

# Guernsey Cricket Board Code of Conduct

## Level 1 Offences

Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings

Showing dissent at an Umpire's decision

Using language or a gesture that is obscene, offensive or insulting

Excessive appealing

Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion by a bowler or other member of the fielding side upon the dismissal of a batsman

Public criticism of, or inappropriate comment in relation to, an incident occurring in a match or any Player, Player Support Personnel, Match official or team participating in any Match, irrespective of when such criticism or inappropriate comment is made. This to include social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

Where the facts of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, conduct that either: (a) is contrary to the spirit of the game; or (b) brings the game into disrepute.

## Level 2 Offences

Repeat of any Level 1 Offence within 12 months

Showing serious dissent at an Umpire's decision

Serious public criticism of, or inappropriate comment in relation to, an incident occurring in a Match or any Player, Player Support Personnel, Match official or team participating in any Match, irrespective of when such criticism or inappropriate comment is made. This to include social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between Players in the course of play

Charging or advancing towards the Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing

Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play

Throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment such as a water bottle) at or near a Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or any other third person in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner

Using language or gesture(s) that is seriously obscene, seriously offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or any other third person

Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3

Any attempt to manipulate a Match for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons.

Where the facts of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, conduct that either: (a) is contrary to the spirit of the game; or (b) brings the game into disrepute.

### **Level 3 Offences**

Repeat of any Level 2 Offence within 12 months

Intimidation of an Umpire or Match Referee whether by language or conduct (including gestures)

Threat of assault on another Player, Player Support Personnel or any other person (including a spectator)

Where the facts of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, conduct that either: (a) is contrary to the spirit of the game; or (b) brings the game into disrepute.

### **Level 4 Offences**

Repeat of any Level 3 Offence within 12 months

Threat of assault on an Umpire or Match Referee

Physical assault of another Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or any other person (including a spectator)

Any act of violence on the field of play

Where the facts of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, conduct that either: (a) is contrary to the spirit of the game; or (b) brings the game into disrepute.

**PENALTIES FOR PLAYERS** are based on the Level of the offence

Level 1	The offending player will receive a written warning or reprimand
Level 2	The offending player will be banned from <b>all</b> cricket in Guernsey for a period of 14 days from the date of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee
Level 3	The offending player will be banned from <b>all</b> cricket in Guernsey for a period of 28 days from the date of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee
Level 4	The offending player will be banned from <b>all</b> cricket in Guernsey for a period of anything from 3 months to a lifetime ban at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee depending on the gravity of the offence

The penalty may be extended to Jersey if the offence is committed during a Channel Island fixture

The Disciplinary Committee may, at its sole discretion, specify that all or part of a suspension may be carried over until the following season where a decision to suspend a player is made in the latter stages of a season.

### **Procedure**

1. Incident occurs
2. The alleged breach is reported by:
  - a) Match umpires
  - b) Team Manager or CEO of either team
  - c) Any member of the GCB Board
3. The Disciplinary Committee conduct a hearing within 14 days of the reported incident
4. The Disciplinary Committee announce their decision
5. A player or Club may lodge an appeal with the Guernsey Cricket Board and the latter will appoint an independent Appeals Committee to hear the appeal. All appeals are subject to payment of £50 which will be refunded if the appeal is successful.
6. The Appeals Committee shall hear the appeal within 7 days of their being appointed. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all parties. A Player or Club is entitled to representation at the appeal. Any costs incurred shall be paid by the Appellant.