



EUROPEAN CRICKET LEAGUE

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS AND PLAYER SUPPORT PERSONNEL

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INTRODUCTION

The ECL is responsible for the governance of the sport of cricket during the ECL and the Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel (the “Code of Conduct”) is adopted and implemented as part of the ECL’s continuing efforts to maintain the public image, popularity and integrity of cricket by providing: (a) an effective means to deter any participant from conducting themselves improperly on and off the field-of-play or in a manner that is contrary to the Spirit of Cricket; and (b) a robust and proportionate disciplinary procedure pursuant to which all matters of improper conduct can be dealt with fairly, with certainty and in an expeditious manner.

Unless otherwise indicated, references to Articles and Appendices are to articles and appendices of the Code of Conduct. Words in italicised text in the Code of Conduct are defined terms and their definitions are set out in Appendix 1.

ARTICLE 1 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

1.1 All *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* are automatically bound by and required to comply with all of the provisions of the *Code of Conduct*. Accordingly, by their participation (in the case of a *Player*) or assistance in a *Player’s* participation (in the case of a *Player Support Personnel*) in an *European Champions League Match*, such *Players* or *Player Support Personnel* shall be deemed to have agreed:

- 1.1.1** that it is their personal responsibility to familiarise themselves with all of the requirements of the *Code of Conduct*, including what conduct constitutes an offence under the *Code of Conduct*;
- 1.1.2** to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of any *Match Referee*, *Judicial Commissioner* or *Appeal Panel* convened under the *Code of Conduct* to hear and determine charges brought (and any appeals in relation thereto) pursuant to the *Code of Conduct*; and
- 1.1.3** not to bring any proceedings in any court or other forum that are inconsistent with the foregoing submission to the jurisdiction of the *Match Referee*, *Judicial Commissioner* or *Appeal Panel*.

1.2 All *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* shall continue to be bound by and required to comply with the *Code of Conduct* until he/she has not participated (in the case of a *Player*), or assisted a *Player’s* participation (in the case of a *Player Support Personnel*) in an *ECL Match* for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of his/her last participation and the *ECL* shall continue to have jurisdiction over him/her under the *Code of Conduct* thereafter in respect of matters taking place prior to that point.

1.3 Without prejudice to Articles 1.1 and 1.2, the *ECL* and the *National Cricket Federations* shall be responsible for promoting *Code of Conduct* awareness and education amongst all *Players* and *Player Support Personnel*.

1.4 It is acknowledged that certain *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* may also be subject to other rules of *National Cricket Federations* that govern discipline and/or conduct, and that the same conduct of such *Players* and/or *Player Support Personnel* may implicate not only the *Code of Conduct* but also such other rules that may apply. For the avoidance of any doubt, *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* acknowledge and agree that:

(a) the *Code of Conduct* is not intended to limit the responsibilities of any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* under such other rules; and

(b) nothing in such other rules shall be capable of removing, superseding or amending in any way the jurisdiction of the *Match Referee*, *Judicial Commissioner* or *Appeal Panel* to determine matters properly arising pursuant to the *Code of Conduct*.

1.5 For the avoidance of any doubt all Umpires and Match Referees officiating in any *ECL* Matches are automatically bound by and required to comply with all of the provisions of the *ECL Code of Conduct* for *Match Officials* and *Match Official Support Personnel*;

ARTICLE 2 CODE OF CONDUCT OFFENCES

The Preamble of the *ECL Playing Conditions*, sets out the definition of the Spirit of Cricket, as follows:

“Preamble – The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws (which are incorporated within these Playing Conditions), but also within the Spirit of Cricket.

The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, umpires and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.

Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.

Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.

Play hard and play fair.

Accept the umpire’s decision.

Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct, and encourage others to do likewise.

Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.

Congratulate the opposition on their successes, and enjoy those of your own team.

Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.”

The conduct described in Articles 2.1 to 2.22 amounts to conduct which breaches the Spirit of Cricket and therefore, if committed by a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*, shall amount to an offence by such *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* under the *Code of Conduct*.

2,1	Excessive appealing during an <i>ECL Match</i>
Note:	For the purpose of Article 2.1, 'excessive' may include (a) repeated appealing of the same decision; (b) repeated appealing of different decisions when the bowler/fielder knows the batter is not out with the intention of placing the Umpire under pressure; (c) charging or advancing towards the Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing; or (d) celebrating a dismissal without appealing to the Umpire when a decision is required. It is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing.
Level 1	✓
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable
2,2	Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings during an <i>ECL Match</i>.
Note:	Article 2.2 includes any action(s) outside the course of normal cricket actions, such as hitting or kicking the wickets and any action(s) which deliberately (i.e. intentionally), recklessly or negligently (in either case even if accidental) results in damage to the advertising boards, boundary fences, dressing room doors, mirrors, windows and other fixtures and fittings. For example, this offence may be committed, without limitation, when a Player swings his/her bat vigorously in frustration and causes damage to an advertising board.
Level 1	✓
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable
2,3	Use of an audible obscenity during an <i>ECL Match</i>.
Note:	Article 2.3 covers the use of words commonly known and understood to be offensive, obscene and/or profane (in any language) and which can be heard by the spectators and/or the viewing public whether by way of the stump-microphone or otherwise. This conduct may include, for example, swearing in frustration at one's own play or fortune.
Level 1	✓

Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.4	Disobeying an <i>Umpire's</i> instruction during an <i>ECL Match</i>
Note:	Article 2.4 includes any repeated failure to comply with the instruction or directive of an Umpire during an ECL Match.
Level 1	✓
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.5	Using language, actions or gestures which disparage or which could provoke an aggressive reaction from a batter upon his/her dismissal during an <i>ECL Match</i>.
Note:	<p>Article 2.5 includes any language, action or gesture used by a Player and directed towards a batter upon his/her dismissal which has the potential to provoke an aggressive reaction from the dismissed batter, whether or not any reaction results, or which could be considered to disparage or demean the dismissed batter, regardless of whether the batter him/herself feels disparaged or demeaned (in other words, a 'send-off'). Without limitation, Article 2.5 includes: (a) excessive celebration directed at and in close proximity to the dismissed batter; (b) verbally abusing the dismissed batter; and (c) pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion.</p> <p>Nothing in this Article 2.5 is, however, intended to stop Players celebrating, in an appropriate fashion, the dismissal of the opposing team's batter.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.6	Using a gesture that is obscene, offensive or insulting during an ECL Match.
Note:	<p>Article 2.6 includes, without limitation, obscene gestures which are not directed at another person.</p> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) shall be taken into account: (i) the context of the particular situation; and (ii) whether the gesture is likely to: (a) be regarded as obscene; (b) give offence; or (c) insult another person.</p> <p>This offence is not intended to cover any use of gestures that are likely to offend another person on the basis of their race, religion, gender, colour, descent, national or ethnic origin. Such conduct is prohibited under the ECL's Anti-Racism Code and must be dealt with according to the procedures set out therein.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable
2.7	Public criticism of, or inappropriate comment in relation to an incident occurring in an ECL Match or any Player, Player Support Personnel, Match Official or team participating in any ECL Match, irrespective of when such criticism or inappropriate comment is made.
Note:	<p>Without limitation, Players and Player Support Personnel will breach Article 2.7 if they publicly criticise the Match Officials or denigrate a Player or team against which they have played in relation to incidents which occurred in an ECL Match. When assessing the seriousness of the breach, without limitation, the context within which the comments have been made and the gravity of the offending comments must be taken into account. For the avoidance of doubt, any posting by a Player or Player Support Personnel of comments on a social media platform (including, without limitation, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn) shall be deemed to be 'public' for the purposes of this offence. Consequently a Player or Player Support Personnel may breach Article 2.7 where they criticise or make an inappropriate comment in relation to an incident occurring in an ECL Match or any Player, Player Support Personnel, Match Official or team participating in any ECL Match in any posting they make on a social media platform.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓

Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.8	Showing dissent at an <i>Umpire's</i> decision during an <i>ECL Match</i>.
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Note:

Without limitation, Article 2.8 includes:

- (a) excessive, obvious disappointment with an Umpire's decision;
- (b) an obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket;
- (c) shaking the head;
- (d) pointing or looking at the inside edge when given out lbw;
- (e) pointing to the pad or rubbing the shoulder when caught behind;
- (f) snatching the cap from the Umpire;
- (g) requesting a referral to the TV Umpire (other than in the context of a legitimate request for a referral as may be permitted in such ECL Match); and
- (h) arguing or entering into a prolonged discussion with the Umpire about his/her decision.

This offence is not intended to punish a batter showing his/her instinctive disappointment at his/her dismissal.

When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) should be considered:

- (i) whether the conduct contains an element of anger or abuse which is directed at the Umpire or the Umpire's decision;
- (ii) whether there is excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket; or
- (iii) whether there is persistent re-reference to the incident over time.

