



# **Atlanta Cricket League**

## **Code of Conduct**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The *Atlanta Cricket League (ACL)* is responsible for the governance of cricket and the Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel related to ACL's leagues, tournaments and events. **"Code of Conduct"** is adopted and implemented as part of ACL's continuing efforts to maintain the public image, popularity and integrity of cricket by providing:

- an effective means to deter any participant from conducting themselves improperly on and off the field-of-play or in a manner that is contrary to the Spirit of Cricket; and
- a robust and proportionate disciplinary procedure pursuant to which all matters of improper conduct can be dealt with fairly, with certainty and in an expeditious manner.

This document is broadly based on the *International Cricket Council's (ICC) Code of Conduct* and applied to ACL requirements. All cricketing violations not covered in this document will be processed as per *ACL Master League Rule Book* document, and those not covered in ACL documents will be processed per ICC's Code of Conduct.

***The ACL conducts multiple leagues as a part of its portfolio and includes hard tennis ball leagues and tournaments, cricket ball leagues and tournaments through the season. This document is to be used by all hard tennis ball leagues, tournaments and events conducted by the ACL. The cricket ball leagues will follow ICC's Code of Conduct.***

ACL's Disciplinary committee is responsible for enforcing the Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel (the 'Code of Conduct'). This is a living document and will be updated as necessary. ACL owns and keeps all rights to the document.



## 2.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- 2.1** All *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* are automatically bound by and required to comply with all of the provisions of the *Code of Conduct*. Accordingly, by their participation (in the case of a *Player*) or assistance in a *Player's* participation (in the case of a *Player Support Personnel*) in an *ACL Match*, such *Players* or *Player Support Personnel* shall be deemed to have agreed:
- that it is their personal responsibility to familiarize themselves with all the requirements of the *Code of Conduct*, including what conduct constitutes an offence under the *Code of Conduct*;
  - to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of ACL's Disciplinary Committee or *Appeal Panel* convened under the *Code of Conduct* to hear and determine charges brought (and any appeals in relation thereto) pursuant to the *Code of Conduct*.
- 2.2** All *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* shall continue to be bound by and required to comply with the *Code of Conduct* as he/she participated (in the case of a *Player*), or assisted a *Player's* participation (in the case of a *Player Support Personnel*) in an *ACL match or event* till the end of the ACL season (includes leagues, tournaments and events).
- 2.3** Without prejudice to the above sections; ACL expects team captains, sponsors and other influencers to be responsible for promoting Code of Conduct awareness and education amongst all *Players* and *Player Support Personnel*. "Captain" can be the individual registered as captain with ACL or the individual assigned to lead the team during a match. ACL Disciplinary Committee will determine the individual based on the violation.
- 2.4** It is acknowledged that certain *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* may participate in other leagues and tournaments with their own Codes of Conduct. For the avoidance of any doubt, *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* acknowledge and agree that: (a) the Code of Conduct is not intended to limit the responsibilities of any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* under such other rules; and (b) nothing in such other rules shall be capable of removing, superseding or amending in any way the jurisdiction of ACL Disciplinary Committee to determine matters properly arising pursuant to the Code of Conduct.
- 2.5** For the avoidance of any doubt: all Umpires and Match Referees officiating in any ACL matches are automatically bound by and required to comply with all the provisions of ACL's Code of Conduct.
- 2.6** An ACL match (referred to as "match" or "event") constitutes of any ACL cricket match or event during the entire ACL season and includes league matches, knock-out tournaments, captain's meetings, events and functions.
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- 2.8** This document is intended as a guiding document for disciplinary issues. It is understood that all possible violations may not be known and described on this document. The ACL appeals



committee will use its judgment for any violations and penalties not covered under this document.

- 2.9** Umpiring errors on game day are not under scope of this document, unless there is **intentional favoritism** displayed by the umpires. Umpiring mistakes and errors on game day will continue to be resolved with the game referee/weekend coordinator. **All teams must follow umpire's decision, it is final!**
- 2.10** **ACL reserves the right to amend/update the code of conduct at its discretion.**



### 3.0 THE PREAMBLE

The Preamble sets out the definition of the Spirit of Cricket, as follows:

#### **The Spirit of Cricket**

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws (which are incorporated within these Playing Conditions), but also within the Spirit of Cricket.

- The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, umpires and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.
- Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.
- Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.
- Play hard and play fair.
- Accept the umpire's decision.
- Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct and encourage others to do likewise.
- Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.
- Congratulate the opposition on their successes and enjoy those of your own team.
- Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

**Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.**



## 4.0 CODE OF CONDUCT

The conduct described in the following section amounts to conduct which breaches the Spirit of Cricket and therefore, if committed by a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*, shall amount to an offence by such *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* under the *Code of Conduct*.

