



Code of Behaviour applying to



**WAREHOUSE
CRICKET**

ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND INC

All Warehouse Cricket Competitions

This Code of Behaviour is effective 01 September 2015

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Judiciary



- (a) The Executive Committee shall appoint a Judiciary Committee comprised of members recommended by clubs at the Annual General Meeting and one (1) member of the Executive Committee. A Judiciary Committee Panel shall normally be comprised of three (3) members, with a minimum of two (2) members including a member of the Executive Committee. The Judiciary Committee will only have power to hear complaints in relation to the misconduct of players and/or clubs, as directed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall settle all other matters relating to Warehouse Cricket which may be submitted for adjudication.
- (b) Any Club referring a dispute to the Executive Committee for adjudication, shall forward a clear statement in writing, signed by the Club Secretary or accredited Club representative, to the Secretary of the Association, setting out the matter of the dispute. This may also be in the form of a statement on the team abstract. The statement should include details which specifically state names of offending players, nature of the incident, names of witnesses, date, time and if possible, should be corroborated by statements from officiating Umpires. This statement must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Association as soon as possible after the completion of the match in which the incident occurred. The Secretary of the Association immediately upon receipt of such notice of dispute shall refer the matter to the Commissioner for subsequent attention and if required shall notify all relevant parties when the matter may be dealt with. Should a player, member of a club or a club, be requested to attend a Judiciary Committee meeting as an alleged offender or to give evidence, it will be compulsory for such entity to attend a hearing. If the alleged offender fails to attend, a penalty involving a fine or suspension may be imposed and remain in effect until the Judiciary Committee or Executive Committee request is complied with.
- (c) In the event of a member of the Executive Committee or Judiciary Committee being a member of any of the clubs involved in any complaint or dispute, this member shall withdraw from the Committee while the dispute is being dealt with. In the event of such withdrawal from the Judiciary Committee, the Secretary in liaison with the Chairperson of the Executive Committee will arrange for a replacement from the Panel accepted by the Executive Committee following the Annual General Meeting.

- (d) Any person, team or club upon whom a penalty is imposed by the Judiciary Committee, and ratified by the Executive Committee of Warehouse Cricket, has the right of appeal to the Warehouse Cricket Association (Qld). Such appeals must be lodged within fourteen (14) days of the written notification received from the Secretary of the Warehouse Cricket Association (Qld).
- (e) It is the policy of the Executive Committee to hear disputes and charges as soon as possible after a report is received.

1.1 CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

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

DEFINITION OF ASSAULT

"A person who strikes, touches or moves, or otherwise applies force of any kind to the person of another either directly or indirectly, without consent, or who by any bodily act or gesture attempts or threatens to apply force of any kind to the person of another without his/her consent, under such circumstances that the person making the attempt or threat is actually or apparently a person of ability to effect his/her purpose, is said to assault that other person and the act is called assault".

- (a) Players, officials or club members must not assault or attempt to assault an umpire, another player or a spectator.
- (b) Players, officials or club members must not react with unnecessary obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval towards an umpire, his/her decision, or generally, following an umpiring decision.
- (c) Players, officials or club members must not use crude, racist and/or abusive language, or otherwise engage in conduct commonly known as "sledging". An umpire would be expected to caution the player and advise the captain of his/her concern before reporting any player for this type of behaviour.
- (d) Players, officials or club members must not indulge in conduct detrimental to the game, or the spirit of the game.

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- (e) Players, officials or club members must in no way use crude or abusive hand signals whether directed to another player or an umpire or a member of the public.
- (f) Players, officials or club members must not engage in public acts of misconduct, or unruly public behaviour whilst representing their club or the Association.
- (g) A player must not consume alcohol during the actual hours of play during the match in which he or she plays. Play is not deemed finished until bails have been lifted to signal the end of a day's play. Umpires, badged or otherwise, will report offending players and clubs to the Executive Committee so that disciplinary action can be taken.
- (h) Players must only wear and use approved clothing, equipment, and standard of dress and footwear. The wearing or display of an unauthorized logo is not permitted. An umpire would be expected to caution a player and advise the captain of his/her concern as to the player's standard of dress and use of equipment before reporting any players for a breach of this rule.

