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Manitoba Cricket Association Policies and Procedures

Code of Conduct

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Purpose

The under mentioned Players' Code of Conduct is a reminder that cricket is a game which has a rich tradition of sportsmanship behind it. Those who take part in the game are expected to uphold this tradition and the spirit of the game. The **CODE OF CONDUCT** will serve as a guide to the Disciplinary Committee in dealing with infractions. [It will be used in conjunction with the MCA Abuse-Harassment Policy.]

(Note: this is contrary to the Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Policy. By leaving this sentence in, there is no appeal mechanism, which is undemocratic.)

1. PROBATION:

The Executive/Board may in addition to or as an alternative to any of the penalties set out hereunder, impose a term of probation not exceeding two years. Any subsequent offence committed while on probation will ordinarily be dealt with more severely.

2. MAXIMUM PENALTIES:

Maximum penalties are intended to be reserved for the worst instances of a breach of the rule or when dealing with repeat offenders.

3. LENGTH (PERIOD) OF SUSPENSION:

The period of suspension will apply to number of games or number of months depending on the nature and seriousness of the infraction. Since the MCA runs an indoor and an outdoor league, ***SUSPENSION MUST BE SERVED IN (OR MUST APPLY TO) THE LEAGUE IN WHICH THE INFRACTION OCCURRED, AND IF NOT COMPLETED IN A GIVEN SEASON, MUST BE CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT OR SUBSEQUENT SEASONS.*** In addition, suspension from one league will debar a player from participating in another league. **SUSPENSION MEANS, SUSPENSION FROM ALL MCA SPONSORED ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.**

4. DRESS/PLAYING UNIFORMS:

In all Divisions, only the participating team colours are permitted on the field of play. The umpire has the sole authority to determine the acceptability of the uniform. Any player/players not wearing acceptable playing uniform will not be permitted to play in that game.

5 TALKING ON THE FIELD:

- a. Talking is not permitted between members of the fielding team once the ball becomes live. A ball becomes live once the bowler starts his/her run-up.
- b. There must be no talking to umpires except to request information with respect to time, balls left in the over, etc... ..or to request permission to talk to other batsman or leave the field etc.
- c. Dissention to an umpire's decision will result in an automatic report to the disciplinary committee and may result in immediate suspension from the league.
- d. There must be no 'baiting' or 'heckling' of opposing players. If such is the case and in the umpire's/umpires' judgment this constitutes unfair play, then Law 42 will apply (i.e. caution, final warning, action and report).
- e. Any threat of violence to any member of the Association will result in an automatic report to the Disciplinary Committee, and may result in an immediate suspension.

6. UNREGISTERED PLAYERS:

All players must be properly registered with the MCA. In any given season, players must be released in accordance with the MCA League Local Rules and players must not play in a division not authorized. (Note: Switching of players in the off-season is an internal matter between/among clubs AND IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MCA TO ADMINISTER OR ARBITRATE).

Breach: *In addition to loss of points by the guilty team, the player himself may be subject to a minimum one month's suspension to maximum three months' suspension and the club may be subject to a maximum fine of \$50.00.*

7. VERBAL ABUSE:

No verbal abuse, racial slurs, obscene language or threats of violence are permitted, whether directed at teammates, opponents or umpires or members of the Executive/Board. Any such abuse, slurs, obscene language or threats directed at umpires or members of the Executive/Board will be dealt with severely.

Breach: *Reprimand to maximum of 10 months' suspension.*

8. UMPIRING:

Umpires are reminded that they are to be impartial when officiating. Individuals when standing in the capacity of an umpire, must refrain from commenting to or coaching. If an umpire is found guilty of acting impartially, he/she may be prohibited *from umpiring for minimum of one month to a maximum of 15 months; suspension from playing up to a maximum of 15 months where outright cheating is proven.*

9. ASSAULTS:

- a. Force and/or violence (i.e. striking or roughing up another person) are not permitted by PLAYERS, OFFICIALS OR MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION IN ATTENDANCE AT A GAME OR ANY MCA SPONSORED EVENT, except in the case of self-defence. The amount of force permitted by way of self-defence is such force as is reasonable, in light of the nature of the assault to ward off the aggression. Force used under the guise of self-defence which clearly goes beyond that required to ward off aggression, considering the nature and circumstances of the assault, may be construed as an assault in itself, albeit under provocation.
- b. In cases where the Police or Law enforcement is called for an incident at any MCA sponsored event, the MCA will withhold all investigation and disciplinary action until the Legal process is completed. All MCA members involved in the incident will then follow the Disciplinary Action process as outlined in **The Disciplinary Action Policy**
- c. Players are not permitted to make threatening gesture with bats, stumps, balls or other implements.
- d. Balls bowled or thrown full pitch (by a fielder) at a batsman's ("beamers") with intent to maim the batsman are not permitted. Any such transgression will result in an immediate penalty of 5 runs being assessed against the aggressive team. Further, the action of the player and the captain of the team will be reported to the Disciplinary Committee. This may result in the suspension of the player(s) and the Captain.

- e. While assaults on players will be viewed with the utmost seriousness, assaults on umpires and members of the Executive/Board while in the execution of their duty or because of any decision rendered by them in the execution of their duty, will constitute an serious offence. Any person found guilty of an assault will receive a *minimum of five months' suspension to life suspension, particularly where the game of cricket is further brought into disrepute by the laying of criminal charges.*

10 DRINKING:

- a. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted by players in the Park where cricket is played *during matches.*
- b. *While the enforcement of the liquor laws of the Province of Manitoba is generally the responsibility of the law enforcement authorities, the Executive/Board may take action against any person(s) or member club(s) whose consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Park puts the administration of the game in jeopardy.*
- c. Specifically, notwithstanding the imposition of any penalty by law enforcement authorities, the Executive/Board may impose penalties for breaches of liquor laws.
- d. Penalties may range from minimum fines of \$25.00 to suspension for a maximum of six months in the case of repeat offenders or conduct which is extreme to the game.