



DCB Disciplinary Regulations (DCB-SO)

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1. Penalties

- 1) The DCB and its State Cricket Boards may impose the following penalties on clubs and their members:
 - a) Warning;
 - b) Reprimand;
 - c) Fine;
 - d) Pitch ban for clubs, teams or individual members;
 - e) Suspension (temporary or permanent);
 - f) Exclusion from DCB operations (temporary or permanent);
 - g) Deduction of points;
 - h) Relegation to a lower division;
- 2) Penalties may be imposed simultaneously.
- 3) The penalty imposed shall depend on the degree of intent or negligence and guilt, of the impact of the infringement on the sport and shall ensure that matches are played in an unimpeded and fair manner, to maintain positive relationships also off the field of play, and to prevent any impairment of the good reputation of the sport of cricket.
- 4) Clubs are responsible for their members meeting their responsibilities.
- 5) Penalties shall be imposed in writing. They may be announced via email. A penalty is considered to have been imposed and announced when it has been sent to the club or member of that club. In case of doubt, simple proof of dispatch is sufficient. Email, faxes or letters are to be sent to the address specified by the club or to the known address of a club representative.
- 6) Until fines imposed on a club have been paid in full, that club is excluded from participating in any matches.

2. General Offences

- 1) Violent behaviour, assault, insults, criticism of the umpire, provocative remarks, mendacious behaviour or making untrue statements, intentionally impeding play, acts of vandalism and serious offences in the recognised "MCC Laws of Cricket" are punishable by maximum penalties. This also applies to players who are not directly involved in the game and to players and officials of a DCB Member Club in correspondence and meetings.

Infringements are described in Law 42 of the MCC Laws of Cricket (Players' Conduct).

- 2) For Level 1 offences (Law 42.2.1 of the MCC Laws of Cricket), players will be reprimanded or suspended for no more than two matches.

If the offence is committed again within a 24-month period, that player shall be suspended for a minimum of one match and a maximum of three matches.

- 3) For Level 2 offences (Law 42.3.1 of the MCC Laws of Cricket), players will be suspended for a minimum of two matches and a maximum of four matches.

If the offence is committed again within a 24-month period, that player shall be suspended for a minimum of three matches and a maximum of five matches.

- 4) For Level 3 offences (Law 42.4.1 of the MCC Laws of Cricket), players will be suspended for a minimum of four matches and a maximum of one year.

If the offence is committed again within a 24-month period, that player shall be suspended for a minimum of one year and a maximum of five years.

- 5) For Level 4 offences (Law 42.5.1 of the MCC Laws of Cricket), players will be suspended for a minimum of one year and up to a life ban.

If the offence is committed again within a 24-month period, that player shall receive a life ban.

3. Ineligible Players

- 1) Players who participate in matches knowing they are ineligible will be punished with a suspension (at least two matches, maximum of 1 year).
- 2) The club shall receive a fine of €100. In case of non-payment within 28 days, an additional penalty of €100 shall be imposed.
- 3) If the offence is committed again within a 24-month period, the club shall be fined €500.

4. Player Passes

- 1) A suspension (minimum: four matches, maximum: one year) shall be imposed on any player who
 - a) intentionally plays under a false name;
 - b) uses false evidence;
 - c) manipulates a player pass;
 - d) or anyone who incites or assists in a), b) or c).
- 2) In addition, the club responsible shall be punished with a fine (minimum: €200, maximum: €500). In case of non-payment within 28 days, the club shall have points deducted (minimum: 8 points, maximum: 24 points).

5. Abandoned Matches, Non-Attendance

- 1) Clubs whose players or teams cause the abandonment of a game shall be fined (minimum: €200, maximum: €500). In case of non-payment within 28 days, the club shall be punished by a deduction of points (minimum: 8 points, maximum: 24 points).
- 2) Clubs whose players or teams are not present at the official start of the game with at least seven players shall be punished with a league point deduction (1 point) or fined (€200 per match day for DCB Bundesliga; €100 per match day for regional leagues).
- 3) Clubs who cancel a scheduled game will be punished as follows:
 - a) in case of cancellation within 14 days prior to the game - €200 per match day for DCB Bundesliga
 - b) in case of cancellation within 14 days prior to the game - €100 per match day for regional leagues

6. **Umpire Infringements**

In case of a club not allocating umpires and the non-attendance of one or both umpires, that club shall be punished with a fine of €50 per absent umpire. In case of non-payment within 28 days, the club shall be punished by a deduction of points (minimum: 8 points, maximum: 24 points).

7. **Match Infringements**

- 1) The non-payment of umpires' fees shall be punished by a fine of €100. In case of non-payment within 28 days, the club shall be punished by a deduction of 8 points.
- 2) Teams who do not supply a new and approved match ball and five replacement match balls will be punished with a fine of €50. In case of non-payment within 28 days, the club shall also be punished by a deduction of 8 points.

8. **Cleanliness on the Field**

Players and officials of clubs are required to keep and leave the sporting facilities (hall or sports ground) clean. Players and clubs who do not meet their obligations to keep the playing field, buildings used and surroundings clean shall be punished with a fine

(minimum: €30, maximum: €200). In case of non-payment within 14 days, the club shall be punished by a deduction of points (minimum: 8 points, maximum: 24 points).

9. **Non-Compliance with DCB Administrative and Organisational Requirements**

Clubs, players and club officials are required to perform certain administrative and organisational tasks for the DCB and Regional Boards in order to ensure the correct implementation of DCB matches (e.g. Match Report Sheets, DCB Members Survey, CricClubs, etc.). If clubs exceed a reasonable deadline, then a warning is issued. If they still do not perform their duties, then a fine of €100 will be issued. In case of non-payment within 28 days, the club will also be punished by a deduction of 8 points.

10. **ICC "Disapproved Cricket"**

Players, coaches, officials, etc. participating in cricket matches legitimately designated by the ICC as "Disapproved Cricket" shall be suspended from participating in DCB matches (minimum 6 months, maximum 2 years).

11. **Restrictions on Suspended People**

A player who has been suspended from participating in a match shall not, from the toss of the coin and for the remainder of the match thereafter:

- Be nominated as, or carry out any of the duties or responsibilities of a player, captain, substitute fielder or coach
- Enter any part of the playing area at any time, including any scheduled or unscheduled breaks in play
- Enter the on-field 'dug-out' of their team

12. Procedure for Penalties

- 1) The organiser of regional matches has sole decision-making power for the following penalties:
 - a) Penalties in accordance with Section 2, paragraph 2 and 3 of these disciplinary regulations (Level 1 and 2 offences)
 - b) Warning
 - c) Reprimand
 - d) Pitch ban for clubs, teams or individual members
 - e) A fine of up to €500
 - f) A deduction of up to eight league points
 - g) A suspension of up to 5 matches

The DCB Disciplinary Committee shall decide on higher or other penalties, including those in Section 2, paragraph 4 and 5 of these disciplinary regulations (Level 3 and 4 offences).

- 2) The DCB Disciplinary Committee shall decide on all penalties relating to national matches.

13. Fines

- 1) Fines are to be paid to the organisers of the match (e.g. to the Regional Board for regional matches, to the DCB for national matches).

14. Penalties and Appeals

- 1) A penalty imposed in accordance with the stipulations contained in these Disciplinary Regulations is effective immediately on the day of its announcement. Appeals shall not have a suspensory effect.
- 2) Appeals may be lodged against penalties. Appeals against penalties in the context of these Disciplinary Regulations fall exclusively within the competence of the DCB and its bodies. Further details are available in the DCB Code of Procedure (DCB- Verfahrensordnung).