

**RULE 11 CONDUCT: CLUB PLAYERS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES**

**11.1 SERIOUS MISBEHAVIOUR AND BRINGING THE GAME OF CRICKET INTO DISREPUTE**

**11.1.1 *Umpires Lodge Reports of Misbehaviour***

An umpire may lodge a report of any member, official, employee or player of any Premier club who engages in misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute. Such report is to be lodged with the Premier Cricket Department.

**11.1.2 *Notification of Report***

Where an umpire intends to lodge a report to the Premier Cricket Department that umpire shall notify the person concerned or the captain or official of the person's club and the Premier Cricket Department within 48 hours of the cessation of play on the day on which the misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute occurs.

**11.1.3 *Club to Attend Umpires***

The captain or a representative or an official of both clubs shall ascertain from the umpires after the close of each day's play whether there are to be any persons reported, irrespective of any earlier notification.

**11.1.4 *No Person Available for Notification of Report***

Where a reported person is not available for notification that an umpire intends to lodge a report or the captain or representative or official of a club does not fulfil the requirement of 11.1.3, an umpire shall be deemed to have fulfilled his responsibility with the notification of the report under 11.1.5.

**11.1.5 *Lodgement of Report***

Within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match from which a report arises, the umpire shall lodge with the Premier Cricket Department a report on the appropriate form showing the reported person's name and club and detailing the nature of the misbehaviour or of bringing the game of cricket into disrepute.

**11.1.6 *CV Lays Charge of Misbehaviour, Notifies Person and Club of Charge and Sets Time of Hearing of Charge***

Upon receipt of a report lodged by an umpire the Premier Cricket Department shall on behalf of CV:

- (a) lay a charge against the reported person for misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute
- (b) notify the reported person and the club of the reported person that a charge has been laid against the reported person; and
- (c) nominate the date and time of the hearing of that charge which shall, if practicable, be heard by the CV Tribunal on the Wednesday following the completion of the match from which a report arises or, if this is not practicable, at the earliest practicable time as determined by the CV Tribunal.

**11.1.7 *CV Tribunal to Receive Copy of Report***

The Premier Cricket Department shall arrange for a copy of the report to be delivered to the chairperson of the CV Tribunal.

**11.1.8 *Notification of Hearing***

The Premier Cricket Department shall notify the reported person, the umpires involved in the report and any other relevant persons that they are required to attend the hearing of the charge and shall also notify them of the time and place of the hearing.

**11.1.9 *One Match Suspension May be Offered to Reported Player***

The Premier Cricket Department, in consultation with the CV Tribunal Chairperson and Pennant Committee, may offer a reported player a one match suspension without a hearing.

**11.1.10 *Acceptance of Penalty Procedure***

The acceptance of a penalty of suspension from playing in one CV match shall be lodged in writing with the Premier Cricket Department not later than 12.00 pm on the day after the Premier Cricket Department has made such offer to the reported person or his club.

**11.1.11 *Hearing of Charge if Acceptance not Properly Lodged***

If a notice of acceptance is not lodged as per 11.1.10 the CV Tribunal shall hear the charge.

**11.1.12 *Attendance***

The persons and umpires involved in the report and any other persons as deemed necessary by the CV Tribunal Chairman shall attend the hearing of the charge.

**11.1.13 *Hearing of Charge May Proceed Despite Absence***

In the absence of the reported person, whether the CV Tribunal is with or without notice of the reason or reasons for the absence, the CV Tribunal may proceed with a hearing of a charge or postpone the hearing.

**11.1.14 CV Tribunal May Adjourn or Postpone Hearing**

A reported person who is unable to attend the hearing of the charge may apply to the CV Tribunal for an adjourned or postponed hearing of the charge and such application must state the reasons for his inability to attend. If satisfied with the applicant's reasons the CV Tribunal may convene a postponed hearing of the charge.

**11.1.15 CV Tribunal to Regulate Own Procedures**

Subject to these rules the CV Tribunal may regulate the hearing of any charge in any manner it thinks fit.

