



# ROVERS CRICKET CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Traditionally, Cricket has been the one sport to maintain and promote the highest levels of conduct and sportsmanship. While always a competitive sport, its continued strength and its image relies on the acceptance of the umpire's decision and a preparedness to play within the "spirit of the game".

ALL ROVERS PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS SHOULD BE WELL AWARE OF THE STANDARDS EXPECTED AND CONSEQUENTLY ANY PLAYER OR OFFICIAL WHO BREACHES THIS CODE CAN EXPECT LITTLE SYMPATHY IF FOUND GUILTY.

It is the responsibility of everyone associated with Rovers Cricket Club - Club Officials, Team Captains and especially the Players - to ensure the level of conduct and sportsmanship traditionally inherent in the Game is observed.

This policy applies to all competitions, players and members representing Rovers Cricket Club (the Club), including participating in any competition, training or event. "member" means a committee member, team, coach or parent/care giver.

## CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. The captains or senior teams are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws.
2. The coach and/or manager of junior teams are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws.
3. This Code applies to all registered players and members and apply whether participating or spectating at any match or event under the auspices of the club.

4. of Cricket Australia or Queensland Cricket, including matches sanctioned by Queensland Cricket Affiliates. This Code applies in addition to and not in substitution of the Cricket Australia Code of Behaviour, Racial and Religious Vilification Code and the Anti-Harassment Policy,
5. Specifically:
  - a. Players and club members must not abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.
  - b. Players and club members must not assault or attempt to assault an umpire, a player, an official or spectator.
  - c. Players and club members must not react with dissension, either towards an umpire, his decision, or generally, following an umpiring decision.
  - d. Players and club members must not use crude or abusive language, or otherwise engage in conduct detrimental to the spirit of the game.
  - e. Players and club members must not indulge in conduct detrimental to the game.
  - f. Players and club members must in no way use crude or abusive hand signals.
  - g. Players and club members must not engage in any form of racial or religious abuse or harassment as defined in the Queensland Cricket Racial and Religious Vilification Code, the Cricket Australia Racial and Religious Vilification Code or Anti-Harassment Policy.
  - h. Without limiting any other rule, Players and club members must not make public or media comment which is detrimental to the interests of the game.  
Note: Public comment includes comment on Club websites, social media platforms and other electronic media.

## OFFENCES

1. Level 1 Offences - The Offences set out below are Level 1 Offences. Players and, where applicable, club members must not:
  - a. Abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings. This Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket actions such as hitting or kicking the wickets and actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage to the advertising boards, boundary fences, dressing room doors, mirrors, windows and other fixtures and fittings.
  - b. Show dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal. This 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. This Rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision or a club member from making a formal complaint.
  - c. Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture. This includes swearing and offensive gestures which are not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or fortune. This offence is not intended to penalise trivial behaviour. The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offence shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach.

- d. Engage in 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 or assuming a dismissal before the decision has been given may also come within this Rule.
  - e. Point or gesture towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner upon the dismissal of a batsman
  - f. Disobey an umpire's instruction during a match. Includes any repeated failure to comply with the instruction or directive of an umpire during a match.
2. Level 2 Offences - The Offences set out below are Level 2 Offences. Players and, where applicable, club members must not:
- a. Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse. Dissent should be classified as serious where the dissent is expressed by a specific action such as the shaking of the head, snatching cap from umpire, pointing at pad or inside edge, other displays of anger or abusive language directed at the umpire or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket. This Rule does not prohibit the bowler involved in the decision or a team captain from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision or a Team official from making a formal complaint.
  - b. Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players or officials in the course of play Without limitation, players will breach this regulation if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder another player, official or match official.
  - c. Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
  - d. Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play Without limitation, players will breach this rule if they deliberately attempt to distract a striker by words or gestures or deliberately shepherd a batsman while running or attempting to run between wickets.
  - e. Throw the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner. This Rule will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion.
  - f. Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, official or spectator. This refers to language or gestures which are directed at another person.
  - g. 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. 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 opponent's, bonus points, net run rate or quotient.
  - h. Seriously breach any regulation regarding approved clothing or equipment.
3. Level 3 - The Offences set out below are Level 2 Offences. Players and, where applicable, club members must not:
- a. Intimidate an umpire whether by language or conduct. Includes appealing in an aggressive or threatening manner.
  - b. Threaten to assault another player, Team official or spectator

- c. Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin
- d. Physically assault another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator.
- e. Engage in any act of violence on the field of play.
- f. Make public or media comment detrimental to the interests of the club.  
Prohibited conduct under this rule includes: Denigrating or criticising any player, official, team within the Cricket Far North Zone.
- g. Denigrate or criticize any player, umpire or official by inappropriately commenting on any aspect of his or her performance, abilities or characteristics. This includes comment on Club websites, social media platforms and other electronic media.

## METHOD OF HANDLING BREACHES OF THE CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

An alleged breach of the Code of Behaviour may be reported by:

- Either or both umpires;
- The Secretaries of the Clubs participating in the match in which the alleged breach occurred; and
- A player participating in the particular match in which an alleged breach occurs

When an offence is reported of an alleged breach of the Code of Behaviour the club secretary must inform the player as soon as practical. The club president has sole discretion for the delivery of penalties.

### Penalties

- Level 1
  - I. official reprimand
  - II. a suspended sentence
  - III. a one [1] match suspension
- Level 2
  - I. official reprimand
  - II. a suspended sentence
  - III. a two [2] match suspension
- Level 3
  - I. official reprimand
  - II. a suspended sentence
  - III. a three [3] match suspension
  - IV. a one [1] year suspension
  - V. a life ban from the club

In considering a penalty to be imposed in each case, the Club President must first consider whether the player or official has previously been found guilty of any offences under the Code of Behaviour (or any predecessor regulations that may have applied) within a period of eighteen months prior to the date on which the proven offence took place.

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