, member of the public or anyone else).

When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) will be taken into account: (a) the context of the particular situation, including without limitation, whether the contact was deliberate (ie intentional), reckless or negligent, and/or avoidable; (b) the force of the contact; (c) any resulting injury to the person with whom contact was made; or (d) the person with whom contact was made.

This Article applies to less serious instances of physical contact. Where more serious instances occur, or contact is made with Umpires, Article B.2 may apply.

Level	Applicability
Level 1	✓ Applies in the case of relevant conduct towards a Player, Cricket Participant (other than an Umpire or Match Referee) or with any other person (including a spectator), where the inappropriate physical contact is minor including as to intent, force of contact, and no injury caused.
Level 2	✓ Applies in the case of relevant conduct towards a Player, Cricket Participant (other than an Umpire or Match Referee) or with any other person (including a spectator), where the inappropriate physical contact is moderate including as to intent, force of contact, any injury caused.
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

COB-11.2 - Prescribed penalties for breaches of Articles A.1 to A.14

Level of Offence	Penalty
Any Level of Offence	Any suspension (including a suspension following two (2) warnings in a 24-month period under clause COB-05.4 and any carry over suspension) will make the Player ineligible for any Player of the Year medal unless the offence occurs in a grand final after the announcement of the award recipients for that season.
Level 1	(a) A Warning; and/or (b) A minimum ban of One (1) Multi-Day Match and/or One (1) day of Limited Overs Cricket.
Level 2	A minimum ban of One (1) Multi-Day Match and/or Two (2) days of Limited Overs Cricket.
Level 3	A minimum ban of Two (2) Multi-Day Matches and/or Four (4) days of Limited Overs Cricket.
Level 4	A minimum ban of Three (3) Multi-Day Matches and/or Six (6) days of Limited Overs Cricket.

COB-12 - Schedule B – Serious Offences

COB-12.1 The table below prescribes the behaviour that will amount to a Serious Offence under the Code of Behaviour if committed by a person who is bound in accordance with the Cricket Tasmania By-Laws and/or who has otherwise agreed to be bound by the Code of Behaviour.

B.1 Threat of physical abuse of another Player, Club Official, Cricket Participant, or any other person during a Match

Note:
Without limitation, a Player, Club Official or any other person subject to the Code of Behaviour will breach Article B.1 if they do or say anything which would cause a Player, Cricket Participant and/or other person to whom such action was directed to fear harmful or offensive contact, for example and without limitation, (a) threatening to hit or make contact with the relevant individual while at the same time raising a fist, (b) running at an individual causing the individual to fear any contact, (c) making any direct, implied or inferred threat of physical contact, or (d) threatening to physically harm another Player's or Cricket Participant's family.

Level	Applicability
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	✓ Applies when serious threat is made to another Player, Cricket Participant, Umpire or Match Referee or any other person.
Level 4	✓ Applies to very serious threats of violence or physical abuse and/or when serious threat is made to an Umpire or Match Referee.

B.2 Inappropriate physical contact during a Match

Note:
Cricket is a non-contact sport and, as such, any form of inappropriate physical contact is prohibited in cricket. Without limitation, Players or Club Official will breach Article B.2 if they deliberately, recklessly and/or negligently make contact with another Player, Club Official, Cricket Participant (including an Umpire or Match Referee) or any other person (including a spectator, member of the public or anyone else).

When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) will be taken into account: (a) the context of the particular situation, including without limitation, whether the contact was deliberate (i.e. intentional), reckless or negligent, and/or avoidable; (b) the force of the contact; (c) any resulting injury to the person with whom contact was made; or (d) the person with whom contact was made.

Level	Applicability
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	✓ Applies in the case of relevant behaviour towards a Player, Cricket Participant (other than an Umpire or Match Referee) or with any other person (including a spectator), where the inappropriate physical contact is serious, or in the case of an Umpire or Match Referee is not viewed as accidental and is minor, involved a minor force of contact, no injury was caused.
Level 4	✓ Applies in the case of relevant behaviour towards a Player, Cricket Participant (including an Umpire or Match Referee) or with any other person (including a spectator) where inappropriate physical contact is very or significantly serious (e.g. shows malicious intent, is significantly forceful, involves an act of violence or assault, cause material injury), or in the case of an Umpire or Match Referee is serious.

COB-12.2 - Prescribed penalties for breaches of Articles B.1 to B.2

Level of Offence	Penalty
Level 3	A minimum ban of Four (4) Multi-Day Matches and/or Eight (8) days of Limited Overs cricket.
Level 4	A minimum ban of Five (5) Multi-Day Matches and/or Ten (10) days of Limited Overs Cricket.