It shall not be a defence to any charge brought under this Article to show that the Umpire might have, or in fact did, get any decision wrong.

Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.9	Throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment such as a water bottle) at or near a <i>Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee</i> or any other third person in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner during an <i>ECL Match</i>.
Note:	<p>This offence will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion, or from throwing the ball at the stumps or to a teammate when attempting a run out.</p> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors (without limitation) shall be taken into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the context of the particular situation, including, without limitation, whether the action was deliberate, reckless, negligent, and/or avoidable; (ii) whether the ball/object struck the other person; (iii) the speed at which the ball/object was thrown; and (iv) the distance from which the ball/object was thrown.
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.10	<p>Any of the following conduct which constitutes ‘unfair play’ under clause 41 of the ECL Rules, Regulations and Playing Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.10.1 deliberate attempt to distract striker. 2.10.2 deliberate distraction, deception or obstruction of batter 2.10.3 bowling of dangerous and unfair short pitched deliveries. 2.10.4 bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching deliveries. 2.10.5 bowling of deliberate non-pitching deliveries. 2.10.6 bowling of deliberate front-foot no balls. 2.10.7 time wasting by any fielding side or batsman, 2.10.8 fielding causing deliberate or avoidable damage to the pitch. 2.10.9 bowler running on the protected area. 2.10.10 batsman causing deliberate or avoidable damage to the pitch. 2.10.11 striker in the protected area. 2.10.12 batsman stealing a run. 2.10.13 unfair actions not covered elsewhere in clause 41 of the ECL Rules, Regulations and Playing Conditions.
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Note:	<p>The offence supplements and does not replace ECL Rules, Regulations and Playing Conditions clauses 41.4 to 41.19.</p> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors (without limitation) shall be taken into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the context of the particular situation, including, without limitation and where relevant, whether the action was deliberate, reckless, negligent, and/or avoidable; (ii) the potential of the action to injure an opponent; and (iii) the degree of advantage offered by the 'unfair play'.
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.11	Any attempt to manipulate an <i>ECL Match</i> for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons.
Note:	<p>Article 2.11 is intended to prevent the manipulation of ECL Matches for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons (such as when a team deliberately loses a pool Match in an ECL Event in order to affect the standings of other teams in that ECL Event). It might also apply to the inappropriate manipulation of a net run rate or accumulation of bonus points or otherwise.</p> <p>Article 2.11 is not intended to cover any corrupt or fraudulent acts (including any use of inside information and/or related betting activity). Such conduct is prohibited under the ECL's Anti-Corruption Code and must be dealt with according to the procedures set out therein.</p> <p>The Team Captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible (and subject to sanction) for any offence found to have been committed under this Article.</p>
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	✓
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.12	Inappropriate physical contact with a <i>Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee</i> or any other person (including a spectator) during an <i>ECL Match</i>.
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Note:	<p>Any form of inappropriate physical contact is prohibited in cricket. Without limitation, Players will breach this regulation if they deliberately, recklessly and/or negligently walk or run into or shoulder another Player or Umpire.</p> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) shall be re taken into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the context of the particular situation, including, without limitation, whether the contact was deliberate (i.e. intentional), reckless, negligent, and/or avoidable; (ii) the force of the contact; (iii) any resulting injury to the person with whom contact was made; and (iv) the person with whom contact was made.
Level 1	<p>✓</p> <p>(Level 1 is available only in the case of contact with <i>Players</i>, <i>Player Support Personnel</i> or any other person).</p>
Level 2	<p>✓</p> <p>(Level 2 is available only in the case of contact with <i>Players</i>, <i>Player Support Personnel</i> or any other person).</p>
Level 3	<p>✓</p> <p>(Level 3 is available only in the case of contact with <i>Umpires</i> and <i>Match Referees</i>.)</p>
Level 4	<p>✓</p> <p>(Level 4 is available only in the case of contact with <i>Umpires</i> and <i>Match Referees</i>.)</p>
2.13	Personal abuse of a Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire or Match Referee during an ECL Match.

Note:	<p>Article 2.13 is intended to cover a Player or Player Support Personnel directing language of a personal, insulting, obscene and/or offensive nature at any Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire or Match Referee during an ECL Match. It is also intended to cover language of a personal, insulting, obscene and/or offensive nature relating to a family member of the Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire or Match Referee at whom it is directed.</p> <p>When considering the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) shall be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) whether such language was excessive and/or orchestrated; and (ii) the person at whom the language was directed, i.e. whether they were a Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or other person. <p>This offence is not intended to cover any use of language that is likely to offend another person on the basis of their race, religion, gender, colour, descent, national or ethnic origin. Such conduct is prohibited under the ECL's Anti-Racism Code and must be dealt with according to the procedures set out therein.</p>
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	<p>✓</p> <p>(Level 2 is not available in the case of personal abuse of an <i>Umpire</i> or <i>Match Referee</i>).</p>
Level 3	<p>✓</p> <p>(Level 3 is available in all cases)</p>
Level 4	Not applicable
2.14	Changing the condition of the ball in breach of clause 41.3 of the <i>ECL Rules, Regulations and Playing Conditions</i>.

Note:	<p>This offence supplements and does not replace ECL Rules, Regulations and Playing Conditions clause 41.3.</p> <p>Any action(s) likely to alter the condition of the ball which are not specifically permitted under clause 41.3.2 may be regarded as 'unfair'. The following actions shall, therefore, not be permitted (this list of actions is not exhaustive but included for illustrative purposes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening it up; (b) applying any artificial substance to the ball; and applying any non-artificial substance for any purpose other than to polish the ball; (c) lifting or otherwise interfering with any of the seams of the ball; and (d) scratching the surface of the ball with finger or thumb nails or any implement. <p>The Umpires shall use their judgment to apply the principle that actions taken to maintain or enhance the condition of the ball, provided no artificial substances are used, shall be permitted. Any actions taken with the purpose of damaging the condition of the ball or accelerating the deterioration of the condition of the ball shall not be permitted.</p>
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	✓
Level 4	Not applicable

2.15	Attempting to gain an unfair advantage during an ECL Match
Note:	<p>Article 2.15 is intended to cover any attempts to cheat or gain an unfair advantage during an ECL Match (other than conduct prohibited under Articles 2.11 or 2.14 of the Code of Conduct or the ECL's Anti-Corruption Code). It includes, without limitation: deliberate attempts to deceive an Umpire (for example by claiming a catch when the Player concerned knew that he/she had not caught the ball cleanly);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) any attempts by a Player on the field of play to seek assistance from any person off the field of play in order to decide whether to request a referral to the TV Umpire; or (c) taking a foreign object onto the field whose most likely reason for being there is to change the condition of the ball. <p>When assessing the seriousness of the breach, consideration should be given to whether the conduct was deliberate, reckless and/or negligent on the part of the relevant Player or Player Support Personnel.</p>
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	✓
Level 4	Not applicable

2.16	Intimidation of an <i>Umpire</i> or <i>Match Referee</i> whether by language or conduct (including gestures) during an <i>ECL Match</i>.
Note:	Article 2.16 is intended to cover any form of intimidation of an <i>Umpire</i> or <i>Match Referee</i> . It includes, without limitation: (a) any form of continual verbal or physical harassment; (b) any form of intentional behaviour that would cause the person at whom it is directed to fear injury or harm; and (c) attempts to impede or block movement.
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	✓
Level 4	Not applicable

2.17	Threat of assault on another <i>Player</i>, <i>Player Support Personnel</i>, <i>Umpire</i> or <i>Match Referee</i> or any other person (including a <i>Spectator</i>) during an <i>ECL Match</i>.
Note:	Without limitation, <i>Players</i> or <i>Player Support Personnel</i> will breach this Article 2.17 if they do or say anything which would cause the <i>Player</i> , <i>Player Support Personnel</i> , <i>Umpire</i> , <i>Match Referee</i> or other person to whom such action was directed to fear harmful or offensive contact, for example and without limitation, threatening to hit the relevant individual while at the same time raising a fist, or threatening to physically harm another <i>Player's</i> family.
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	✓ (Level 3 is available in the case of threat of assault on anyone other than an <i>Umpire</i> or <i>Match Referee</i>)
Level 4	✓ (Level 4 is available in the case of threat of assault on <i>Umpires</i> and <i>Match Referees</i> only. Not available in the case of threat of assault on any <i>Player</i> , <i>Player Support Personnel</i> or other <i>person</i>)

2.18	Physical assault of another Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or any other person (including a spectator) during an ECL Match
Note:	Without limitation, Players or Player Support Personnel will breach this Article 2.18 if they intentionally or recklessly cause the Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or the other person bodily harm or injury.
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	✓

2.19	Any act of violence on the field of play during an ECL Match
Note:	Without limitation, Players or Player Support Personnel will breach this Article 2.19 if they kick or punch or fight another Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or any other person (including a spectator).
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	✓

