



CODE OF CONDUCT

SENIOR COMPETITIONS

The Association expects the highest standard of conduct from its players and officials, consistent with the Laws, the traditions, and the spirit of the game of cricket.

Players and/or officials in breach of this Code of Conduct will be subject to penalties. Offences are categorised from Level 1 to Level 6, with applicable penalties ranging from a warning, to suspension, and for serious offences, a possible life ban.

A summary of the offences and penalties are listed below. The full Code of Conduct is contained within the [Senior Rules Handbook](#), available on the Cricket North West website. The Code of Conduct is supported by Cricket North West's [Member Protection Policy](#), which outlines our commitment to providing a safe and welcoming environment, and procedures for handling complaints.

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Level 1

Players and/or officials must not:

- Abuse cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings;
- Show dissent at an umpire's decision;
- Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture;
- Engage in excessive or unnecessary appealing;
- Point or gesture towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner upon the dismissal of a batsman;
- Fail to ensure the condition of the ball is not changed, in breach of Law 42.3.

Level 2

Players and/or officials must not:

- Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision;
- Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players or officials;
- Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing;
- Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play;
- Throw the ball at or near a player or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner;
- Use language that is obscene, offensive or of a generally insulting nature to another player, official or spectator;
- Change the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3.
- Attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points or otherwise.

Level 3

Players and/or officials must not:

- Intimidate or attempt to intimidate an umpire, whether by language or conduct;
- Threaten to assault another player, Team official or spectator;
- 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, sexuality or national or ethnic origin.



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Level 4

Players and/or officials must not:

- Threaten to assault an umpire;
- Physically assault another player, umpire, official or spectator;
- Engage in any act of violence on the field of play;
- Use language or gestures that seriously offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies a person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, sexuality, national or ethnic origin.

Level 5 – Laws of Cricket and Spirit of the Game

- Players and officials must obey the Laws of Cricket and play within the spirit of the game. The captain and Team coach must use their best efforts to ensure that their Team and individual members of the Team complies with this rule.

Level 6 – Unbecoming Behaviour

- Without limiting any other rule, players and officials must not at any time in a cricket related situation engage in behaviour unbecoming to a player or official that could bring them of the game of cricket into disrepute, or be harmful to the interests of cricket.

PENALTIES

Level 1	Minimum ban of 1 Two-Day match and/or 1 One-Day match.
Level 2	Minimum ban of 1 Two-Day match and/or 2 One-Day matches.
Level 3	Minimum ban of between 2 Two-Day matches and/or 4 One-Day matches, up to 4 Two-Day matches and/or 8 One-Day matches
Level 4	Minimum ban of between 5 Two-Day matches and/or 10 One-Day matches, up to a life ban.
Level 5	At the discretion of the CNW Tribunal.
Level 6	At the discretion of the CNW Tribunal

ALCOHOL AND ILLICIT DRUGS

Cricket North West strongly encourages the responsible service and consumption of alcohol. We also condemn the use of illicit and/or performance enhancing substances. It is the responsibility of players/coaches/officials to report suspected illegal or inappropriate use or distribution of alcohol or drugs to their Club and/or Cricket North West. All Cricket North West clubs are encouraged to sign up for [Good Sports](#) accreditation, providing them with the knowledge and skills to keep all members safe.