1.2 Method of Handling Breaches of the Code of Behaviour

- (a) An alleged breach of the Code of Behaviour may be reported by:
 - (i.) A player participating in the particular match in which the alleged breach occurs.
 - (ii.) Either or both Umpires.
 - (iii.) The Secretary of the club/s participating in the match in which the alleged breach occurs; or
 - (iv.) Any member of the Executive Committee.
 - (v.) Any spectator/s or any member of the general public that is in the precinct of our grounds/ovals.
- (b) Where an umpire wishes to report an alleged breach of the Code of Behaviour, he/she shall, at the end of the match, complete the prescribed Umpire's Report Form and shall forward a copy of the report, together with any further written submission, to the Secretary of Warehouse Cricket, not more than 72 hours after the completion of the match.
- (c) Where an Umpire reports an alleged breach of the Code of Behaviour, he/she shall at the end of the match, advise the captain of the relevant team that a particular player/s has/have been mentioned in the match report which is being forwarded to the Secretary of Warehouse Cricket.
- (d) Where a player or official as outlined above wishes to report an alleged breach of the Code of Behaviour,

he/she shall forward a written submission to the Secretary not later than 72 hours after the end of the day's play.

- (e) The Executive Committee will, at its August meeting each year and at such other times as may be necessary to fill a casual vacancy, appoint a person to the position of Warehouse Cricket Commissioner ("The Commissioner") who will be responsible for receiving and investigating any alleged breach of the Code of Behaviour. The Commissioner shall take such action, as he/she considers appropriate on any alleged breach including the referral of any matters to the Conduct Committee, in which event, the Commissioner will prosecute the matter before the Conduct Committee. The Commissioner may decide not to prosecute what he/she considers a minor matter, but will notify the person reported of the receipt of the report. The Commissioner will furnish a report to each regular meeting of the Executive Committee.
- (f) Members of the Conduct Committee shall not be representative of the club or clubs involved in the hearing.
- (g) Non-adherence to the foregoing regulations does not preclude the Conduct Committee from hearing any case, whether reported or not, providing that in all such cases the principles of natural justice apply and the player/s alleged to have committed a breach of the Code of Behaviour is/are not in any way unfairly disadvantaged by the failure to adhere to the regulations.
- (h) The Conduct Committee may impose any penalties it may think fit in accordance with Section 11.4 of these rules. The player or players are not permitted to participate in any Warehouse Cricket competition and/or any Warehouse Representative Fixtures until the penalty has been met, or an appeal against such finding and/or severity of the sentence has been adjudged by the Appeals Committee which shall meet with all due haste.
- (i) There shall be an Appeals Committee which is a sub-committee of the Executive Committee:
 - (i.) The membership of the Appeals Committee shall be appointed from time to time by the Executive Committee.
 - (ii.) The Appeals Committee shall be responsible for receiving all appeals from the decision of the Conduct Committee;
 - (iii.) The Appeals Committee shall hear and determine each appeal by reference only to all documentary and written evidence presented to the hearing before the Conduct Committee and shall receive from all interested parties written submissions only with respect to the evidence and submissions presented before an initial hearing;

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- (iv.) The appeal shall not constitute a rehearing;
- (v.) Any new or additional evidence shall be received by the Appeals Committee only at the discretion of the Appeals Committee;
- (vi.) There shall be no right of appearance before the Appeals Committee by the player and/or his/her representative. However, the player and/or his/her representative shall only have the right to call any additional oral evidence by being given leave to do so by a majority of the Appeals Committee;
- (vii.) The Appeals Committee shall, in each case, refer its decision and recommendation to the next meeting of the Executive Committee for ratification.
- (j) Should an appeal subsequently be upheld, any suspension or penalty shall be deemed to be invalid.
- (k) In the event that a Conduct Committee hearing cannot be completed before the start of a relevant match, the Conduct Committee may make such interim rulings as it deems appropriate including the interim suspension of a player.