2.20	Conduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game
Note:	<p>Article 2.20 is intended to cover all types of conduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game and which is not specifically and adequately covered by the specific offences set out elsewhere in this Code of Conduct. .</p> <p>By way of example, Article 2.20 may (depending upon the seriousness and context of the breach) prohibit, without limitation, the following:</p> <p>(a) the use of an illegal bat or illegal wicket-keeping gloves; and</p> <p>(b) failure to comply with the provisions of clause 6.3 of the ECL Rules, Regulations and Playing Conditions.</p> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the context of the particular situation, and whether it was deliberate, reckless, negligent, avoidable and/or accidental, shall be considered. Further, the person lodging the Report shall determine where on the range of severity the conduct lies (with the range of severity starting at conduct of a minor nature (and hence a Level 1 offence) up to conduct of an extremely serious nature (and hence a Level 4 offence)).</p>

Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓

2.21	Conduct that brings the game into disrepute
Note:	<p>Article 2.21 is intended to cover all types of conduct that bring the game into disrepute and which is not specifically and adequately covered by the specific offences set out elsewhere in this Code of Conduct, including Article 2.20.</p> <p>By way of example, Article 2.21 may (depending upon the seriousness and context of the breach) prohibit, without limitation, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) public acts of misconduct;(b) unruly public behaviour; and(c) inappropriate comments which are detrimental to the interests of the game. <p>When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the context of the particular situation, and whether it was deliberate, reckless, negligent, avoidable and/or accidental, shall be considered. Further, the person lodging the Report shall determine where on the range of severity the conduct lays (with the range of severity starting at conduct of a minor nature (and hence a Level 1 offence) up to conduct of an extremely serious nature (and hence a Level 4 offence).</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓

COMMENT: Where considered helpful, guidance notes have been provided in text boxes beneath the description of a particular offence. Such notes are intended only to provide guidance as to the nature and examples of certain conduct that might be prohibited by a particular Article and should not be read as an exhaustive or limiting list of conduct that may be prohibited by such Article.

The Code of Conduct offences cover a variety of different behaviours and levels of seriousness. It is not intended to penalise trivial behaviour. For the purpose of determining the appropriate sanction for an offence, levels of charging have been assigned for each offence, ranging from Level 1 for conduct of a minor nature, up to Level 4 for conduct of an extremely serious nature. Where an offence is alleged to have been committed, the individual reporting the alleged offence must determine which of the assigned levels of offence is appropriate for the conduct in question. Reports can only be laid at the levels identified in respect of each particular offence below.

For the purposes of the Code of Conduct, the phrase “during an ECL Match” should be interpreted broadly to cover all conduct which takes place at the ground on the day of an ECL Match, and not just conduct which takes place on the field of play. It will therefore include conduct which takes place off the field of play, for example in the changing rooms, or during any of the intervals in the match.

For the avoidance of doubt, the ECL's jurisdiction to take action against a Player or Player Support Personnel under this Code of Conduct is limited to incidents which take place (i) during, or in relation to, an ECL Match or (ii) during, or in relation to, an ECL Event. In circumstances where a Player or Player Support Personnel is involved in an off-field incident which may warrant action under this Code of Conduct and any code of conduct or disciplinary rules of the Player or Player Support Personnel's National Cricket Federation, the ECL will consult with the relevant National Cricket Federation in order to determine what the most appropriate course of action against the Player or Player Support Personnel should be.

ARTICLE 3 REPORTING AN ALLEGED OFFENCE UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT

NOTE: *Where a Code of Conduct offence is alleged to have occurred during, or in relation to an ECL Event (whether on the field of play or otherwise), the Code of Conduct shall apply in full, but with a series of amendments to the reporting process (Article 3), disciplinary procedure (Article 5) and appeal process (Article 8) in order to ensure that any matters arising can be dealt with expediently.*

- 3.1** Any one of the following individuals can report an alleged offence under the *Code of Conduct* by lodging a report in the manner described in Article 3.2, below (a **“Report”**):
- 3.1.1** an *Umpire* that officiated in the *ECL Match* during which the alleged offence was committed;
 - 3.1.2** the CEO of either of the two *National Cricket Federations* whose representative teams participated in the *ECL Match* during, or in relation to which, the alleged offence was

committed, or his/her designee (provided that the identity of such designee is advised to the *ECL* by the *National Cricket Federation* in advance of, or at least at the same time as, the *Report* is lodged);

3.1.3 the *ECL*'s Chief Executive Officer; or

3.1.4 provided it is a *Level 4 Offence* that is alleged to have been committed (or a *Level 1 Offence*, *Level 2 Offence* or *Level 3 Offence* in relation to which the *Match Referee* was the victim of the alleged offence), the *Match Referee* that was appointed to officiate in the *ECL Match* during which the alleged offence was committed. (For the avoidance of any doubt, the *Match Referee* is not entitled to lodge a *Report* in relation to an alleged *Level 1 Offence*, *Level 2 Offence* or *Level 3 Offence* unless he/she was the victim of the alleged offence).

3.2 All *Reports* must be completed on Form "Rep 1" (or such other form as may be made available for such purpose by the *ECL* from time to time). All *Reports* must be signed and dated by the person lodging the *Report* as follows:

3.2.1 Where the *Report* is lodged by an *Umpire* (pursuant to Article 3.1.1)

Level of Offence	On or Off-Field	Reporting Deadline	Report lodged with
Levels 1 & 2	On Field	18 hours from close of play in the relevant <i>ECL Match</i>	Match Referee
	Off-Field	18 hours after: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the commission of the alleged offence; or (b) the alleged offence was brought to his/her attention, except that the <i>Report</i> cannot be lodged more than 7 days after the conclusion of the relevant <i>ECL Match</i>. 	Match Referee
Level 3	On or Off Field	18 hours after: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the commission of the alleged offence; or (b) the alleged offence was brought to his/her attention, except that the <i>Report</i> cannot be lodged more than 36 hours after the conclusion of the relevant <i>ECL Match</i>. 	Match Referee
Level 4	On or Off Field	36 hours after the conclusion of the relevant <i>ECL Match</i>	<i>ECL</i> 's General Counsel

3.2.2 Where the *Report* is lodged by the CEO of either of the two *National Cricket Federations* (pursuant to Article 3.1.2);

Level of Offence	On or Off- Field	Reporting Deadline	Report lodged with
Levels 1 & 2	On Field	18 hours from close of play in the relevant <i>ECL Match</i>	Match Referee
	Off-Field	18 hours after: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (a) the commission of the alleged offence; or• (b) the alleged offence was brought to his/her attention, except that the <i>Report</i> cannot be lodged more than 7 days after the conclusion of the relevant <i>ECL Match</i>.	Match Referee
Level 3	On or Off Field	18 hours after: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (a) the commission of the alleged offence; or• (b) the alleged offence was brought to his/her attention, except that the <i>Report</i> cannot be lodged more than 7 days after the conclusion of the relevant <i>ECL Match</i>.	Match Referee

Level 4	On or Off Field	36 hours after the conclusion of the relevant ECL Match	ECL's General Counsel
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3.2.3 Where the Report is lodged by the ECL's Chief Executive Officer (pursuant to Article 3.1.3):

Level of Offence	On or Off-Field	Reporting Deadline	Report lodged with
Levels 1, 2 & 3	On or Off - Field	36 hours after the alleged offence is brought to his/her attention.	Match Referee
Level 4	On or Off - Field	36 hours after the alleged offence is brought to his/her attention.	ECL's General Counsel

3.2.4 Where the *Report* is lodged by the *Match Referee* (pursuant to Article 3.1.4):

Level of Offence	On or Off-Field	Reporting Deadline	Report lodged with
Levels 1, 2 & 3	On or Off - Field	18 hours after: (a) the commission of the alleged offence; or (b) the alleged offence was brought to his/her attention, save that the <i>Report</i> cannot be lodged more than 36 hours days after the conclusion of the relevant ECL Match.	ECL's General Counsel
Level 4	On or Off - Field	36 hours after the alleged offence is brought to his/her attention.	ECL's General Counsel

Note: For the purposes of Articles 3.2.1 to 3.2.4 above, Reports should be lodged as soon as reasonably practicable. The time limits set out in the above tables constitute the latest time by which a Report can be lodged.

In all circumstances where a Report is to be lodged with the Match Referee if, for logistical reasons, it is impractical to lodge the Report with the Match Referee, it shall be lodged with the ECL's Cricket Operations Department within the same deadline.

- 3.3** Where it is alleged that a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has committed more than one offence under the *Code of Conduct* during, or in relation to an *ECL Match* or during, or in relation to an *ECL Event* (whether on the field of play or otherwise), whether arising out of the same set of facts or otherwise, then a separate *Report* should be filed in accordance with this Article 3 for each of the offences that are alleged to have been committed.