The Code of Conduct offences cover a variety of different behaviors and levels of seriousness. It is not intended to penalize trivial behavior. For the purpose of determining the appropriate sanction for an offence, levels of charging have been assigned for each offence, ranging from Level 1 for conduct of a minor nature, up to Level 4 for conduct of an extremely serious nature. Where an offence is alleged to have been committed, the individual reporting the alleged offence must determine which of the assigned levels of offence is appropriate for the conduct in question. Reports can only be laid at the levels identified in respect of each offence below.

For the purposes of the Code of Conduct, the phrase “during an ACL Match” should be interpreted broadly to cover all conduct which takes place at the ground on the day of an ACL Match, and not just conduct which takes place on the field of play. It will therefore include conduct which takes place off the field of play, for example team dug-outs, seating areas, pavilion, or during any of the intervals in the match. This also applies to team support personnel, whether supporting or cheering the team.

For the avoidance of doubt, the ACL’s jurisdiction to act against a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* under this Code of Conduct is limited to incidents which take place:

- during, or in relation to, an ACL or
- during, or in relation to, an ACL event. In circumstances where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is involved in an off-field incident which may warrant action under this Code of Conduct it will be limited to offences before, during, or after the match
- When players feel personally threatened due to aggressiveness of a person/team on the field (and including parking lots) or are a victim of an altercation, players are advised to immediately contact the game referee/weekend coordinator and/or local law enforcement depending on the threat.

***Conduct violation is defined as any violation by individual or team that is considered serious enough to impact ACL adversely with the player community, park officials or law enforcement.***

***When multiple levels are marked, the ACL Disciplinary Committee can assess the severity and decide penalties accordingly. Also, offense levels may be upgraded to higher levels on multiple offenses of the same kind. For example, even if an offense is a Level 1 offense, multiple occurrences of the same offense could lead to a Level 2, 3 or 4 offenses as decided by the disciplinary committee.***

***ACL reserves the right to amend/update this code of conduct at its discretion.***



<b>4.1</b>	<b>Excessive appealing</b>			
<p>“Excessive” may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• repeated appealing of the same decision;</li> <li>• repeated appealing of different decisions with the intention of placing the Umpire under pressure;</li> <li>• charging or advancing towards the Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing; or</li> <li>• celebrating a dismissal without appealing to the Umpire when a decision is required.</li> </ul> <p><i><b>This is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing.</b></i></p>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
		✓	✓	

<b>4.2</b>	<b>Abuse of cricket equipment, clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings</b>			
<p>Any actions outside the course of normal cricket actions, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hitting or kicking the wickets and any actions which deliberately (intentionally)</li> <li>• Recklessly or negligently (in either case even if accidental) results in damage to the advertising boards, fences, restrooms/dressing rooms, practice areas (nets, batting cages)</li> <li>• Example – Player swinging the bat in frustration and causes damage OR to practice on the field boundary fences, nets or cages are damaged</li> <li>• Not adhering to the dress code – applicable to players and umpires (e.g. no shorts, sandals or non-athletic attire)</li> </ul>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
	✓	✓		

<b>4.3</b>	<b>Consistent use of audible obscenities during a match or from team benches</b>			
<p>Covers the use of words commonly known and understood to be offensive, obscene and/or profane language (in any language understandable by the players or supporting staff and which can be heard by on-field and off-field players and spectators. This may include swearing in frustration at one’s own misfortune. (This is applicable to any ACL player from the benches, even if not on the roster)</p>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
	✓	✓	✓	





<b>4.4</b>	<b>Disobeying umpire’s instruction during match</b>			
Includes any repeated failure to comply with any instruction or directive of an umpire during an ACL match.				
Captain will be held responsible for controlling team’s behavior on umpire’s request.				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
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<b>4.5</b>	<b>Using language, actions or gestures which disparage or which could provoke an aggressive reaction from a batter upon dismissal</b>			
Any language, action or gesture used by a Player and directed towards a batter upon dismissal which has a potential to provoke and aggressive reaction from the dismissed batter, whether or not any reaction results, or which could be considered to disparage or demean the dismissed batter, regardless of whether the batter feels disparaged or demeaned (in other words a “send-off). Without limitations this includes –				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• excessive celebration directed at and in close proximity to the dismissed batter</li> <li>• verbally abusing the dismissed batter; and</li> <li>• pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion or dugout</li> <li>• Nothing is intended to stop players from celebrating in an appropriate fashion.</li> </ul>				
When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) shall be considered:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the context of the situation; and</li> <li>• whether the gesture is likely to:</li> <li>• be regarded as obscene;</li> <li>• give offence; or insult another person.</li> </ul>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
	✓	✓		