**11.1.16 Inquisitorial and Informal Hearing**

The hearing before the CV Tribunal shall be:

- (a) inquisitorial in nature;
- (b) conducted with as little formality and with as much expedition as is deemed warranted by the CV Tribunal; and
- (c) conducted in accordance with the rules of natural justice.

**11.1.17 Rules of Evidence**

The CV Tribunal may hear evidence from any person or any source as deemed necessary or warranted by the CV Tribunal and no hearing before the CV Tribunal is bound by the laws of evidence which apply to Courts of Law.

**11.1.18 No Reasons Required**

The CV Tribunal is not obliged to give reasons for any determination which it makes.

**11.1.19 Legal Representation**

No person shall be represented by a legal practitioner at any hearing of the CV Tribunal unless such representation is with leave of the CV Tribunal Chairperson.

**11.1.20 Power to Impose Penalties on Players**

Where the CV Tribunal is reasonably satisfied that a player has engaged in misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute it may reprimand or fine or suspend or disqualify him or her from playing in such matches or for such time as the CV Tribunal deems to be appropriate to the nature and extent of the charge.

**11.1.21 Power to Impose Penalties on Non-Players**

Where the CV Tribunal is reasonably satisfied that a member, official or employee of a Premier club has engaged in misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute, the CV Tribunal may reprimand or fine or suspend the reported person and/or reprimand or fine his club or may recommend to CV that his club be suspended or impose upon the reported person or his club any other penalty as the CV Tribunal deems to be appropriate to the nature and extent of the charge, the circumstances and the reported person's status in the club.

**11.1.22 Hearing on Penalty**

Where the CV Tribunal is reasonably satisfied that a player has engaged in misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute the person shall be provided with a reasonable and separate opportunity to make representations with respect to any penalty to be imposed by the CV Tribunal.

**11.1.23 Suspension Apply to Next Match**

Unless the CV Tribunal stipulates otherwise, a suspension penalty imposed by it or an accepted one match penalty shall apply to the next CV match played for premiership points or CV Finals match in which the player's club competes.

**11.2 MINOR MISBEHAVIOUR**

**11.2.1 Umpires may Caution**

Where an umpire has occasion to speak to a player about his behaviour but does not consider the player's behaviour to be so serious as to warrant a report to the Premier Cricket Department, the umpire shall caution the player.

**11.2.2 Umpires Lodge Records of Cautioning**

An umpire shall note a caution on the Umpires' Match Report and shall lodge a record of caution with the Premier Cricket Department.

**11.2.3 Notification of Caution**

- (a) Where an umpire cautions a player he shall inform the cautioned player that the caution will be officially recorded for the attention of the Premier Cricket Department and shall notify the cautioned player or the captain or official of the player's club of the caution as soon as it is practicable on the day on which the caution occurs.