NOTE: For the avoidance of doubt, only one Report should be laid per offence. As such, where the incident in question could fall within more than one offence under Article 2, for example Article 2.7 (public criticism or inappropriate comment) and Article 2.21 (conduct that brings the game into disrepute) a Report should be laid only in respect of the offence which most specifically covers the relevant conduct (in the example above, Article 2.7) and not both offences.

ARTICLE 4 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Level 1 Offences, Level 2 Offences, Level 3 Offences and Minimum Over Rate Offences:

- 4.1** Where a Match Referee receives a Report lodged under Articles 3.2.1.1, 3.2.1.2, 3.2.1.3, 3.2.2.1 or Article 3.2 of Appendix 2 (in the case of Minimum Over Rate Offences), he/she must review the Report and determine whether the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* named in the Report has a case to answer in relation to the offence identified in the Report. Where the Match Referee determines that there is a case to answer, he/she must promptly provide a copy of the Report, together with a completed Form "Not 1", (such documents comprising the 'Notice of Charge'), to the following individuals:
- 4.1.1** the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* named in the *Report*, or, where appropriate in the case of an offence under either Article 2.11 (manipulating an *ECL Match*), 2.14 (changing the condition of the ball), the relevant *Team Captain*; and
 - 4.1.2** the Team Manager of the relevant *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* named in the Report.
- 4.2** Where the ECL's *General Counsel* receives a Report lodged under Article 3.2.3.1, he/she must review the Report and determine whether the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* named in the Report has a case to answer in relation to the offence identified in the Report. Where the ECL's *General Counsel* determines that there is a case to answer, he/she must promptly provide a copy of the Report,

together with a completed Form “Not 1” (such documents comprising the ‘**Notice of Charge**’), to the following individuals:

- 4.2.1** the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* named in the *Report*, or, where appropriate in the case of an offence under either Article 2.11 (manipulating an *ECL Match*), 2.14 (changing the condition of the ball), the relevant *Team Captain*; and
- 4.2.2** the Team Manager of the relevant *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* named in the *Report*.

4.3 The *Notice of Charge* shall specify that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* shall have the following three options:

- 4.3.1** he/she may admit the offence charged and accede to the proposed sanction specified in the *Notice of Charge* (which sanction shall be strictly at the *Match Referee*’s discretion, but at all times within the appropriate range for the level of offence). In such circumstances, and provided that such admission has been received by the *Match Referee* prior to the commencement of the hearing at the time/place specified in the *Notice of Charge*, the hearing before the *Match Referee* shall not be required and no further action shall be taken, save that the *ECL* shall promptly issue a public statement confirming: (a) the commission of an offence under the *Code of Conduct*; and (b) the imposition of the applicable sanction specified in the *Notice of Charge*; or
- 4.3.2** he/she may admit the offence charged but dispute the proposed sanction specified in the *Notice of Charge*, in which case the matter shall proceed to a hearing in accordance with Article 5.1.1; or
- 4.3.3** he/she may deny the offence charged, in which case the matter shall proceed to a hearing in accordance with Article 5.1.1.

Level 4 Offences:

- 4.4** Where the *ECL*’s *General Counsel* receives a *Report* lodged under Articles 3.2.1.4, 3.2.2.2 or 3.2.3.2, he/she must promptly conduct a review to determine whether the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* named in the *Report* has a case to answer in relation to the specific type and/or level of offence identified in the *Report* (i.e. to determine, in the *ECL*’s opinion, whether the specific type and level of offence noted in the *Report* is properly identified when reviewed against the conduct complained of).
- 4.5** If the initial review of the *Report* reveals that there is no case to answer in relation to the specific type and/or level of offence, then the *ECL* shall notify the person who filed the *Report* of that fact, advising them of the reasons that such a determination has been made and, where applicable, providing guidance on which specific type and level of offence the *ECL* considers to be appropriate. Upon receipt of such a decision, the person who filed the *Report* shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3.2 and having considered the *ECL*’s guidance in good faith, within a period of twenty-four (24) hours from the time of notification by the *ECL*, notify the *ECL* whether he/she wishes to: (a) revise the specific type and/or level of the offence charged, in which case a revised *Report* must be lodged with the *ECL* within such twenty-four (24) period; (b) proceed on the basis of the original *Report* lodged; or (c) withdraw the *Report*.

NOTE: *Where a Match Referee appointed to adjudicate any matter brought under this Code of Conduct is not physically present at the relevant ECL Match (and therefore required to perform his/her duties remotely) or his/her appointment to that series of ECL Matches has ended and thus he/she is no longer in the same location as the teams, then all hearings arising under Article 5.1 will be held by telephone conference or video conference (if available) and the provisions of Article 5.1 are to be interpreted accordingly.*

- 4.6** If the initial review of the *Report* reveals that there is a case to answer, or a revised *Report* is lodged with the *ECL* pursuant to Article 4.5, then the *ECL* shall promptly provide a copy of the *Report*, together with a completed Form “Not 1” (such documents comprising the **‘Notice of Charge’**) to the following individuals:
- 4.6.1** the Player or Player Support Personnel named in the *Report*; and
 - 4.6.2** the Team Manager of the relevant Player or Player Support Personnel named in the *Report*; and
 - 4.6.3** the CEO of the National Cricket Federation to which the relevant Player or Player Support Personnel is affiliated.
- 4.7** The *Notice of Charge* shall specify that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* shall have the following options:
- 4.7.1** he/she may admit the offence charged and accede to the proposed sanction specified in the *Notice of Charge* (which sanction shall be strictly at the *ECL*’s discretion, but at all times within the appropriate range for the level of offence). In such circumstances, and provided that such admission has been received by the *ECL*’s *General Counsel* prior to the commencement of the hearing at the time/place specified in the *Notice of Charge*, the hearing before the *Judicial Commissioner* shall not be required and no further action shall be taken, save that the *ECL* shall promptly issue a public statement confirming: (a) the commission of an offence under the *Code of Conduct*; and (b) the imposition of the applicable sanction specified in the *Notice of Charge*; or
 - 4.7.2** he/she may admit the offence charged but dispute the proposed sanction specified in the *Notice of Charge*, in which case the matter shall proceed to a hearing in accordance with Article 5.1.2; or
 - 4.7.3** he/she may deny the offence charged, in which case the matter shall proceed to a hearing in accordance with Article 5.1.2.

ARTICLE 5 THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

Level 1 Offences, Level 2 Offences, and Level 3 Offences:

5.1 Where a matter proceeds to a hearing:

5.1.1 under Article 4.3.2 or 4.3.3, then, subject to Article 5.7, the case shall be referred to the *Match Referee* for adjudication in accordance with the procedure described in Article 5.2.

5.1.2 under Article 4.7.2 or 4.7.3, then the *ECL* shall appoint one member of the *ECL's Code of Conduct Commission* (who shall be independent of the parties, have had no prior involvement with the case and shall not, unless otherwise agreed between the parties, be from a country participating in the *ECL Match*, during, or in relation to which, the alleged offence was committed) to sit alone as the *Judicial Commissioner* and the case shall be referred to him/her for adjudication in accordance with the procedure described in Article 5.2

Level 4 Offences:

5.2 Disciplinary Procedure during an *ECL Event*

5.2.1 Subject to the discretion of the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* to order otherwise for good cause shown by the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*, the hearing will take place at the time specified in the *Notice of Charge* (which should, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, be no more than twenty-four (24) hours after the receipt by the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* of the *Notice of Charge*) and in the country in which the alleged offence was committed. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Article 5.2.1 prevents a hearing from being convened at a time during which the *ECL Match* in relation to which the alleged offence took place, remains in progress.

5.2.2 The procedure followed at the hearing shall be at the discretion of the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner*, provided that the hearing is conducted in a manner which offers the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* with a fair and reasonable opportunity to present evidence (including the right to call and to question witnesses by telephone or video- conference where necessary), address the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* and present his/her case.

5.2.3 The hearing before the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* shall be in English, and certified English translations shall be submitted of any non-English documents put before the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner*. The cost of the translation shall be borne by the party offering the document(s). In the case of a *Level 4 Offence* only if required by the *Judicial Commissioner* (at his/her discretion), the *ECL* shall make arrangements to have the

hearing recorded.