<b>4.6</b>	<b>Showing dissent at an umpire’s decision</b>			
Without limitation, includes:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• excessive, obvious disappointment with an Umpire’s decision;</li> <li>• an obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket;</li> <li>• snatching the cap from the Umpire;</li> <li>• requesting a referral to the Leg Umpire (other than in the context of a legitimate request for a referral as may be permitted in an ACL match); and</li> <li>• arguing or entering a prolonged discussion with the Umpire about the decision.</li> <li>• this offence is not intended to punish a batter showing his/her instinctive disappointment at the dismissal.</li> <li>• when assessing the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) should be considered:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether the conduct contains an element of anger or abuse which is directed at the Umpire or the Umpire’s decision; or</li> <li>• whether there is persistent re-reference to the incident over time.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
<b><i>It shall not be a defense to any charge brought under this Article to show that the Umpire might have, or in fact did, get any decision wrong.</i></b>				
<b><i>Captains should address and calm the situations.</i></b>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
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<b>4.7</b>	<b>Throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment such as a water bottle) at or near a Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or any other third person in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner during a match</b>			
This offence will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion, or from throwing the ball at the stumps or to a teammate when attempting a run out.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors (without limitation) shall be considered:</li> <li>• the context of the situation, including, without limitation, whether the action was deliberate, reckless, negligent, and/or avoidable;</li> <li>• whether the ball/object struck the other person;</li> <li>• the speed at which the ball/object was thrown; and</li> <li>• the distance from which the ball/object was thrown.</li> </ul>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
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<b>4.8</b>	<p><b>Unfair Play – ACL Master League Rule Book document used as reference to this section</b></p> <p>Any of the following conduct which constitutes ‘unfair play’:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• deliberate attempt to distract striker</li> <li>• deliberate distraction, deception or obstruction of batter</li> <li>• bowling of dangerous and unfair short pitched deliveries</li> <li>• bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching deliveries</li> <li>• bowling of deliberate non-pitching deliveries</li> <li>• bowling of deliberate front foot no balls</li> <li>• time wasting by any Player or team</li> <li>• fielder causing deliberate or avoidable damage to the pitch</li> <li>• bowler running on protected area</li> <li>• batter causing deliberate or avoidable damage to the pitch</li> <li>• striker in the protected area</li> <li>• batter stealing a run</li> <li>• deliberately changing the condition of the ball or tampering with the ball</li> <li>• use of an illegal bat or wicket-keeper’s gloves</li> <li>• deceiving the umpire</li> <li>• unfair actions not covered elsewhere in the ACL Rules &amp; Regulations</li> </ul> <p><b><i>The offence supplements and does not replace ACL Rules &amp; Regulations.</i></b></p> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors (without limitation) shall be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the context of the situation, including, without limitation and where relevant, whether the action was deliberate, reckless, negligent, and/or avoidable;</li> <li>• the potential of the action to injure an opponent; and</li> <li>• the degree of advantage offered by the ‘unfair play’</li> </ul> <p><b><i>The Umpires shall use their judgment to apply principles that actions taken constitute unfair play.</i></b></p>			
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
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<b>4.9</b>	<b>Any attempt to manipulate a match for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons.</b>			
<p>To prevent the manipulation of matches for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons (such as when a team deliberately loses a pool match in order to affect the standings of other teams).</p> <p>It might also apply to the inappropriate manipulation of a net run rate or accumulation of bonus points or otherwise.</p> <p>The Team Captain(s) of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible (and subject to sanction) for any offence found to have been committed under this Article.</p>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
			✓	✓

<b>4.10</b>	<b>Inappropriate physical contact with a Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or any other person (including a spectator) during a match.</b>			
<p>Any form of inappropriate physical contact is prohibited in cricket. Without limitation, Players will breach this regulation if they deliberately, recklessly and/or negligently walk or run into or shoulder another Player or Umpire.</p> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) shall be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the context of the situation, including, without limitation, whether the contact was deliberate (i.e. intentional), reckless, negligent, and/or avoidable;</li> <li>• the force of the contact;</li> <li>• any resulting injury to the person with whom contact was made; and</li> <li>• the person with whom contact was made.</li> </ul>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
			✓	✓



