



# BCL Code of Conduct

2009-2010

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## **GENERAL OFFENCES:**

The following are the general categories of serious offences, carrying the highest penalties:

- a - Gambling on matches (betting).
- b - Failing to perform in a match in return for benefit, such as money or goods (match-fixing).
- c - Inducing a player to perform one of the above actions.
- d - Failure to report certain incidents relating to match-fixing or gambling.
- e - Any activity; or supporting any activity; which is in direct contradiction to the establishment of the BCL, or is detrimental to the operations of the league, in words or action.

## **Applicable Penalty/Fines:**

Player/Offender:	Expulsion from the league
Team/Club:	Expulsion from the league
Captain (and all the registered club players):	Expulsion from the league

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## **LEVEL 1:** (NO APPEAL ALLOWED)

- 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 or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture.
- 1.4 Repeated excessive appealing.
- 1.5 Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner by a bowler or other member of the fielding side upon the dismissal of a batsman.
- 1.6 Public criticism of, or inappropriate comment on a match related incident or match official.

## **Applicable Penalty/Fines:**

Player/Offender:	1 (one) game suspension
Team/Club:	None
Captain:	None

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## **LEVEL 2:**

- 2.1 Repeat of level 1 offence within the same season/year.
- 2.2 Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse (may include arguing with the umpire).
- 2.3 Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between players in the course of play.
- 2.4 Charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
- 2.5 Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play.
- 2.6 Throwing the ball, bat or any equipment at or near a player, umpire or official in an inappropriate and 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, umpires will look to lay charges when this falls below an acceptance standard. In this instance, language will be interpreted to include gestures.)

2.8 Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3.

2.9 Any attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points, or otherwise. The captain of any team guilty of such conduct will be held responsible.

Applicable Penalty/Fines:

Player/Offender:	2 (two) games suspension
Team/Club:	\$100
Captain:	Warning letter

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### **LEVEL 3:**

3.1 Repeat of level 2 offence within the same season/year.

3.2 Intimidation of an umpire or official, whether by language or conduct.

3.3 Threat of assault on another player, team Official or spectator.

3.4 Using language or gestures that offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, color, descent or national or ethnic origin.

Applicable Penalty/Fines:

Player/Offender:	3 to 5 (three to five) games suspension (board to decide)
Team/Club:	\$200 and -5 points from the season's point tally
Captain:	2 games suspension

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### **LEVEL 4:**

4.1 Repeat of level 3 offence within the same season/year.

4.2 Physical assault of another player, umpire, referee, official or spectator.

4.3 Any act of violence on the field of play.

Applicable Penalty/Fines:

Player/Offender:	Expulsion from the league (possible review only after 1 year).
Team/Club:	\$500 and -10 points from the season's point tally.
Captain:	5 to 7 (five to seven) games suspension (board to decide)

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## **OTHER:**

The Code of Conduct will be strictly adhered to and the umpire will bring the charge(s) to the Disciplinary Committee or the BCL Board. The captain of the side is responsible for the behavior and conduct of the players in the team. Apart from the charged player, the captain will also be penalized and/or fined for the behavior and conduct of his players.

All charges will be laid by the officiating umpire(s) for infractions during the course of the game, including the durations of all breaks, and pre/post match periods where the umpire is ensuring compliance with issues related to the league policies including, but not limited to, filling out match sheets, proper laying/storage of mats (where applicable), ground cleanliness, etc.

Where there are separate incidents in the course of a match, the umpire should lay separate charges. If the person charged is found guilty of more than one offence, separate penalties with respect to each offence will be imposed. Penalties in such case are cumulative and not concurrent.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Board's jurisdiction: The Board of Directors of the BCL will adjudicate as to the correct interpretation and application of the Code of Conduct.

The Board will decide the amount of punishment for an individual based on the above.

Individuals have the right to an appeal (besides Level 1 Offences).

All appeals must follow with a \$50 (non refundable) fee to be made payable to the Brampton Cricket League 48 hours before the appeal hearing. All appeals must be made within 24 hours of receiving the judgment from the board. Failure to do so within the set time-frame will void the right of the player/team/club to dispute the charge, and the penalties/fines will be served as indicated.

In case of an appeal, the player can play till the appeal process is completed.

Serving of the suspension and payment of fines:

- **Suspensions:** All suspensions will be immediately applicable, as of the next scheduled league game. If the infraction was during the last played game of the season for the team/club, or if the suspensions cannot be served completely during the current season, they will apply to the player/offender from the first scheduled game of the next season for the team/club that the player is registered with.
- **Fines:** All fines are payable by Friday, 5pm, before the next scheduled game.

## **BCL 11:**

Any player (s) enlisted in the top 20 of the Brampton Cricket League team who is charged and found guilty will lose his playing spot in the league team for a period of 1 calendar year.