1.3 Formation of the Conduct Committee and Appeals Committee

- (a) The Conduct Committee shall consist of three members, at least two of whom are drawn from outside the Executive Committee.
- (b) A pool of not less than twelve (12) club representatives shall be nominated at the Annual General Meeting each year and then appointed by the Executive Committee at its August meeting, to form the Conduct Committee as and when that Committee shall be required to meet. Any club with two or more teams in any Warehouse Cricket competition shall be required to nominate a Representative to sit on the Conduct Committee.
- (c) A current member of the Executive Committee shall chair the Conduct Committee. However, should there be an appeal to the Appeals Committee from any decision of the Conduct Committee, the Chairman of such Conduct Committee shall be ineligible to sit on any hearing of any such appeal.
- (d) The Conduct Committee shall consist of the chairman and two others who are drawn from the clubs participating in the Warehouse Cricket competition and are selected in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph (b) above.
- (e) In selecting the Conduct Committee for a particular hearing, in any case involving the charge of assault, the Secretary shall where possible, select from club Representatives who have previously been involved in Conduct Committee hearings.
- (f) No member of a club or clubs involved in a hearing, shall be qualified to sit on the Conduct Committee and/or Appeals Committee involved in that particular

hearing, nor shall any member of the Conduct Committee and/or the Appeals Committee be qualified to sit on a particular hearing should he/she feel that they are unable for any particular reason to deliberate on the matter impartially and with absolute objectivity.

- (g) The Appeals Committee shall consist of not less than five members, all of whom shall be drawn from the Executive Committee.
- (h) The Appeals Committee shall appoint a Chairman at the commencement of the hearing of an appeal.

1.4 Penalties.

- (a) Should any player, official or club member commit any breach of the Code of Behaviour, the Conduct Committee may fine the offender, suspend him/her from further play, or otherwise deal with the person at its discretion. No player, official or club member who is found guilty of a breach of the Code of Behaviour shall receive penalties in excess of those maximum penalties which are set out in the schedule at the end of these rules.
- (b) It shall be open to the Conduct Committee in the exercise of its discretion to hand down a suspended sentence in appropriate circumstances.

1.5 Time for Appeals

Any player, official or club member upon whom a penalty is imposed by the Conduct Committee, must lodge an appeal within fourteen (14) days of the date of the decision should the player concerned have been present when the decision was given, or within fourteen (14) days of the date of the letter from the Secretary advising of the decision should the player concerned not have been present at the hearing before the Conduct Committee.

A fee of \$50.00 is to accompany the lodgment of any such appeal. This fee will only be refunded in the event of the appeal being successful.

1.6 Procedure Prior to Hearings before the Conduct Committee

- (a) The Commissioner shall advise the Secretary that a hearing before the Conduct Committee is required and the Secretary shall select a Conduct Committee for a hearing.
- (b) The player charged with a breach of the Code of Behaviour will be advised of the date the report was received by the Secretary and of the precise nature of the alleged breach of the Code of Behaviour and will be supplied with copies of all reports and other written material being relied upon by the Commissioner.

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- (c) The Secretary will set the place, date and time of the hearing and will advise the player and the members of the Conduct Committee of such details in writing. If at all possible, the date of the hearing will be the Wednesday before the start of next fixture.
- (d) In advising the player as to the place, date and time of the hearing, the Secretary will also inform the player that if he/she intends to defend the charge he should arrange for the attendance of witnesses. In appropriate cases, the Conduct Committee shall consider a request by the player for an adjournment of the hearing, but before considering such request the player should be made aware of the power of the Conduct Committee to impose an interim ruling pursuant to Section 11.2 sub-paragraph (k) of these rules.

1.7 Procedure at Hearings before the Conduct Committee

1.7.1 Representation:

- (a) The Commissioner will prosecute the charge. It is the Commissioner who will receive the initial complaint in the form of the report and carry the responsibility of investigation and determine whether the matter should be prosecuted before the Conduct Committee.
- (b)
 - i.) The player shall be automatically entitled to representation by a member of the Executive Committee of his club (provided that person is not a Solicitor or Barrister)
 - ii.) There will be no automatic entitlement to representation by a Solicitor or Barrister or para-legal person, though, in appropriate circumstances, the Chairman of the committee may permit such representation.
 - iii.) A determination of “appropriate circumstances” shall be at the discretion of the Chairman of the Committee, in consultation with other members of the committee. Any serious allegation involving potential civil action, criminal charges or circumstances of aggravation which are likely to impact on the ability of any professional or semi-professional player to earn income, are examples (though this is not an exhaustive list) of circumstances where the player, may with the leave of the Chairman of the committee, appear with legal representation.
 - iv.) The Umpire involved in reporting the incident shall be entitled to be represented by an advocate appointed by the Executive

Committee of the Warehouse Cricket Umpires Association, provided such advocate is not a solicitor or barrister or para-legal person.