<b>4.11</b>	<b>Personal abuse of a Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire or Match Referee during a match.</b>			
<p>Intended to cover a Player or Player Support Personnel directing language of a personal, insulting, obscene and/or offensive nature at any Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire or Match Referee during match.</p> <p>It is also intended to cover language of a personal, insulting, obscene and/or offensive nature relating to a family member of the Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire or Match Referee at whom it is directed.</p> <p>When considering the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) shall be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether such language was excessive and/or orchestrated; and</li> <li>• the person at whom the language was directed, i.e. whether they were a Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or other person.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>This also covers the use of language that is likely to offend another person on the basis of their race, religion, gender, color, descent, national or ethnic origin.</i></b></p>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
		✓	✓	

<b>4.12</b>	<b>Threat on, or intimidation of another Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire or Match Referee or any other person (including a Spectator) whether by language or conduct (including gestures) during a match.</b>			
<p>Intended to cover any form or intimidation of a Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or spectators. It includes, without limitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any form of continual verbal or physical harassment;</li> <li>• any form of intentional behavior that would cause the person at whom it is directed to fear injury or harm; and</li> <li>• attempts to impede or block movement.</li> </ul> <p>Without limitation, there would be a breach if they do or say anything which would cause the Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or other person to whom such action was directed to fear harmful or offensive contact, for example and without limitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• threatening to hit the relevant individual while at the same time raising a fist,</li> <li>• or threatening to physically harm individual's family.</li> </ul>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
			✓	✓



<b>4.13</b>	<b>Physical assault or any act of violence on the field of play during a match</b>			
<p>Without limitation, it would be a breach this Article any Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee intentionally or recklessly cause another Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or the other person bodily harm or injury.</p> <p>For example, if Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee kick or intentionally push or punch or fight another Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or any other person (including a spectator).</p>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
				✓

<b>4.14</b>	<b>Conduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game or brings the game or ACL into disrepute</b>			
<p>Covers all types of conduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game and which is not specifically and adequately covered by the specific offences set out elsewhere in this Code of Conduct.</p> <p>Also included is conduct that brings the game or the ACL into disrepute and which is not specifically and adequately covered by the specific offences set out elsewhere in this Code of Conduct.</p> <p>By way of example, depending upon the seriousness and context of the breach it prohibits, without limitation, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• public acts of misconduct (e.g. smoking or consumption of alcohol public parks);</li> <li>• unruly public behavior (e.g. disturbing the peace);</li> <li>• altercations with city parks or government officials (e.g. refusing to abide by official rules or requests on timing, use or vacating the fields);</li> <li>• misuse or abuse of public property used for matches (e.g. modifying or littering property);</li> <li>• inappropriate comments which are detrimental to the interests of the game or ACL.</li> </ul> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the context of the situation, and whether it was deliberate, reckless, negligent, avoidable and/or accidental, shall be considered. Further, the person lodging the Report (and evaluating circumstances) shall determine where on the range of severity the conduct lays (with the range of severity starting at conduct of a minor nature (and hence a Level 1 offence) up to conduct of an extremely serious nature (and hence a Level 4 offence)).</p>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
	✓	✓	✓	✓



## 5.0 COMPLIANCE CODES

The ACL is organized, managed and officiated entirely by volunteers. These volunteers rely on the timeliness and accuracy of the information requested or required as a part of the efficient operation of the leagues and tournaments.

**Compliance violations are defined as any violation by individual or team that will put ACL operations or league in jeopardy.**

**When multiple levels are marked, the ACL Disciplinary Committee can assess the severity and decide penalties accordingly. Also, offense levels may be upgraded to higher levels on multiple offenses of the same kind.**

<b>5.1</b>	<b>Forfeiting a game without at least 2 days’ notice to the ACL Organizing Committee</b>			
<p>ACL provides a schedule to include date/time/location of the matches. This includes renting fields, assigning umpires as well as other resources to complete the match. Matches must not be played on unassigned fields, even if the teams and the umpires agree. The match will not be considered official.</p> <p>A team that forfeits a match at the last moment disrupts the league in multiple ways including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• opposing team though prepared to play the match does not get to play one</li> <li>• umpiring team has made the effort to assign umpires to officiate the match</li> <li>• ACL committee has reserved, rented and paid for a field that match would be conducted</li> </ul>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
			✓	