- (b) The cautioned player, in the presence of at least one umpire, shall sign a Caution Notice, acknowledging he has been cautioned.
- 11.2.4 Clubs to Attend Umpires**  
The captain or a representative or an official of both clubs shall ascertain from the umpires after the close of each day's play whether there are to be any persons cautioned, irrespective of any earlier notification.
- 11.2.5 Lodgement of Report**  
Within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match from which a caution arises the umpire shall lodge with the Premier Cricket Department a record on the appropriate form showing the cautioned person's name and club and detailing the nature of the caution.
- 11.2.6 Player Three Times Cautioned to be Charged.**  
Should a player have three cautions recorded with the Premier Cricket Department during the same season the Premier Cricket Department shall, on behalf of CV:
- (a) lay a charge against the reported person for misbehaviour or bringing the game of cricket into disrepute;
- (b) notify the reported person and the club of the reported person that a charge has been laid against the reported person; and
- (c) nominate the date and time of the hearing of that charge.  
The charge shall, if practicable, be heard by the CV Tribunal on the Wednesday following the completion of the match from which a report arises or, if this is not practicable, at the earliest practicable time as determined by the CV Tribunal.
- 11.2.7 One Match Suspension May be Offered to Cautioned Player**  
The Premier Cricket Department, in consultation with the CV Tribunal Chairperson and the Pennant Committee, may offer a player cautioned three times a one match suspension without a hearing.
- 11.2.8 Acceptance of Penalty Procedure**  
The acceptance of a penalty of suspension from playing in one CV match shall be lodged in writing with the Premier Cricket Department not later than 12.00noon on the day after the Premier Cricket Department has made such offer to the reported person or his club.
- 11.2.9 Hearing of Charge if Acceptance not Properly Lodged**  
If a notice of acceptance is not lodged as per 11.2.8 the CV Tribunal shall hear the charge.
- 11.2.10 Attendance**  
The persons and umpires involved in the caution, and any other persons as deemed necessary by the CV Tribunal Chairman, shall attend the hearing of the charge.
- 11.2.11 Hearing of Charge May Proceed Despite Absence**  
In the absence of the charged person, whether the CV Tribunal is with or without notice of the reason or reasons for the absence, the CV Tribunal may proceed with a hearing of a charge or postpone the hearing.
- 11.2.12 CV Tribunal May Adjourn or Postpone Hearing**  
A charged person who is unable to attend the hearing of the charge may apply to the CV Tribunal for a postponed hearing of the charge and such application must state the reasons for his inability to attend. If satisfied with the applicant's reasons the CV Tribunal may convene a postponed hearing of the charge.
- 11.3 BREACHES OF LAWS OF CRICKET**  
Where the umpires have occasion to caution a player for a breach of a Law of Cricket the procedure in the Law shall be satisfied by noting the details on the Umpires' Match Report for action by the Premier Cricket Department in accordance with 11.2.
- 11.4 INELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS**  
Any player in any grade who has been suspended by the CV Tribunal for misbehaviour during a Premier cricket game shall be ineligible for a player-of-the-season award in any grade. In the event that a suspension arising from a Premier or final series match extends into the final series or ensuing season or seasons the player shall not be precluded from winning an award in the ensuing season or seasons.
- RULE 12 INSTRUCTIONS TO CLUBS**
- 12.1 REPORTS OF GROUND CONDITIONS, MATCH RESULTS AND PLAYER AVERAGES**
- 12.1.1 Match Day Grounds Conditions Report**  
Where there is any doubt regarding the possibility of play, clubs shall provide a detailed grounds report via phone to the Premier Cricket Department prior to 8am on each match day. If no report is received, it will be assumed both grounds are ready for play to commence on time.

### **12.1.2 Match Report**

All clubs shall lodge on MyCricket a full scorecard of each day's play for each game. 1<sup>st</sup> XI Men's scorecards shall be entered before 8.30pm on match day and emailed or telephoned as required for newspaper publication. Games in all other grades shall be entered by midnight on match days.

### **12.1.3 Player Averages**

All clubs shall lodge with the Premier Cricket Department on or before 30 April the batting and bowling averages of all 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI players. For the purpose of computing averages the innings of a batsman retired owing to illness, injury or some other unavoidable reason must be counted as not out.

### **12.1.4 Match day Checklist**

Prior to the commencement of play in all Premier matches, the match-day checklist, as provided by our current insurers, is to be signed by an authorised representative from each team. Completed copies are to be retained on file by home club for a minimum of seven years.

## **12.2 UMPIRES: APPOINTMENT AND PAYMENT OF FEES**

Umpires for all matches shall be appointed by the Pennant Committee. Umpires' fees shall be fixed by the CV Board, paid by CV and the total amount divided equally and charged to all Premier clubs.

## **12.3 CAPTAINS' REPORT ON UMPIRE'S PERFORMANCE AND APPRAISAL OF CONDITIONS**

### **12.3.1 Captains' Report**

Captains' Reports on MyCricket cover appraisal of umpire performance and ground conditions. All clubs are to ensure that captains in all grades complete and lodge the Captains' Reports on MyCricket within 48 hours of the completion of each match.

## **12.4 NON-COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS**

A club failing to comply with any regulation requiring submission of a report or submitting an incomplete or incorrect report may be fined a sum to be determined by the Pennant Committee.

## **12.5 AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF CV PENNANT RULES**

### **12.5.1 Amendments to Rules**

Clubs may lodge with the Premier Cricket Department on or before 30 April, any suggested amendments or alterations to the rules for CV matches.

