

# ASSOCIATION DES CLUBS DE CRICKET DU SUD-OUEST

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## **Disciplinary procedure applying to all competitive matches organised by ACCSO**

**Modified to reflect the decisions taken at the AGM of 2 December 2023.**

- **Approved by ACCSO Committee on 6 January 2024.**
- **Approved by member-clubs at EGM on 10 February 2024**

**Effective date: February 2024 (following member-clubs' decision at AGM 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 against affiliation to FC in 2024**

### **Modifications highlighted.**

1. All competitive matches organised by ACCSO. are played in accordance with the Laws of Cricket, 2017 Code (as modified periodically by the MCC) and subject to any local modifications specified in the current year's ACCSO tournament regulations.
2. Team captains are held responsible for their team's discipline, good conduct and respect for the laws and spirit of the game.
3. The umpires will be the sole arbiters of fair play (Law 2.6). In addition, Law 41.2 gives umpires the authority to consider as unfair any behaviour or actions not specifically covered by the Laws.
4. If the umpires detect any developing tension on the field of play, they will consult with the captains and remind them of their responsibilities.
5. A captain must respect – and ensure that his players respect – any remarks or requirements from the umpires.

6. Players must respect all umpiring decisions. Where player(s) do not do so, or show verbal or physical dissent, the umpires will call “Dead Ball” and will decide whether to de-fuse the situation or whether the circumstances warrant disciplinary action. If the latter course is chosen, the umpires will inform the player(s) concerned, via their captain(s), that they will be reported. This will be noted by the umpires on the Match Report form, in order to alert ACCSO. The disciplinary report itself must be received by the Secretary of ACCSO within 48 hours of the end of the match. The Secretary of ACCSO will inform the club(s) concerned that a disciplinary report has been received.

7. Where player(s) behave in a way likely to bring the game into disrepute, the umpires will call “Dead Ball” and will decide whether to de-fuse the situation or whether the circumstances warrant disciplinary action. If the latter course is chosen, the umpires will inform the player(s) concerned, via their captain(s), that they will be reported. This will be noted by the umpires on the Match Report form, in order to alert ACCSO. The disciplinary report itself must be received by the Secretary of ACCSO within 48 hours of the end of the match. The Secretary of ACCSO will inform the club(s) concerned that a disciplinary report has been received.

8. In all reported cases, the umpires must make every effort to be specific about *when* the incident(s) occurred (in which over), together with the names of the batsmen on-strike and non-striker. The umpires will be expected to frame their report in the context of one or more of the offences detailed in the ACCSO Table of Offences and Sanctions (see Appendix. **Voir en Annexe pour la version en langue française**).

**9. Reports of all offences will be reviewed in the first instance by ACCSO Committee.**

**After having made due diligence enquiries, Committee will aim to announce their decision within 10 days of receiving the complaint**

**9.1. Pending announcement of Committee’s decision**

- **in the case of Level 4 offences (physical assault, etc., as defined in the Appendix), the player(s) concerned are not eligible to play in competitive matches organized by ACCSO.**
- **in the case of all other offences defined in the Appendix, including charges of conduct contrary to the spirit of the game or bringing the game into disrepute, the players concerned are eligible to play in competitive matches organized by ACCSO.**

10. If ACCSO Committee find that the charges are justified, they will decide on the appropriate course of action, as follows:

**10.1. In the case of Level 0-3 offences, including charges of conduct contrary to the spirit of the game or bringing the game into disrepute, this action will be:**

- **A reprimand with a warning as to future conduct). OR**
- **A suspension, ranging from a minimum one-match ban on the player(s) concerned, up to the relevant maximum penalty laid down for level 0-3 offenses in the Appendix. Suspensions will take effect as from the publication date of ACCSO Committee’s decision.**

**10.2. in the case of Level 4 offences (physical assault, etc., as defined in the Appendix), this action will be:**

- **Indefinite exclusion** from all ACCSO competitions; AND
- **Request to the club(s) concerned to consider expulsion of the player(s) concerned.**

11. If an interested party (player, club, umpire or other person) wishes to appeal against ACCSO Committee's decision, they must give written notice of such an appeal within 3 days of the Committee's decision, together with the broad lines of the reasons for such an appeal.

ACCSO Committee will rule on the validity of such an appeal within 2 days.

If Committee does not agree that the appeal is valid it will inform the petitioner(s) of the reasons for rejection.

If Committee finds that the appeal has merit, the petitioner(s) will be informed and the suspension(s) will be put on hold pending the findings of an appeal panel as in paragraph 13 b low.

12. Appeals **against Level 0-3 suspensions** will be heard by a panel appointed by – but independent of - ACCSO Committee.

The panel, whose terms of reference will be set by ACCSO Committee, will be empowered to confirm, to increase or to quash ACCSO's decision.

The panel's decision will be announced by ACCSO Committee and will be effective immediately.

13. If any player or club, **affiliated to an association sportive multisports**, wishes to appeal against the decision of the panel, such an appeal may be presented to **that association sportive multisports**.

This will involve the translation – by the petitioner(s) - of all the case material into French.

A complete copy of the appeal (including the translated case material) must be sent to ACCSO.

If ACCSO receive copy of the appeal to **the association sportive multisports** before the panel's sanction comes into effect, ACCSO will suspend the decision of the panel; whereupon, pending a decision by **the association sportive multisports**, the player(s) concerned are eligible to play in competitive matches organized by ACCSO.

14. Decisions and appeals which are made at the end of one competitive season will, where relevant, be carried forward to the following season(s) of ACCSO competitions.

15. Where a player is warned as to his future conduct, that warning remains in effect for 2 (two) full seasons after the date of the offence which gave rise to the warning.

