

MCC's guidelines to Umpires for trial sanctions

Level 4 offences:

- (a) Threatening an umpire or referee;
- (b) Physical assault of another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator;
- (c) Any act of violence on the field of play;
- (d) using language or gesture that seriously offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion or belief, color, descent, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation or background.

Suggested sanctions:

Player is sent off the field for the remainder of the match. If he refuses to go, the captain will be warned that it would constitute a refusal to play.

Additional 5 run penalty and report.

If it is a batsman who committed the offence, he is Retired out; and if 9 wickets are down, his team are all out.

Umpires instruct captain to remove player, or vice-captain/senior player if it is the captain who is the offender.

NB If the captain is already suspended, then his nominated deputy on the field is to be used.

Level 3 offences:

(a) intimidating an umpire or referee;

(b) threatening to assault another player, team official or spectator;

(c) using language or gesture that offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion or belief, colour, descent, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation or background;

(d) deliberately bowling a high full pitched ball which is deemed dangerous and unfair as defined in Law 42.6(b).

Suggested sanctions:

Player is sent off for 10 overs of playing time or 20% of that innings' overs, whichever is fewer.

Any unexpired penance time is carried forward to next innings.

Additional 5 run penalty and report.

If a fielder, he can bowl immediately upon his return.

If a batsman, he is Retired not out, and if 9 wickets are down his team is all out. He may return at the fall of the next wicket after his suspension has been fully served or if one of the current batsmen is Retired out.

Umpires instruct captain to remove player, or vice-captain/senior player if captain is the offender.

Level 2 offences:

- (a) showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action;
- (b) inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between players in the course of play;
- (c) deliberate distraction or obstruction of another player on the field of play, regardless as to whether such conduct is deemed unfair under Law 42.5;
- (d) throwing the ball at or near a player, umpire or official in an inappropriate and dangerous manner;

(e) using language or gesture that is obscene or of a serious insulting nature to another player, umpire, referee, team official or spectator;

(f) causing avoidable damage to the pitch that results in a 5 run penalty being awarded under Laws 42.13 and/or 42.14.

Suggested sanctions:

This process would be wholly umpire led.

The umpires must agree, and report all incidents in the post-match report.

Immediate 5 penalty runs on first and all subsequent occasions.

Level 1

(a) time wasting by either the fielding side or the batting side which results in a 5 run penalty or the bowler being disallowed from bowling any further in that innings.

- (b) abuse of cricket ground, equipment or fixtures/fittings;
- (c) showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action;
- (d) using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or making an obscene gesture;
- (e) excessive appealing;
- (f) charging or advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.

Suggested sanctions:

This process would be wholly umpire led.

The umpires must agree, and report all incidents in the post-match report.

First and final warning to Captain, which applies to all members of that team throughout the match.

5 penalty runs on all subsequent occasions.

Options to be offered to participating leagues, schools or universities.

- A. The full package as defined above.
- B. Levels 1, 2 & 3 as above, with Level 4 punished as Level 3, but reported as Level 4 (i.e. no sending off)
- C. Levels 1, 2 & 4 as above, with Level 3 punished as Level 2, but reported as level 3 (i.e. no temporary suspension)
- D. Levels 1 & 2 as above, with Levels 3 & 4 punished as Level 2, but reported as Level 3 & 4 (i.e. penalty runs only)

E. As for D except that a first and final warning given for Level 2, which effectively means that all offences are treated initially with a warning.