

CCUA Code of Conduct and Responsibilities for Umpires

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UMPIRES

ARTICLE 1: ATTIRE, PUNCTUALITY AND INITIAL INSPECTION

1.1 All umpires must wear attire in the approved colors as determined by the CCUA Board. Such attire must be worn in a neat, professional, and acceptable manner.

1.2 Umpires must arrive at the ground **at least 30 minutes** prior to the scheduled start time of the match.

1.3 Upon arrival, umpires shall introduce themselves to the captains of both teams and confirm the designated home team.

1.4 Umpires must inspect the following:

- Ground condition, playability, and cleanliness, including documentation of any garbage or litter present prior to the match (to be reported).
- Wicket condition.
- Stumps and creases, in accordance with the **Laws of Cricket**.
- Clearly marked **30-yard circle** (painted line or approved markers).
- Boundary markers properly positioned and clearly visible.

ARTICLE 2: PRE-TOSS AND POST-TOSS RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 BEFORE THE TOSS

- Confirm that **only the captains** may approach the umpire regarding disputes or clarifications.
- Request and obtain both completed **match sheets** listing all nominated players.
- Ensure each team has a minimum of **seven (7) properly dressed players** present at the ground and listed on the match sheet before the toss is conducted.
- Inspect match balls from both teams and verify that they are **approved by the governing body**.
- Ensure mutual agreement on any **exceptional match conditions**.
All agreed conditions must be recorded on the match sheet and acknowledged by both captains.

2.2 AFTER THE TOSS

- Record the team winning the toss and its decision on the match sheet.
- Provide both teams with the official **start and end times** of the match.
- Umpires must be on the field **five (5) minutes** before the scheduled start time.

2.3 Umpires must record any player absent from either team at the **Call of Play**, including the exact time the call was made.

ARTICLE 3: DURING THE GAME

3.1 Any player not present at the start of play must report to the umpire **immediately upon arrival**. Standard bowling or batting delay restrictions shall apply in accordance with the **playing conditions**.

3.2 Umpires should recognize that **verbal exchanges** may occur during play. Action must be taken when behaviour falls below an **acceptable standard**.

3.3 Before laying any charge for an offence, the umpire must:

- Issue a **clear warning**, and
- Inform the player of the **consequences**.

Repeated misconduct must result in the **appropriate Level penalty** being applied and clearly communicated to the player(s) and both captains.

3.4 If offensive language is used in a language not understood by the umpire, the **captains must be called** to intervene and stop the cross-talk.

3.5 Disputes must be resolved **promptly** to prevent escalation. If necessary, **both captains must be called together immediately**.

ARTICLE 4: BREAK TIME RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Umpires must verify scores with the scorers and cross-check: Runs, Overs, Wickets

ARTICLE 5: END-OF-GAME DUTIES

5.1 Umpires must ensure final scores are **accurate and properly recorded**. Both scorers and umpires must **confirm the result**.

5.2 Teams must be reminded to leave the ground in an **acceptable condition**.

5.3 Any incidents or matters of importance must be **clearly documented** on the match sheet and **initialed by the umpire**.

ARTICLE 6: CONDUCT

Umpires, members, and officials must **not** use abusive, offensive, or threatening language or gestures **on or off the field**, including during: Meetings, Email communications, Social media or messaging platforms. Failure to comply will result in **disciplinary action**.

PENALTIES FOR NON-ADHERENCE

1. Late Arrival

- **First offence:** Warning
 - **Second offence:** Final warning **plus** one (1) match suspension
 - **Third offence:** Four (4) match suspension
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2. Failure to Officiate in Designated Apparel

- **First offence:** First and final warning
 - **Second offence:** One (1) match suspension
 - **Third offence:** Two (2) match suspension **plus** \$50.00 fine
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3. Consumption of Alcohol or Prohibited Substances While Officiating

- **Any offence:** Suspension for the **entire season**, with probation for the first **five (5) matches** upon return.
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4. Abusive, Threatening, Offensive, or Insulting Language Directed at Any CCUA Board Member *(in person, via email/call, or through social media)*

- **First offence:** A fine of **\$100.00** and **one (1) year probation**
- **Second offence:** **Termination of CCUA membership**