- (c) Umpires advocate – any umpire involved in the hearing shall be entitled to have present throughout the hearing an umpire’s advocate whose role shall be:
 - (i.) To advise and assist the reporting umpire and particularly any new an/or inexperienced umpire during the course of the hearing and in preparation for it:
 - (ii.) To provide expert comment as required in relation to the Laws of Cricket; and
 - (iii.) To report back to the Warehouse Cricket Umpires Association on the outcome of hearings.

1.7.2 Procedure:

- (a) The Commissioner and members of the Committee will be introduced to the player.
- (b) The issue of representation will be discussed.
- (c) The player will be advised that the proceedings are conducted pursuant to the Code of Behaviour and procedures under Section 11.1 and 11.2 of the Rules of the Warehouse Cricket Association and of all relevant requirements specified by those sections with regard to:
 - (i.) who may report an alleged breach;
 - (ii.) what that person must do to properly lodge the report; and
 - (iii.) The role of the Commissioner and the role of the Conduct Committee.
- (d) The player appearing before the Conduct Committee will be advised as to the date the report was received by the Commissioner and of the precise nature of the alleged breach of the Code of Behaviour.
- (e) The player will be advised of any club allegiances of the members of the Conduct Committee hearing the matter and will be asked to comment as to whether he/she has any specific objection to the composition of the committee.
- (f) The player will be advised of the procedure to be adopted.
 - (i.) The report will be formally presented by the Commissioner as will any other written material submitted to the Commissioner.
 - (ii.) The player will be asked by the chairman of the Conduct Committee to plead the charge.

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- (g) In the event that the player charged with a breach of the Code of Behaviour pleads “not guilty”:-
- (i.) The Commissioner presents the evidence and expands upon, to the extent necessary, the matters raised in the report.
 - (ii.) The player (or his/her representative) then presents his/her evidence and calls such witnesses as he/she requires.
 - (iii.) Those giving evidence shall be subject to questioning from any member of the Conduct Committee. There shall be no cross-examination from the player and/or his/her representatives to any umpire or other witnesses presented by the Commissioner nor shall there be any cross examination by the Commissioner and/or Umpire’s advocate to the player or his/her witnesses, unless in either case this is permitted by the authority of the Conduct Committee. If cross-examination is not permitted a player or his/her representatives or the Commissioner or Umpires Advocate may request the Chairman to submit questions to any witness. Such a matter will be at the discretion of the Chairman of the Conduct Committee.
 - (iv.) The player (or his/her representative) then makes his/her submissions and summarizes his/her case. Any such submissions are to include submissions on penalty.
 - (v.) The Commissioner makes his/her final submissions and summarizes his/her case. Any such submissions are to include submissions on penalty.
 - (vi.) The Conduct Committee then decides whether a breach of the Code of Behaviour has been established.
 - (vii.) If the Committee decides that a breach of the Code of Behaviour has been established, then submissions on penalty will be invited as if the player had pleaded “guilty”;
 - (viii.) A player’s “history” shall be taken into account when deciding penalty.
 - (ix.) The Conduct Committee advises the player of its decision and as to the player’s rights of appeal.
 - (x.) At the conclusion of the hearing, the Conduct Committee through its Chairman will furnish a report to the Executive Committee. The report will consist of the following details.

- Date of the Hearing
- Name of the person reported
- Committee composition
- Charge
- Result.

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Note (Repeat Offending)

Should a player be found to have breached the Code of Behaviour at the same level more than once in a season, then:

The player shall be subject to a higher Level of Penalty

LEVEL 1 OFFENSES

Level of Offence & Penalties

Level 1 Penalty

Official reprimand and ban of up to:

1 * Two Day Match or 2 limited over (50 over, 35 over and T20) matches.

All players, and where applicable, officials must not:

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Guidelines</u>
<p>Number 1.1</p> <p>Abuse Cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings</p>	<p>Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket actions such as hitting or kicking the wickets and actions intentionally or negligently result in damage to advertising boards, boundary fences, dressing rooms or changing facilities, or any other fixtures and fittings.</p>

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LEVEL 1 OFFENSES (cont.)