- 5.2.4** Where video evidence of the alleged offence is available at the hearing before the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner*, then it may be relied upon by any party, provided that all other parties shall have the right to make such representations in relation to it that they may see fit.
- 5.2.5** Unless exceptional circumstances apply, each of the following individuals must attend any hearing before the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner*: (a) the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* who has been charged with the alleged offence; and (b) the person who lodged the *Report* (or, in the case of the *ECL's Chief Executive Officer*, his/her representative/nominee). Where any such individual has a compelling justification for his/her non-attendance, then they shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing before the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* by telephone or video conference (if available). Without prejudice to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel's* ability to call and to question such witnesses as may be necessary and/or to be represented by such other person of his/her own choosing pursuant to Article 5.2.6, one of the *Team Captain* or *Team Manager* of the team that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* represents may also attend such hearing before the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* to provide additional support and assistance to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*.
- 5.2.6** Each of the individuals described in Article 5.2.5(a) and (b) shall have the right (at his/her or its own expense) to be represented at the hearing before the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* by such representative (including legal counsel) of his/her or its own choosing. Where the person lodging the *Report* is an *Umpire* or *Match Referee* that officiated in the *ECL Match* in question or the *ECL's Chief Executive Officer*, then such person shall be entitled to be represented prior to, and during, the hearing (if he/she considers necessary) by a representative of the *ECL's Legal Department*. In the case of a *Level 4 Offence* only, where the person lodging the *Report* is the CEO of one of the *National Cricket Federations* involved in the relevant *ECL Match* (or his/her designee), such individual (or his/her representative) shall have the right to make oral submissions in support of the charge at the hearing.
- 5.2.7** The non-attendance of any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* or his/her representative at the hearing, shall not prevent the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* from proceeding with the hearing in his/her absence and issuing a ruling in relation to the offence charged.
- 5.2.8** At the end of a hearing, where the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* considers that further evidence is necessary or further time is required to consider the evidence that has been presented, he/she shall adjourn the hearing for an appropriate period of time and make such directions as may be necessary.

5.2.9 Alternatively, at the end of a hearing:

5.2.9.1 brought under Article 4.3.2:

as soon as possible after the conclusion of the hearing (and, in any event, no later than twenty-four (24) hours thereafter), the Match Referee or Judicial Commissioner will confirm the Player or Player Support Personnel's admission that he/she had committed a Code of Conduct offence and announce his/her decision in writing, with reasons, setting out:

- (a) what sanctions, if any, are to be imposed (including any fine and/or period of suspension);
- (b) the date that any period of suspension shall come into force and effect; and
- (c) any rights of appeal that may exist pursuant to Article 8.

5.2.9.2 brought under Article 4.3.3 (or where the Player or Player Support Personnel has failed to respond in a timely fashion to the Notice of Charge):

- (a) the Match Referee or Judicial Commissioner shall adjourn the hearing (for a period of no less than ten (10) minutes and no more than two (2) hours), following which he/she will reconvene the hearing and verbally announce his/her finding as to whether a Code of Conduct offence has been committed;

(b) where the Match Referee or Judicial Commissioner determines that a Code of Conduct offence has been committed, the Player or Player Support Personnel may request a short adjournment (of no more than thirty (30) minutes) to prepare any submissions that he/she might wish to make in relation to the appropriate sanction that ought to be applied; and

- (c) as soon as possible after the conclusion of the hearing (and, in any event, no later than twenty-four (24) hours thereafter), the Match Referee or Judicial Commissioner will announce his/her decision in writing, with reasons, setting out: (a) the finding as to whether a Code of Conduct offence had been committed; (b) what sanctions, if any, are to be imposed (including any fine and/or period of suspension); (c) the date that any period of suspension shall come into force and effect; and (d) any rights of appeal that may exist pursuant to Article 8.

5.2.10 The *Match Referee* shall have the discretion to announce the substance of his/her decision prior to the issue of the written reasoned decision referred to in Article 5.2.9.

5.2.11 A copy of the written reasoned decision will be provided to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*, the CEO of the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel's National Cricket Federation*, and the *ECL's Cricket Operations Manager*.

- 5.2.12** Subject only to the rights of appeal under Article 8, the Match Referee's or Judicial Commissioner's decision shall be the full, final and complete disposition of the matter and will be binding on all parties.

General Principles of Procedure

- 5.3** Where a *Report* is filed by more than one of the individuals described in Article 3.1 in relation to the same alleged offence under the *Code of Conduct*, then the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* alleged to have committed the offence will only be served with one *Notice of Charge* in accordance with the procedures set out in Article 4. However, all persons who filed a *Report* (or, in the case of the ECL's *Chief Executive Officer*, his/her representative/nominee) in relation to the alleged offence are required to attend the hearing before the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* unless there is a compelling justification for his/her non-attendance, in which case they shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing by telephone or video conference (if available).
- 5.4** Where two or more *Players* or *Player Support Personnel* are alleged to have committed offences under the *Code of Conduct*, they may both be dealt with at the same hearing where the proceedings arise out of the same incident or set of facts, or where there is a clear link between separate incidents, as follows:
- 5.4.1** any number of *Level 1 Offences* and/or *Level 2 Offences* and/or *Level 3 Offences* can all be determined by a *Match Referee* at the same hearing; and
- 5.4.2** any number of *Level 4 Offences* can all be determined by a *Judicial Commissioner* at the same hearing; and
- 5.4.3** a *Level 1 Offence* and/or *Level 2 Offence* and/or *Level 3 Offence* can be determined by a *Judicial Commissioner* at the same hearing as a *Level 4 Offence*; but
- 5.4.3** a *Level 4 Offence* cannot be determined by a *Match Referee* at the same hearing as a *Level 1 Offence* or a *Level 2 Offence* or a *Level 3 Offence*, and separate proceedings should therefore be issued in relation to each alleged offence.
- 5.5** Where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is alleged to have committed more than one breach of the *Code of Conduct* during, or in relation to the same *ECL Match*, then all of the alleged offences may be dealt with at the same hearing, as follows:
- 5.5.1** any number of *Level 1 Offences* and/or *Level 2 Offences* and/or *Level 3 Offences* can all be determined by a *Match Referee* at the same hearing; and

- 5.5.2** any number of *Level 4 Offences* can all be determined by a *Judicial Commissioner* at the same hearing; and
- 5.5.3** a *Level 1 Offence* and/or *Level 2 Offence* and/or *Level 3 Offence* can be determined by a *Judicial Commissioner* at the same hearing as a *Level 4 Offence*; but
- 5.5.3** a *Level 4 Offence* cannot be determined by a *Match Referee* at the same hearing as a *Level 1 Offence* or a *Level 2 Offence* or a *Level 3 Offence*, and separate proceedings should therefore be issued in relation to each alleged offence.
- 5.6** Any failure or refusal by any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* to provide assistance to a *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* in connection with any charge made pursuant to this *Code of Conduct* may constitute a separate offence (depending upon the seriousness and context of such failure or refusal) under Article 2.20 of the *Code of Conduct*.
- 5.7** Where a *Match Referee* lodges a *Report* with the *ECL's General Counsel* pursuant to Article 3.2, and, pursuant to Article 4.2, the *ECL's General Counsel* determines that there is a case to answer, he/she shall appoint a member of the *ECL's Code of Conduct Commission* (who shall have had no prior involvement with the case and shall not, unless otherwise agreed between the parties, be from a country participating in the *ECL Match* during, or in relation to which, the alleged offence was committed) to hear the case as a replacement to the *Match Referee* and all of the remaining procedure will apply accordingly.
- 5.8** In addition to, and notwithstanding, Article 5.7 above, where a *Match Referee* is, or becomes, unwilling or unable to hear a case (for example, where he/she finds him/herself in a position of conflict), then the *ECL's General Counsel* shall have the discretion to appoint the *ECL's Chief Referee* or such other referee as the *ECL* deems to be appropriate in all the circumstances. Where the *ECL's Chief Referee* (or such other referee) is unwilling or unable to hear the case, a member of the *ECL's Code of Conduct Commission* (who shall have had no prior involvement with the case and shall not, unless otherwise agreed between the parties, be from a country participating in the *ECL Match* during, or in relation to which, the alleged offence was committed) shall be appointed as a replacement to the *Match Referee* and all of the remaining procedure will apply accordingly.
- 5.9** Where a *Judicial Commissioner* is, or becomes unwilling or unable to hear a case (for example, where he/she finds him/herself in a position of conflict), then the *ECL's General Counsel* shall have the discretion to appoint another member of the *ECL's Code of Conduct Commission* (who shall have had no prior involvement with the case and shall not, unless otherwise agreed between the parties, be from a country participating in the *ECL Match* during, or in relation to which, the alleged offence was committed) as a replacement to the *Judicial Commissioner* and all of the remaining procedure will apply accordingly.

- 5.10** The *ECL* will issue a public announcement regarding any decision of the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* made under the *Code of Conduct*, as soon as is reasonably practicable after the decision has been communicated to the parties. The public announcement of the decision may include details of the offences committed under the *Code of Conduct* and of the sanctions imposed, if any. Until such time as a public announcement is published, all parties and participants in the proceedings shall treat such proceedings as strictly confidential. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Article shall prevent any party (or any relevant *National Cricket Federation*) publicly confirming the date of the hearing, the offence that is alleged to have been committed and/or the name of the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* charged.