16. The names of players who have been sanctioned and/or warned as to their future conduct will be communicated to the ACCSO umpiring community. This is solely to inform the umpires that any further incident involving that player during the next 2 (two) seasons is likely – at the umpires' discretion – to result in the player being reported again.

**17. The names of those players whose exclusion/expulsion is confirmed will also be communicated to the umpiring community, given that their names should never again feature on a team list for an ACCSO competitive match.**

**APPENDIX: ACCSO Disciplinary Procedure – Table of Offences and Sanctions – Based on MCC Laws Code 2017, 3rd Edition 2022**

**Notes:**

1. Where the facts of the alleged incident or its gravity or seriousness are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the following offences, umpires may present the case as:
  - a) Conduct contrary to the spirit of the game; or
  - b) Conduct that brings the game into disrepute.
2. Reported offences will be dealt with in accordance with the ACCSO Disciplinary Procedure.

Level	Offence	Law	Penalty Runs?	Sanction
0	- Deliberate short run(s)	18.5	Automatic	)
	- Bowler throwing or bowling underarm	21.3	If repeated	)
	- Player returning to the field without permission and making contact with the ball	24.4	No	)
	- Unauthorised practice on the field	26.1	If repeated	)
	- Illegal movement by wicket-keeper	27.4	Automatic	)
	- Illegal fielding (using cap or other clothing etc.)	28.2	Automatic	)
	- Illegal movement by fielder	28.6	Automatic	) Reprimand/warning OR
	- Deliberate attempt to distract the striker	41.4	Automatic	) 1-match suspension
	- Deliberate distraction, deception or obstruction of the batsmen	41.5	Automatic	)
	- Bowling of dangerous and unfair short-pitched deliveries (“bouncers”)	41.6.3	No	)
	- Bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching deliveries (“beamers”)	41.7.2	No	)
	- Time wasting by the fielding side	41.9	If repeated	)
	- Batsman wasting time	41.10	If repeated	)
- Fielder damaging the pitch	41.12	If repeated	)	



	- Any other misconduct, the nature of which is, in the opinion of the umpires, equivalent to a Law 42 Level 2 offence.	) )		) )
<b>3</b>	- Intimidating an umpire by language or gesture - Threatening to assault a player or any other person except an umpire.	42.4 42.4	Automatic Automatic	Suspension up to 6 matches
<b>4</b>	- Threatening to assault an umpire - Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with an umpire - Physically assaulting a player or any other person - Committing any other act of violence.	) ) 42.5 ) )	) ) Automatic ) )	<b>All acts of physical violence are reported by ACCSO directly to France Cricket.</b> A lifetime ban from ACCSO competitions is the maximum sanction. Can result in criminal proceedings for assault.

#### ANNEXE: ACCSO Procédure Disciplinaire – Tableau des Offenses et Sanctions – Base: MCC Laws Code 2017, 3rd Edition 2022

Note 1. Dans le cas où les faits de l'incident ou sa gravité ou importance ne sont pas traité d'une manière nette ou appropriée par les offenses détaillées ci-dessous, les arbitres peuvent monter le dossier comme:

- a) Comportement à l'encontre de l'Esprit du Jeu ; ou
- b) Comportement qui nuit l'image du jeu.

Note 2. Les dossiers seront traités conformément à la Procédure Disciplinaire d'ACCSO.

Niveau	Offense	Loi	Courses de Pénalité?	Sanction
<b>0</b>	- Course(s) tronquée(s) intentionnelle(s)	18.5	Automatique	)
	- Lanceur jette la balle ou lance à la cuillère	21.3	Si récidive	)
	- Joueur rentre sur le terrain sans autorisation et rentre en contact avec la balle	24.4	Non Si récidive	) )
	- Entraînement non-autorisé sur le terrain	26.4	Automatique	)
	- Gardien se déplace illégalement	27.4	Automatique	)
	- Arrêt de balle déloyal (avec casquette, etc.)	28.2	Automatique	)
	- Chasseur se déplace illégalement	28.6	Automatique	) Suspension 1 match
	- Chasseur tente de distraire le frappeur	41.4	Automatique	)
	- Distraction, duperie ou obstruction volontaire des batteurs	41.5	Non	)



	décision d'un arbitre - Contact physique volontaire et inapproprié à l'encontre d'un autre joueur - Jeter la balle, de façon inappropriée et/ou dangereuse, vers un joueur, un arbitre ou toute autre personne - Langage, actions ou gestes à l'encontre de tout autre joueur, arbitre, dirigeant ou spectateur qui, dans le cadre du jeu, sont perçus comme obscènes ou gravement offensants** - Tout autre comportement que les arbitres jugent apte à être classé à ce niveau.	) ) ) ) 42.3 ) ) ) ) )	Automatique	) ) ) ) Suspension jusqu'à 4 matchs ) ) ) )
<b>3</b>	- Intimidation d'un arbitre soit verbalement soit physiquement - Menace d'agression à l'encontre d'un joueur ou de toute autre personne, à l'exception d'un arbitre. -	42.4 42.4	Automatique Automatique	Suspension jusqu'à 6 matchs
<b>4</b>	- Menace d'agression contre un arbitre - Contact physique délibéré et inapproprié à l'encontre d'un arbitre - Agression corporelle contre un joueur ou contre toute autre personne - Autres actes de violence.	) ) 42.5 ) )	) ) Automatique ) )	<b>Tous les actes de violence physique sont signalés par ACCSO directement à France Cricket.</b> La sanction maximum est l'interdiction à vie <b>des compétitions d'ACCSO.</b> Possibilité de poursuite pénale pour violence contre la personne.

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