



Munich International Cricketers e.V.

Code of Conduct

Munich International Cricketers e.V. (hence referred to as MIC) is committed to promoting and maintaining the highest standards of behavior and conduct both on and off the field. This code of conduct applies to all players, spectators and team officials and extends to training, match days and club social functions.

All players registering as a member of the MIC acknowledge that they have read and accepted these Code of Conduct.

1. Players must inform a member of the selection committee on or before selection meetings (Monday evenings) if they are unavailable for the following Saturday.
2. Players will be informed by the member of the selection committee of their selection and the required meeting time.
3. Players who become unavailable after teams have been selected must inform the selection committee chairman immediately, by phone.
4. Late withdrawal (Friday night or Saturday morning) are only acceptable in exceptional circumstances. Players who do not have an acceptable reason for such instances may jeopardise their selection for future games.
5. Players who fail to turn up for a game will be asked to provide an explanation to the selection committee and if this is deemed unacceptable may be subject to suspension or any other sanction deemed appropriate.
6. Training date will be fixed at the AGM. All players are expected to attend. Regular attendance at the training will enhance the player's selection chances.
7. The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket as well as within the laws.
8. Players, club officials and members must at all times accept the Umpire's decision. Players must not show dissent at the umpire's decision or react in a provocative or disapproving manner towards the umpire at any time.
9. Players, club officials and members shall not at any time intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, another player, or a spectator.
10. Players, club officials and members shall not use crude and/or abusive language, make offensive gestures nor deliberately distract an opponent.
11. Players, club officials and members shall not make racial or sectarian comments or indulge in racial or sectarian actions against fellow players, officials, members or supporters.
12. All players must accept the decisions made by the captain on the pitch without question.

Any member of MIC, playing or non-playing, failing to adhere to these code of conduct whilst representing MIC either in a match or as an umpire or officiating in capacity as a MIC representative, can be reported to the MIC Executive Committee and subjected to penalties listed below.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Level 1

The offences set out at 1.1 to 1.5 below are Level 1 Offences. The penalty for a Level 1 Offence shall be an official reprimand and/or a one match ban.

- 1.1. Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.
- 1.2 Showing dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.
- 1.3 Using language that is obscene, offensive, insulting, and/or making of an obscene gesture.
- 1.4 Excessive appealing.
- 1.5 Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner by a bowler other member of the fielding side upon dismissal of a batsman.

Level 2

The offences as set out at 2.1 to 2.10 below are Level 2 Offences. The penalty for a Level 2 Offence shall be a two match ban.

- 2.1 Repeat of any Level 1 Offence within twelve months of such offence.
- 2.2 Showing **serious** dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.
- 2.3 Charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
- 2.4 Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between Players in the course of play.
- 2.5 Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play.
- 2.6 Throwing the ball at or near a Player, umpire or an Official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.
- 2.7 Using language that is obscene, offensive, or of a seriously insulting nature to another Player, umpire, Referee, Team Official or spectator. (It is acknowledged that there will be verbal exchanges between Players in the course of play. Rather than seeking to eliminate these exchanges entirely, MIC captain or vice captain will look to lay charges when this falls below an acceptable standard, language will be interpreted to include gestures).
- 2.8 Changing the condition of the ball.
- 2.8.1 Any attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points or otherwise.

Level 3

The Offences set out at 3.1 to 3.4 below are Level 3 Offences. The penalty for a Level 3 Offence shall be a four match ban.

- 3.1 Repeat of any Level 2 Offence within 12 months of such offence.
- 3.2 Intimidation of an umpire or Referee whether by language or conduct.
- 3.3 Threat of an assault on another Player, Team Official or spectator.
- 3.4 Using any language or gestures that offends, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis if that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin.

Level 4

The Offences set out at 4.1.to 4.5 are Level 4 Offences. The penalty for a Level 4 Offence shall be a ban of between eight matches or a life ban for the Player concerned from MIC.

- 4.1 Repeat of any Level 3 Offence within 12 months of such offence.
- 4.2 Threat of assault on an umpire or Referee.
- 4.3 Physical assault of another Player, umpire, Referee, Official or spectator.
- 4.4 Any act of violence on the field of play.
- 4.5 Using any language or gestures that offends, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin.

Adjudicator

Once a player is reported, the Chairman of MIC shall nominate an adjudicator to hear the charges.

Where there are separate incidents in the course of a match, the Player reported shall be charged separately for each incident. If the adjudicator finds the Player charged to be guilty of more than one offence, he should impose separate penalties in respect of each offence. Penalties in such cases are cumulative and not concurrent.

In deciding penalty, the adjudicator is entitled to and should take into account the prior record of the person charged.

The Player reported shall be entitled to appeal against a finding and/or penalty imposed in respect of a Level 3 or 4 offences.

Where the facts of or the gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, the person laying the charge may allege one of the following offences:

1. Unfair play, or
2. Bringing the game into disrepute.

Appeals Procedure

← Any player(s) who has been penalised shall have the right to appeal to the Executive Committee, being the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer (as appointed) for a review of the findings of the Adjudicator and of the penalty or penalties imposed. The decision of the Executive Committee, in all cases shall be final and binding.

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