ARTICLE 6 STANDARD OF PROOF AND EVIDENCE

- 6.1** Unless otherwise described herein, the standard of proof in all cases brought under the *Code of Conduct* shall be whether the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* is reasonably satisfied, bearing in mind the seriousness of the allegation that is made, that the alleged offence has been committed. This standard of proof in all cases shall be determined on a sliding scale from, at a minimum, a mere balance of probability (for the least serious offences) up to proof beyond a reasonable doubt (for the most serious offences).
- 6.2** The *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* shall not be bound by judicial rules governing the admissibility of evidence. Instead, facts relating to an offence committed under the *Code of Conduct* may be established by any reliable means, including admissions.
- 6.3** The *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* may draw an inference adverse to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* who is asserted to have committed an offence under the *Code of Conduct* based on his/her refusal, without compelling justification, after a request made in a reasonable time in advance of the hearing, to appear at the hearing (either in person or telephonically as directed by the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner*) and/or to answer any relevant questions.

ARTICLE 7 SANCTIONS ON PLAYERS AND PLAYER SUPPORT PERSONNEL

COMMENT: The aim of the sanctioning regime under this *Code of Conduct* is to (a) sanction those *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* found to have committed an offence under the *Code of Conduct*, and (b) to act as a deterrent to other *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* to deter them from conducting themselves improperly on and off the “field of play”. The ECL believes that the threat of a suspension is the strongest deterrent to bring about a change in behaviour, hence the system of accumulated *Demerit Points* which is included in the *Code of Conduct*.

- 7.1** Where a *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* determines that an offence under the *Code of Conduct* has been committed, he/she will be required to impose an appropriate sanction on the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*.
- 7.2** In determining the appropriate sanction, the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* shall take into account any factors that he/she deems relevant and appropriate to the mitigation or aggravation of the nature of the *Code of Conduct* offence before determining, in accordance with the table set out in Article 7.3 below, what the appropriate sanction(s) should be.
- 7.3** In addition to sanctions imposed by a *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* under Article 7.2 above, *Demerit Points* will be imposed upon a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* found to have committed an offence under the *Code of Conduct*. The number of *Demerit Points* imposed will be

calculated by reference to the sanction imposed for the particular offences, as set out in the following table.

LEVEL OF OFFENCE	RANGE OF PERMISSIBLE SANCTIONS		CORRESPONDING DEMERIT POINTS
Level 1	Warning	Warning	1
		Warning	2
Level 2	The imposition of up to two (2) <i>Suspension Points</i> .	1 Suspension Point	3
		2 Suspension Points	4
Level 3	The imposition of between four (4) and twelve (12) <i>Suspension Points</i> .*	4-7 Suspension Points	5
		8-12 Suspension Points	6
Level 4	The imposition of twelve (12) <i>Suspension Points</i> or a suspension for a fixed period of time ranging between, at a minimum, the lesser of the equivalent of twelve (12) <i>Suspension Points</i> and one (1) year, up to a maximum of a lifetime's suspension.	12 Suspension Points	7
		Fixed period of suspension between 12 <i>Suspension Points</i> or one (1) year, and a lifetime suspension	8

Demerit Points will remain on a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel's* disciplinary record for a period of twenty-four (24) months from their imposition following which they shall be immediately expunged.

*** NOTE:** In all cases marked with a *, the maximum 'actual' period of suspension shall be no more than two (2) years, irrespective of the number and/or the practical application of any *Suspension Points* that might be imposed.

7.4 Where a *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* imposes a period of suspension on any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*, then, unless such period is for a fixed period of time (for example, one year), any such period of suspension shall be referenced by *Suspension Points*. An *ECL Match* is given a weighting of one (1) *Suspension Point*

7.5 Each time a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is found to have committed an offence under the *Code of Conduct* and a sanction is imposed by a *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner*, corresponding *Demerit Points* as per the table in Article 7.3 above shall be added to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel's* record and accumulated with any existing *Demerit Points* imposed on the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* within the previous twenty-four (24) months. The *ECL's Cricket Operations Department* will keep an accurate and up-to-date record of all *Demerit Points* imposed upon *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* and will carry out the process of accumulating *Demerit Points* each time a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is found to have committed an offence and sanctioned.

7.6 Where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* accumulates a total of four or more *Demerit Points* as set out in the table below, these *Demerit Points* shall be converted into *Suspension Points* (at the point that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* first crosses the relevant threshold) as follows:

Accumulated Demerit Points	Corresponding Suspension Points
4-7	2
8-11	4
12-15	6
16 and above	8

7.7 Notice of the amount of *Demerit Points* imposed and the accumulated total, together with any resulting *Suspension Points*, will be communicated by the *ECL's Cricket Operations Department*, as soon as is reasonably practicable, to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* at the same time as notice is provided to the CEO of the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel's National Cricket Federation* of the commission of the offence and resulting sanction. Any resulting *Suspension Points* imposed on the basis of accumulated *Demerit Points* shall be applied in accordance with the principles set down

in Article 7.9 below and shall take effect immediately upon notice of the same to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*.

- 7.8** Any *Suspension Points* imposed on a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* through the accumulation of *Demerit Points* will be applicable in addition to, and, for the avoidance of doubt, not in place of, any *Suspension Points* or period of suspension imposed by the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* pursuant to Article 7.2 above. However, any such period of suspension shall run concurrently with any period of suspension imposed by the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner*.

EXAMPLE OF THE APPLICATION OF DEMERIT POINTS:

1. A Player commits a Level 1 offence as determined by the Match Referee.
2. That Player will correspondingly receive two (2) Demerit Points in respect of that offence on his/her disciplinary record.
3. The same Player then commits a Level 2 offence three (3) months after the Level 1 offence was committed and is sanctioned with 2 Suspension Points by the Match Referee.
4. The Level 2 offence will equate to four (4) Demerit Points.
5. As the second offence took place within twelve (12) months of the first offence, the Demerit Points imposed in respect of the second offence are added to the Demerit Points imposed in respect of the first offence, meaning that the Player now has an accumulated total of six (6) Demerit Points.
6. Six (6) Demerit Points equate to a suspension equivalent to two (2) Suspension Points (i.e. 2 *ECL Matches*). Such suspension will be served by the Player concurrently with the suspension imposed in respect of the Level 2 offence.
7. After completing his/her suspension, the Demerit Points remain on the Player's disciplinary record for a period of twenty-four (24) months.
8. Twelve (12) months later, the Player commits another Level 2 offence and A further three (3) Demerit Points will then be added to the Player's disciplinary record in respect of that offence, taking his/her accumulated total within twenty-four (24) months to nine (9) Demerit Points
9. Nine (9) Demerit Points equate to a suspension equivalent to four (4) Suspension Points (i.e. 4 *ECL Matches*). Such suspension will be served by the Player immediately upon notice of the same in accordance with Article 7.7.
10. After completing his/her suspension, the Demerit Points remain on the Player's disciplinary record for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

7.9 Where *Suspension Points* are imposed against a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* (whether by a *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner*, or through the accumulation of *Demerit Points* in accordance with Article 7.6 above), then such *Suspension Points* will be applied in accordance with the following principles:

- 7.9.1** the *Match Referee*, *Judicial Commissioner* or the *ECL* (as applicable) shall have regard to the *Player's* or *Player Support Personnel's* participation in the various formats of *ECL Matches* over the previous two years in order to determine (to the best of his/her ability) which of the forthcoming *ECL Matches* the *Player* is most likely to participate in or the *Player Support Personnel* is most likely to assist the participation of a *Player* in;
- 7.9.2** where necessary, the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* shall be entitled to consult with the *ECL* in order to make a determination as to which of the forthcoming *ECL Matches* the *Player* is most likely to participate in or the *Player Support Personnel* is most likely to assist the participation of a *Player* in;
- 7.9.3** in so far as is reasonably possible, the *Match Referee*, *Judicial Commissioner* or the *ECL* (as applicable) shall apply the *Suspension Points* to the subsequent *ECL Matches* in which the *Player* is most likely to participate in or the *Player Support Personnel* is most likely to assist the participation of a *Player* in, on a chronological basis immediately following the announcement of the decision;
- 7.9.4** where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has his/her *Suspension Points* applied to an *ECL Match* that is subsequently cancelled, postponed or otherwise abandoned prior to the actual day on which it is scheduled to take place, then such *Suspension Points* must be reallocated to the next subsequent *ECL Matches* in which the *Player* is most likely to participate in or the *Player Support Personnel* is most likely to assist the participation of a *Player* in. Where an *ECL Match* is cancelled, postponed or otherwise abandoned at any time on the actual day on which it is scheduled to take place, then the *Suspension Points* will remain allocated to that *ECL Match*, irrespective of such cancellation, postponement or abandonment.