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Guidelines</u>
<p>Number 1.2</p> <p>Show dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Note – This rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or the team captain from asking the umpire to provide an explanation for a decision or a team official from making a formal complaint.</p>
<p>Number 1.3</p> <p>Use Language that is obscene, offensive, insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture</p>	<p>This includes swearing and offensive gestures which are not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor performance</p> <p>Note – This offence is not intended to penalize trivial behavior. The extent as to which such behavior is likely to give offense shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach.</p>
<p>Number 1.4</p> <p>Engage in excessive appealing</p>	<p>Excessive appealing 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.</p>
<p>Rule 1.5</p> <p>Point or gesture towards the pavilion/changing area in an aggressive manner upon the dismissal of the batsman</p>	<p>Self explanatory</p>

LEVEL 2 OFFENSES

Level of Offence & Penalties

Level 2 Penalty

Ban of a minimum of 1 * Two Day Match or
2 * Limited over matches (as defined in Level 1 Penalties)

All players, and where applicable, officials must not:

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Guidelines</u>
<p>Number 2.1</p> <p>Rule</p> <p>Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse</p>	<p>Dissent should be classified as serious where the dissent is expressed by a specific action such as the shaking of the head, snatching of cap, glasses or jumper from the umpire, pointing at pad or bat, other displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket.</p> <p>Note – This rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or the team captain from asking the umpire to provide an explanation for a decision or a team official from making a formal complaint.</p>
<p>Number 2.2</p> <p>Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players or officials in the course of play</p>	<p>Without limitation, players will breach this regulation if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder or push another player or official or match official</p>

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LEVEL 2 OFFENSES (cont.)

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Guidelines</u>
<p>Number 2.3</p> <p>Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing</p>	<p>Self explanatory</p>
<p>Number 2.4</p> <p>Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play</p>	<p>Without limitations, players will breach this rule if they deliberately attempt to distract the striker by words or gestures or deliberately shepherd a batsmen who is attempting to run between wickets</p>
<p>Number 2.5</p> <p>Throw the ball at or near a player or an official in an inappropriate and or dangerous manner.</p>	<p>This rule does not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion</p>
<p>Number 2.6</p> <p>Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, official or spectator</p>	<p>This is language or gestures which are directed at another person. See Rule 1.3 above in relation to the seriousness of the breach.</p>
<p>Number 2.7</p> <p>Change the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3</p>	<p>Prohibited behavior includes picking the seam or deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening up and the application of moisture to the ball, apart from perspiration or saliva</p>

<p>Number 2.8</p> <p>Attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points or otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.</p>	<p>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 opponents, bonus points, net run rate or quotient.</p>
<p>Number 2.9</p> <p>No player participating in a game, competition or carnival under the control of Warehouse Cricket Association is allowed to consume alcohol during playing hours, unless the game the player is competing in has ceased play.</p>	<p>Legal & Insurance outcomes will be put in a prejudiced position as a result.</p>
<p>Number 2.10</p>	<p>Repeat Level 1 Offences:</p> <p>Should a player be found to have breached the Code of Behaviour at the same level more than once a season, then:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The player shall be subject to a higher Level of Penalty.</p>

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LEVEL 3 OFFENSES

Level of Offence & Penalties

Level 3 Penalty

Ban of a minimum of 2 * Two Day Matches or 4 * Limited over matches (as defined in Level 1 Penalties)

Players, and where applicable, officials must not:

Rule	Guidelines
Number 3.1 Intimidate an umpire whether by language or conduct	Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner
Number 3.2 Threaten to assault another player, team official or spectator	Self explanatory
Number 3.3 Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, or disparage another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin	Self Explanatory
Number 3.4	Repeat Level 2 Offences: Should a player be found to have breached the Code of Behaviour at the same level more than once a season, then: The player shall be subject to a higher Level of Penalty.

LEVEL 4 OFFENSES

Level of Offence & Penalties

Level 4 Penalty

Ban of a minimum of 5 Two Day Matches or 10 Limited over Matches (as defined in Level 1 Penalties) and up to a Life ban

Players, and where applicable, officials must not:

Rule	Guidelines
Number 4.1 Threaten to assault an umpire	Self Explanatory
Number 4.2 Physically assault another player, umpire, official or spectator	Self Explanatory
Number 4.3 Engage in any act of violence on or off the field of play, whilst engaged in any match under the control of the Warehouse Cricket Association, including Carnivals.	Self Explanatory
Number 4.4 Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, or disparage another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin.	Self Explanatory
Number 4.5	Repeat Level 3 Offences: Should a player be found to have breached the Code of Behaviour at the same level more than once a season, then: The player shall be subject to a higher Level of Penalty.