### **12.5.2 Repeal of Rules**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any rule may be repealed or altered by a majority of CV delegates at a scheduled Delegates' Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for the purpose.

## **RULE 13 GROUND AND PITCH PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE**

### **13.1 PREPARATION**

The ground may be rolled, watered, mown, or beaten prior to each day's play except for matches played on consecutive days as stated in 13.3 and the pitch may also be rolled and/or beaten and/or swept for seven minutes before the commencement of each innings.

### **13.2 MAINTENANCE OF PITCH DURING PLAY**

During play on any day a batsman may beat the pitch with his bat and players may secure their footholds by the use of sawdust provided that no damage to the pitch is caused.

## **13.3 MATCHES ON CONSECUTIVE DAYS**

### **13.3.1 Pitch care between days**

Between the completion of play and the start of play on the immediately following day the pitch may be rolled for seven minutes, beaten, swept, and mown at any time but under no circumstances is the pitch to be watered.

### **13.3.2 Mowing of outfield between days**

In matches other than the 1st XI Final the outfield shall not be mown between the completion of play and the commencement of play on the immediately following day. In a 1<sup>st</sup> XI Final the outfield shall be mown completely between the completion of play and the commencement of play on each consecutive day but if this is not possible because of weather and ground conditions, the umpires may allow play to proceed after partial mowing or without mowing.

## **13.4 CHANGING OR RE-USING PITCH DURING MATCH**

### **13.4.1 Changing Pitch During Match**

The pitch used for the commencement of a match shall be used until the match is completed unless the approval to change the pitch is obtained from the Pennant Committee. In such an

event the opposing club shall be notified of the change as soon as possible. Any club changing a pitch during a match without approval shall be fined and/or the Pennant Committee shall have the power to award points to the opposing club.

**13.4.2 Re-using Pitch During Match**

A current Premier match pitch in use may be re-used for another match up to and including Tuesday providing prior approval of the Pennant Committee is obtained.

**13.5 USE OF COVERS**

The pitches for all matches shall be covered subject to the conditions laid down for the use of covers.

**13.5.1 Cover Measurements**

Covers dimensions shall be as follows:

- All main ovals: sufficient covers to cover the entire wicket table.
- Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> XIs, 4<sup>th</sup> XIs and Women's club ovals: minimum size 9.14 x 27.43 metres (30 x 90 feet).

The Pennant Committee must approve all covers.

**13.5.2 Covering Prior to Match Day**

- (a) Pennant Committee approved covers, properly laid and pegged, shall be laid by dusk on the day preceding a match day. The use of underlay material shall be optional but its use shall be the same in the period prior to each day of a two-day match.
- (b) At all other times the curator shall be permitted to use the cover at his discretion to obtain the best possible conditions for play on a match day.
- (c) The Pennant Committee shall have power to waive the provision in 13.5.2(a) and instruct clubs regarding the laying of covers on any specific day.

**13.5.3 Removing Covers on Match Day**

In good conditions the cover shall be removed no later than 8.30am. Otherwise removal shall be at the discretion of the curator or ground manager having regard to prevailing weather conditions and may be re-laid if necessary.

**13.5.4 Umpires' Control of Covers**

The umpires shall assume control immediately after the toss or 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of each day's play, whichever is the earlier, and make all decisions regarding the use of the cover until the end of play. At all interruptions they shall direct and supervise the laying and removal of covers and report any failure of either side to comply with 13.5.5.

**13.5.5 Labour for Laying or Removing Cover**

After umpires have assumed control, both teams shall assist with the laying or removal of covers and any other measures deemed necessary by the umpires to expedite the start or commencement of play.

**13.5.6 Conditions for Finals Series Matches**

The provisions of 13.5 shall apply to finals series matches in the absence of any specific direction from the Pennant Committee. The Pennant Committee shall be empowered to inspect finals venues and monitor prevailing and predicted weather conditions and to direct the home or host clubs to use covers at any time in the week preceding any day of a match.

**13.5.7 Failure to Comply with Directions**

A club failing to comply with the directions in 13.5 may be dealt with under **Error! Reference source not found.**