7.10 For the avoidance of any doubt:

- 7.10.1** the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* will have no jurisdiction to adjust, reverse or amend the results of any *ECL Match*;

- 7.10.2** where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is found guilty of committing two separate *Code of Conduct* offences that do not relate to the same incident or set of circumstances arising during an *ECL Match* and sanctioned separately for each offence, then any sanctions should run cumulatively (and not concurrently);
- 7.10.3** where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is found guilty of committing two *Code of Conduct* offences in relation to the same incident or set of circumstances arising during an *ECL Match* and sanctioned separately, then any sanctions imposed should run concurrently (and not cumulatively);
- 7.10.4** nothing in this *Code of Conduct* shall permit plea bargaining in relation to any alleged offence committed under this *Code of Conduct*;
- 7.10.5** where the *Match Referee* or *Judicial Commissioner* finds a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* not guilty of the offence allegedly committed under the *Code of Conduct*, then it remains open to him/her, at his/her discretion, to find the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* guilty of an offence of a lower level than that with which he/she has been charged. For example where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has been charged with (but been found not guilty of) 'showing dissent at an *Umpire's* decision' (Article 2.8) at Level 2, the *Match Referee* may, instead, find the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* guilty of the same offence at Level 1 and impose an appropriate sanction; and
- 7.10.6** where a fine and/or costs award is imposed against a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*, then such fine and/or costs award must be paid: (a) by the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* (and not any other third party, including a *National Cricket Federation*); (b) to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel's National Cricket Federation* (for onward transmission to the *ECL*) within one calendar month of receipt of the decision imposing the fine. However, the *ECL* will consider any request from any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* to make the payment of such fines and/or costs over a prolonged period of time on the grounds of financial hardship. Should any fine and/or costs award (or agreed part- payment or instalment thereof) not be paid to the relevant *National Cricket Federation* within such deadline or by the time of the next agreed payment date, the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* may not play, coach or otherwise participate or be involved in any capacity in any *ECL Match* until such payment has been satisfied in full.
- 7.11** Where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has had *Suspension Points* imposed against him/her or has been suspended for a fixed period of time, he/she may not play, coach or otherwise participate or be involved in any capacity in the *ECL Match(es)* which: (a) are covered by the application of his/her *Suspension Points* as determined in accordance with Article 7.9; or (b) take place during the fixed period of his/her suspension.

NOTE: *For the avoidance of any doubt, a Player or (where relevant) Player Support Personnel who has had Suspension Points imposed against him/her or has been suspended for a fixed period of time shall not, during the ECL Matches which are covered by his/her Suspension Points or the period of suspension:*

- *(a) be nominated as, or carry out any of the duties or responsibilities of, a substitute fielder; or*
- *(b) enter any part of the playing area (which shall include, for the avoidance of doubt, the field of play*

and the area between the boundary and perimeter boards) at any time, including during any scheduled or unscheduled breaks in play.

In addition, Player Support Personnel so sanctioned shall not be permitted to enter the players' dressing room (including the viewing areas) during any ECL Match covered by his/her Suspension Points or the period of suspension. Players so sanctioned will, however, be permitted to enter the players' dressing room provided that the players' dressing room (or any part thereof) for the relevant ECL Match is not within the player area described in (b) above (for example, no such Player shall be permitted access to an on-field 'dug-out').

Finally, any Player or Player Support Personnel so sanctioned shall not be prevented from attending any post-match ceremonies or presentations taking place anywhere on the field of play or otherwise following the conclusion of an International Match covered by his/her Suspension Points or the period of suspension unless the suspension or Suspension Points have been imposed in respect of a Level 3 or Level 4 Offence under this Code of Conduct. In such circumstances, the Player or Player Support Personnel shall not be permitted to attend such ceremonies or presentations.

- 7.12** Once any *Suspension Points* or fixed period of suspension has expired, the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* will automatically become re-eligible to participate (in the case of a *Player*) or assist the participation (in the case of a *Player Support Personnel*) in *ECL Matches* provided that he/she has paid, in full, all amounts forfeited under the *Code of Conduct*, including any fines, compensatory awards or award of costs that may have been imposed against him/her.

ARTICLE 8 APPEALS

NOTE: For the avoidance of doubt, the right of appeal will be determined by reference to the level of offence which the decision of the Match Referee or Judicial Commissioner (as applicable) relates to, and not necessarily the Level of offence originally reported.

By way of example, a Judicial Commissioner may have been asked to determine a Level 4 Offence, but in coming to his/her decision, he/she has exercised the right afforded to him/her in Article 7.10.5 and found the Player or Player Support Personnel concerned not guilty of the Level 4 Offence, but guilty of a Level 3 Offence. In such circumstances, the right of appeal shall be determined on the basis of the Level 3 Offence and thus in accordance with Article 8.2.

In circumstances where the application of this note would lead to the same level of adjudicator hearing the appeal as heard the first instance case, then the relevant adjudicatory body shall be the higher body. By way of example, in the example listed above, an Appeal Panel would have the jurisdiction to hear the appeal against the Level 3 Offence even though technically under the Code of Conduct a Judicial Commissioner would hear the appeal, as the first instance hearing was held before a Judicial Commissioner. The terms of this Article 8 should therefore be construed accordingly.

8.1 Appeals arising from decisions in relation to a *Level 1 Offence*

8.1.1 Decisions made under the *Code of Conduct* by a *Match Referee* in relation to a *Level 1 Offence* shall be non-appealable and shall remain the full and final decision in relation to the matter.

8.2 Appeals arising from decisions in relation to: a *Level 2* or *Level 3 Offence*;

8.2.1 Decisions made under the *Code of Conduct* by a *Match Referee* in relation to *Level 2* or *Level 3 Offence* shall remain in effect while under appeal unless any *Judicial Commissioner* properly convened to hear the appeal orders otherwise.

8.2.2 The only parties who may appeal a decision of this nature shall be: (a) the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* found guilty of the offence or, where appropriate in the case of an offence under either Article 2.11 (manipulation of an *ECL Match*), 2.14 (changing the condition of the ball), the relevant *Team Captain*; (b) the person who lodged the *Report* pursuant to Article 3.1; and (c) the *ECL's Chief Executive Officer* (or his/her designee).

8.2.3 Any notice to appeal under this Article must be lodged with the *ECL's General Counsel* within 24 hours of receipt of the written decision of the *Match Referee*. In all cases, a copy of such notice will also be provided to the CEO of the *National Cricket Federation* to which the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is affiliated and the person who lodged the *Report* pursuant to Article 3.1. Thereafter, the following will apply:

8.2.3.1 Upon filing a Notice of Appeal pursuant to this Article 8.2, the party appealing the decision shall pay to the ECL an appeal fee of 200€ (the "Appeal Fee"). In circumstances where the appeal is successful (i.e. where either the sanction originally imposed is reduced, and/or the decision on guilt is overturned), the Appeal Fee shall

be refunded to the appealing party.

8.2.3.2 Within 24 hours of receipt of a notice to appeal: (a) the *ECL's General Counsel* will appoint a member of the *ECL's Code of Conduct Commission* who is (unless otherwise agreed between the parties) from a country other than those participating in the *ECL Match* during, or in relation to which, the alleged offence was committed, to act as *Judicial Commissioner* and hear the appeal sitting alone; and (b) the *Match Referee* will provide a written statement to the *ECL's General Counsel* setting out any relevant facts (to be copied to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*).

8.2.3.3 The *provisions* of Articles 5.1 to 5.2, applicable to proceedings before the *Match Referee*, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* (ie with changes deemed to have been made as required to reflect the different context) to appeal hearings before the *Judicial Commissioner*.

8.2.3.4 The *Judicial Commissioner* shall hear and determine all issues arising from any matter which is appealed pursuant to this Article on a *de novo* basis, ie he/she shall hear the matter over again, from the beginning, without being bound in any way by the decision being appealed. For the avoidance of doubt, the *Judicial Commissioner* shall have the power to increase or decrease, amend or otherwise substitute a new decision on the appropriateness (or otherwise) of the sanction imposed at first instance, provided that any new sanction must be within the permitted range of sanctions set out in the table in Article 7.3.

8.2.3.5 Appeal hearings pursuant to this Article 8.2 should be completed expeditiously. Except where all parties agree or fairness requires otherwise, the appeal hearing shall be commenced no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the appointment of the member of the *Judicial Commissioner*. It shall be open to the *Judicial Commissioner*, in his/her discretion, to determine that the matter (or any part thereof) be dealt with by way of written submissions only.

8.2.3.6 Any decision made by the *Judicial Commissioner* under this Article 8.2, shall be the full, final and complete disposition of the matter and will be binding on all parties.

8.3 Appeals arising from decisions in relation to a Level 4 Offence

8.3.1 Decisions made under the *Code of Conduct* by a *Judicial Commissioner* in relation to a *Level 4 Offence* may be challenged solely by appeal as set out in this Article 8.3. Such decision shall remain in effect while under appeal unless any properly convened *Appeal Panel* orders otherwise.

