

ASSOCIATION DES CLUBS DE CRICKET DU SUD-OUEST

Siège social : Hôtel des Associations - 47160 DAMAZAN



Disciplinary Procedure applying to all competitive matches organised by ACCSO

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1. In all competitive matches organised by ACCSO, Laws 41 / 42 apply in full.
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. If they detect any developing tension on the field of play, they will consult with the captains and remind them of their responsibilities.
4. A captain must respect – and ensure that his players respect – any remarks or requirements from the umpires.
5. 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) that a disciplinary report has been received.

6. 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.

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7. In all reported cases, the umpires will 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 FC Code of Conduct, using the language of the Code of Conduct.

8. Reports of Level 4 offences (physical assault, etc., as defined in the FC Code of Conduct) will, after preliminary validation by ACCSO Committee, be translated into French by ACCSO and transferred directly to the FFBS, with copy to France Cricket.

Pending a hearing by the FFBS, the player(s) concerned **are not** eligible to play in competitive matches.

9. Reports of all other offences (Levels 1-3) will be reviewed by ACCSO Committee.

After having made due diligence enquiries, Committee will aim to announce their decision within 10 days of receiving the complaint. During this period the player(s) concerned **are** eligible to play in competitive matches.

10. If ACCSO Committee find that the charges are justified, they will decide whether a reprimand is in order (with a warning as to future conduct) or whether to suspend the player(s).

In the case of suspensions, these are detailed in the table at the end of this document.

Suspensions will take effect as from the publication date of ACCSO Committee's decision.

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 10 below.

12. Appeals against Level 1-3 suspensions will be heard by a panel appointed by, but independent of, the 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 interested party (player, club, umpire, other person, or ACCSO Committee itself) wishes to appeal against the decision of the panel, such an appeal may be presented to France Cricket according to the procedure described in the Règlement Intérieur of France Cricket (available on the France Cricket Web site).

This will involve the translation – by the petitioner(s) - of all the case material into French. A complete copy of the appeal must be sent to ACCSO.

If ACCSO receive copy of the appeal before the panel’s sanction comes into effect, ACCSO will suspend the decision of the panel; whereupon, pending a decision by France Cricket, the player(s) concerned are eligible to play in competitive matches.

14. Decisions and appeals which are made at the end of one competitive season will, where relevant, be carried forward to the next season’s 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.

ACCSO Disciplinary Procedure – Table of Offences and Sanctions – Based on MCC Laws Code 2017

Level	Offence	Law	Sanction	Remarks
0	- Deliberate short run(s)	18.5)	
	- Player returning to the field without permission and making contact with the ball	24.4 26.4))	
	- Unauthorised practice on the field	28.2)	
	- Illegal fielding (using cap or other clothing etc.)	41.4)	
	- Deliberate attempt to distract the striker	41.5)	
	- Deliberate distraction, deception or obstruction of the batsmen	41.6.4)	
	- Bowling of dangerous and unfair short-pitched deliveries	41.7.2)	1-match
	- Bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching deliveries	41.9.3)	suspension
	- Time wasting by the fielding side	41.10.3)	
	- Batsman wasting time	41.12.3)	
	- Fielder damaging the pitch	41.13.4)	
	- Bowler running on protected area	41.14.3)	
	- Batsman damaging the pitch	41.15.3)	
	- Striker taking guard in protected area	41.17)	

				gender, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intimidating an umpire by language or gesture - Threatening to assault a player or any other person except an umpire. 	42.4	Suspension up to 6 matches	
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Threatening to assault an umpire - Making inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with an umpire - Physically assaulting a player or any other person - Committing any other act of violence. 	42.5	<p>Can result in criminal proceedings for assault.</p> <p>A lifetime ban is the maximum sanction.</p>	All acts of physical violence are reported by ACCSO directly to the FFBS

Notes:

1. Where the facts or the gravity or seriousness of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, the person laying the charge may allege one of the following offences:

- a) Conduct contrary to the spirit of the game; or
- b) Conduct that brings the game into disrepute.

The person laying such a charge must specify the level of breach to accompany the charge, for example "Conduct contrary to the spirit of the game = level 2".

2. Where, within one season, a person or group of persons is found guilty a second or subsequent time of committing any of the above offences, the maximum penalties outlined above may be doubled or even trebled.

3. Any person(s) found guilty of any of the above offences will be warned that judgement of any further breach of the disciplinary code over the next 2 playing seasons will take full account of the person(s) disciplinary history.

4. Reported offences will be dealt with in accordance with the ACCSO Disciplinary Procedure.

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