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DEFINITION OF ASSAULT

“A person who strikes, touches or moves, or otherwise applies force of any kind to the person of another either directly or indirectly, without consent, or who by any bodily act or gesture attempts or threatens to apply force of any kind to the person of another without his/her consent, under such circumstances that the person making the attempt or threat is actually or apparently a person of ability to effect his/her purpose, is said to assault that other person and the act is called assault”.

Other Offences Referred to as level 5 Offences

Level of Offence & Penalties

Level 5 Penalty

One or more of the following penalties will apply –

A ban from playing for a period to be determined by the Commissioner.

Direct that the person make reparation for damage caused by that person to any property

Require that person to perform voluntary service to Warehouse Cricket

Reprimand the individual or club or team involved

Impose a fine

Players, and where applicable, officials must not:

Rule	Guidelines
<p>Number 5.1 Players must obey the Laws of cricket and play within the spirit of the game.</p> <p>The captain (or coach/manager of teams in the WCA junior competition) must use his best efforts to ensure his team and individual members of his team comply with this rule.</p>	<p>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 the Offences of level 1-4 as set out above.</p> <p>Conduct which will be prohibited under this clause includes using an illegal bat, time wasting, and any conduct which is considered “unfair play” under Law 42 of</p>

	<p>the Laws of Cricket.</p> <p>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 alters of the onus on the captain (or the coach/manager of teams in the WCA junior competition) to ensure that the Spirit of Cricket is adhered to as stated and defined in the preamble of the Laws of Cricket</p> <p>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 alters of the onus on the captain (or the coach/manager of teams in the WCA junior competition) to ensure that the Spirit of Cricket is adhered to as stated and defined in the preamble of the Laws of Cricket</p>
<p>Number 5.2</p> <p>Without limiting any other rule, players and officials must not at any time engage in any behavior unbecoming a player, or official that could bring the game of cricket into disrepute or be harmful to the interests of cricket</p>	<p>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 above. It is intended to include serious or repeated acts of misconduct, unruly behavior, and cheating</p>

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<p>Number 5.3</p> <p>Without limiting any other Rule, players and officials must not make public or media comment which is detrimental to the interests of the game</p>	<p>Guideline</p> <p>Without limitation, players and officials will breach this Rule if by making any public or media comment they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicly denigrate another player, or publicly denigrate or criticize an umpire or team against which they have played or will play, whether in relation to incidents in a match or otherwise • Denigrate another player or official by inappropriately commenting on any aspects of his performance, abilities or characteristics • Comment on the likely outcome of a hearing or a report of an appeal • Criticize the outcome of a hearing or an appeal • Criticize any evidence, submission or other comment made by any person at the hearing of a report or any appeal
<p>Number 5.4</p>	<p>Repeat Level 4 Offences:</p> <p>Should a player be found to have breached the Code of Behaviour at the same level more than once a season, then:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The player shall be subject to a higher Level of Penalty.</p>

Level of Offence & Penalties

Level 1 Penalty

Official reprimand and ban of up to 1* Two Day Match or 2 * limited over (50 over, 35 over and T20) matches

Level 2 Penalty

Ban of a minimum of 1 * Two Day Match or 2 * Limited over matches (as defined in Level 1 Penalties)

Level 3 Penalty

Ban of a minimum 2 * Two Day Matches or 4 * Limited over matches (as defined in Level 1 Penalties)

Level 4 Penalty

Ban of a minimum 5 * Two Day Matches or 10 * Limited over Matches (as defined in Level 1 Penalties) and up to a Life ban

Level 5 Penalty

One or more of the following penalties will apply –

- A ban from playing for a period to be determined by the Commissioner
- Direct that the person make reparation for damage caused by that person to any property
- Require that person to perform voluntary service to Warehouse Cricket
- Reprimand the individual or club or team involved
- Impose a fine

NOTES ON PENALTIES

- The Commissioner has the right to impose a penalty based on the information provided by umpires and witnesses, if a player is reported for any of these breaches.
- If a player chooses to ignore the findings of the Commissioner and take the matter to the judiciary and is found guilty, the penalty will be doubled, compared to the original penalty imposed by the commissioner.
- All players, in all competitions or carnivals run by Warehouse Cricket Association must abide by these playing conditions. It is the duty of all club presidents, secretaries, administrators, managers, coaches and captains to make all players in all of their teams, aware of these conditions. Ignorance of the rules and conditions will not be tolerated as an excuse for breaching these conditions.

End of Code of Behaviour