8.3.2 The only parties who may appeal a decision made in relation to a *Level 4 Offence* shall be: (a) the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* found guilty of the offence; (b) the person who lodged the *Report* pursuant to Article 3.1; and (b) the *ECL's Chief Executive Officer*.

8.3.3 Any notice to appeal under this Article must be lodged with the *ECL's General Counsel* within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the written decision of the *Judicial Commissioner*. In all cases, a copy of such notice will also be provided to the CEO of the *National Cricket Federation* to which the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is affiliated. Thereafter, the following will apply:

- 8.3.3.1** Upon filing a *Notice of Appeal* pursuant to this Article 8.3, the party appealing the decision shall pay to the ECL an *Appeal Fee*. In circumstances where the appeal is successful, the *Appeal Fee* shall be refunded to the appealing party.
- 8.3.3.2** Within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt of a notice to appeal: (a) the ECL's *General Counsel* will appoint three members of the ECL's *Code of Conduct Commission* each of whom are (unless otherwise agreed between the parties) from a country other than those participating in the relevant *ECL Match* to sit as the *Appeal Panel* to hear the appeal; and (b) the *Judicial Commissioner* will provide a written statement to the ECL's *General Counsel* setting out any relevant facts (to be copied to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*).
- 8.3.3.3** The provisions of Articles 5.1 to 5.2, applicable to proceedings before the *Judicial Commissioner*, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* (ie with changes deemed to have been made as required to reflect the different context) to appeal hearings before the *Appeal Panel*.
- 8.3.3.4** Where required in order to do justice (for example to cure procedural errors at the first instance hearing), the appeal shall take the form of a re-hearing *de novo* of the issues raised by the case. In all other cases, the appeal shall not take the form of a *de novo* hearing but instead shall be limited to a consideration of whether the decision being appealed was erroneous.
- 8.3.3.5** Appeal hearings pursuant to this Article 8.3 should be completed expeditiously. Save where all parties agree or fairness requires otherwise, the appeal hearing shall be commenced no later than seventy-two (72) hours after the appointment of the *Appeal Panel*. It shall be open to the *Appeal Panel*, in its discretion, to determine that the matter (or any part thereof) be dealt with by way of written submissions only.
- 8.3.3.6** Any decision made by the *Appeal Panel* under this Article 8.3, shall be the full, final and complete disposition of the matter and will be binding on all parties.

8.4 No appeal in relation to an accepted sanction

- 8.4.1** For the avoidance of doubt, where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* admits the offence charged and accedes to the proposed sanction specified in the *Notice of Charge* in accordance with the procedure described in Articles 4.23.1 or 4.7.1, the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* waives his/her right to any appeal against the imposition of such a sanction.

ARTICLE 9 RECOGNITION OF DECISIONS

- 9.1** Any hearing results or other final adjudications under the *Code of Conduct* shall be recognised and respected by the *ECL* and its *National Cricket Federations* automatically upon receipt of notice of the same, without the need for any further formality. Each of the *ECL* and its *National Cricket Federations* shall take all steps legally available to it to enforce and give effect to such decisions.
- 9.2** It shall be a condition of membership of the *ECL* that all *National Cricket Federations* shall comply with the *Code of Conduct*.

ARTICLE 10 SANCTIONS AND COSTS ASSESSED AGAINST NATIONAL CRICKET FEDERATIONS

- 10.1** Where Players or Player Support Personnel representing one National Cricket Federation accumulate a combined total of 15 Demerit Points (which must arise from at least 6 separate Code of Conduct offences) within a twelve month period, that National Cricket Federation shall be deemed to have failed to ensure that their Players or Player Support Personnel uphold the Spirit of Cricket and consequently the ECL Board may, in its absolute discretion, impose a fine on the National Cricket Federation (up to a maximum of 1,000€).

ARTICLE 11 AMENDMENT AND INTERPRETATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

- 11.1** The *Code of Conduct* may be amended from time to time by the Executive Board of the *ECL*, with such amendments coming into effect on the date specified by the *ECL*.
- 11.2** The headings used for the various Articles of the *Code of Conduct* are for the purpose of guidance only and shall not be deemed to be part of the substance of the *Code of Conduct* or to inform or affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.
- 11.3** The *Code of Conduct* shall come into full force and effect on 1 March 2019 (the “**Effective Date**”).
- 11.4** If any Article or provision of this *Code of Conduct* is held invalid, unenforceable or illegal for any reason, the *Code of Conduct* shall remain otherwise in full force apart from such Article or provision which shall be deemed deleted insofar as it is invalid, unenforceable or illegal.

- 11.5** The *Code of Conduct* is governed by and shall be construed in accordance with Swiss law. Strictly without prejudice to the arbitration provisions of Articles 5 and 8 of the *Code of Conduct*, disputes relating to the *Code of Conduct* shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Swiss courts.

APPENDIX 1 - DEFINITIONS

Appeal Fee. As defined in Article 8.2.3.1.

Appeal Panel. A panel of three persons appointed by the *ECL* from the members of the *ECL Code of Conduct Commission* to perform the functions assigned to the *Appeal Panel* under the *Code of Conduct*. Each member of the *Appeal Panel* shall be independent of the *ECL*, which may provide reasonable compensation and reimbursement of expenses to such members.

Associate Member. Any *National Cricket Federation* with associate member status of the *ICC*.

Complainant. As defined in Article 5.2.2.

Demerit Points. Points which are accrued by a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* pursuant to Article 7 each time he/she commits an offence under the *Code of Conduct*.

Effective Date. As defined in Article 11.3.

ECL. The European Cricket League or its designee.

ECL's Chief Executive Officer. The person appointed by the *ECL* from time to time to act as the *ECL's* Chief Executive Officer (or his/her designee).

ECL's Chief Referee. The person appointed by the *ECL* from time to time to act as the *ECL's* Chief Referee (or his/her designee).

ECL's Clothing and Equipment Regulations. The *ECL's* Clothing and Equipment Regulations, in force from time to time.

ECL Code of Conduct Commission. An official committee of the *ECL* established, amongst other things, to enquire into conduct which is prejudicial to the interests of the game of cricket. Each member of the *ECL Code of Conduct Commission* shall be independent of the *ECL*, which may provide reasonable compensation and reimbursement of expenses to such members.

ECL Code of Conduct for Match Officials and Match Official Support Personnel. The *ECL's* Code of Conduct for Match Officials and Match Official Support Personnel, in force from time to time.

ECL Events. An event/match organised by the *European Cricket League*.

ECL's General Counsel. The person appointed by the *ECL* from time to time to act as the *ECL's* General Counsel (or his/her designee).

ECL Rules, Regulations and Playing Conditions. Each of the *ECL's Rules, Regulations and Playing Conditions*, in force from time to time.

ECL Match. any Match played as part of an *ECL Event*;

Judicial Commissioner. The independent person appointed by the *ECL* from the *ECL Code of Conduct Commission*, to perform the functions assigned to the *Judicial Commissioner* under the *Code of Conduct*.

Level 1 Offence. Any offence charged at Level 1.

Level 2 Offence. Any offence charged at Level 2.

Level 3 Offence. Any offence charged at Level 3.

Level 4 Offence. Any offence charged at Level 4.

Match. A cricket match of any format and duration in length played between representative teams (male or female) of two *National Cricket Federations*.

Match Referee. The independent person appointed by the *ECL* (or any other relevant party) as the official match referee for a designated *ECL Match*, whether such *Match Referee* carries out his/her functions remotely or otherwise. Where a *Match Referee* is not physically present at a particular *Match*, he/she may be assisted in the administrative performance of his/her duties under this *Code of Conduct* by any official 'Match Manager' who may be appointed to officiate at such *ECL Match*.

National Cricket Federation. A national or regional entity which is a member of or is recognised by the *ICC* as the entity governing the sport of cricket in a country (or collective group of countries associated for cricket purposes).

Notice of Charge. As defined in Article 4.1, 4.2 and/or Article 4.6.

Player. Any cricketer who is selected in any squad that is chosen to represent a *National Cricket Federation* in any *ECL Match* or series of *ECL Matches*.

Player Support Personnel. Any coach, trainer, manager, selector, team official, doctor, physiotherapist or any other person employed by, representing or otherwise affiliated to a squad that is chosen to represent a *National Cricket Federation* in any *ECL Match* or series of *ECL Matches*.

Report. As defined in Article 3.1.

Suspension Points. The weighting points used to determine the period of suspension imposed against any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* pursuant to Article 7 of the *Code of Conduct*.

Team Captain or Vice Captain. The official captain or vice captain of any team participating in a *Match*.

Team Manager. The official manager of any team participating in a *Match*.

Umpire. Any umpire (including any third or other umpires) appointed to officiate in a *Match*.