

WCCL – Disciplinary Offences

The following spells out the WCCL's most common disciplinary offences in the simplest possible terms.

Level 4

Minimum penalty: 10 week suspension and 25 point deduction.

- “Threat of assault on an umpire.” This includes explicit threats – “give another LBW not out and I’ll punch you” and implicit threats – “give another LBW and see what happens later”. Fortunately, cases of this are extremely rare in cricket.

Level 3

Minimum penalty: 4 week suspension and 10 point deduction.

- “Intimidation of umpire or other official.” This includes any behaviour which is aimed at affecting the umpire’s future decision-making, or which questions the umpire’s general decision-making, such as calling the umpire “a cheat”, “biased”, “incompetent”, etc.
- “Using language or gestures that offends race, religion, colour, descent of national or ethnic origin.” This includes any offensive comments which reference any of the above, including any negative comments referencing their nationality.

Level 2

Minimum penalty: 2 week suspension and 4 point deduction.

- “Showing dissent at an umpire’s decision by word or action.” This includes complaints towards a batsman for not walking when given Not Out (this is questioning the umpire’s Not Out decision). The umpire having given an incorrect decision is not a defence!
- “Public criticism of a match related incident, match official or other official.” This includes anything on Social Media and any statement in an interview in published media.

Level 1

Minimum penalty: Official warning and 2 point deduction.

- “Aggressive pointing towards the pavilion by a member of the fielding side upon dismissal of a batsman.” This includes any other action which is directed towards a batsman following his dismissal, including making derogatory or sarcastic comments (e.g. “well batted” when out for a duck), sarcastically clapping the batsman, and celebrations aimed at the batsman, following his dismissal.
- “A captain failing his responsibilities under ‘The Spirit of Cricket’”. This includes any team member committing any offence which the captain does not do his utmost to control.

When your players commit offences, your club will have the hassle of having to carry out an internal disciplinary hearing, your team will lose points, and the offender and captain will miss matches due to being suspended.