<b>5.2</b>	<b>Playing an ineligible player any ACL matches.</b>			
<p>This includes playing the match as a team member or a substitute –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Player played for another ACL team in the same calendar year and for the same tournament, or</li> <li>• Player does not meet minimum matches requirement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Captains are required to review and validate the player eligibility list. ACL relies on accuracy of the team’s entries, thus the responsibility of player eligibility is on the player and the team.</b></p> <p><b>In the case of a player playing under a false identity the umpire can immediately suspend the player.</b></p> <p><b>Based on offense, a team level penalty may be applied.</b></p>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
			✓	✓



<b>5.3</b>	<b>Falsifying Records or Playing a player in a game with false identity</b>			
<p>Teams and umpires rely on the integrity of team captains to field players on the ACL approved roster.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team captains have a right to verify the identity of players taking the umpire’s assistance</li> <li>• Players must have a form of identification and produce it when requested by the umpires</li> <li>• Intentional score changes or misrepresenting anything on the score-sheets will be a compliance code violation. It is ultimately the team captain’s responsibility and the acting captain’s responsibility to ensure correct information is provided to ACL. This is true even when ACL sends a communication which based on information provided by the team. The captains (acting captain for the day, vice-captain, captain) of the team jointly ultimately bear the responsibility for providing accurate information and will be held accountable for any misrepresentation.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>In the case of a player playing under a false identity the umpire can immediately suspend the player and/or the match. A team level penalty may be applied. This could also be a ground to overturn the game result based on the decision of the disciplinary committee.</i></b></p>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
			✓	✓

<b>5.4</b>	<b>Delaying the start/finish of a game by 15 minutes or more</b>			
<p>The ACL rents public parks for a limited time to conduct matches. These public parks rely on the timeliness of ACL matches to prepare fields for activities that follow cricket. It is imperative that matches start and finish on time. Future rentals are impacted if we do not adhere to allocated times. Start includes activities like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warm-ups completed</li> <li>• Home/Visiting team have their kit and provided the stumps for set-up</li> <li>• Home team has set-up the boundaries and marked the pitch/crease</li> <li>• Toss and accompanying decision made</li> <li>• Line-ups exchanged</li> <li>• Teams ready to commence the matches at the scheduled time</li> </ul> <p>Finish includes activities like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removing boundary markers and cones</li> <li>• Vacating field and dug-outs</li> <li>• Cleaning the dug-outs/remove trash</li> </ul> <p>It is understandable that matches can be delayed for a variety of reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weather (rain, lightening)</li> <li>• Lost ball</li> <li>• Injuries</li> </ul> <p>But every effort should be made by the umpires and team captains to complete the match on time using ACL Rules &amp; Regulations to adjust the number overs or other considerations.</p>				
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<b>5.5</b>	<b>Timely submission of league or match information (if required)</b>			
<p><b>Team photos and match report are to be submitted by the umpiring team by MIDNIGHT ET Tuesday (for the concluded matches that weekend). This includes any partial/abandoned/washed-out games.</b></p> <p>The information is used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team position within the division</li> <li>• Identifying players of the week</li> <li>• Calculating Net Run Rate</li> <li>• Play-off rankings, to mention a few uses</li> </ul>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
		✓		

<b>5.6</b>	<b>Umpiring assignments</b>			
<p>ACL is an all-volunteer league. All teams not playing matches on a given week-end are required to provide umpires for matches on their “bye” weeks. This could range from one to three pairs of umpires. It is expected that the umpires provided are familiar or make themselves familiar with the ACL Rules &amp; Regulations, including this Code of Conduct. Teams must provide 4 umpires including 2 primary and 2 backup umpires for each umpiring assignment by midnight on Thursday for the following weekend's match.</p> <p>Umpiring violations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Umpire’s names/information not provided by the end of Thursday for the following week-end’s match</li> <li>• Assigned umpires arriving late/being tardy (should arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the match) or taking more time after the scheduled break or any other reason for delaying the game during the scheduled play time.</li> <li>• No show – the assigned umpires do not show-up for the match, including sending only one umpire to the match</li> <li>• Umpires must be free of any distractions once on the field during the game e.g. talking on the mobile, texting, surfing etc.</li> </ul>				
<b>OFFENSE LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<b>LEVEL 4</b>
			✓	✓



## 6.0 ACTIONS – FINES & PENALTIES

The following are general guidelines for actions and penalties related to the offenses covered in the Conduct Code and Compliance Code.

**Fines** are monetary penalties imposed on an individual and/or a team payable before the team plays its next match.

**Penalties** are suspensions of an individual and/or a team for a specified number of matches.

Offense levels can be attributed to either the individual, the team or both individual and team. Levels of fines and penalties can be compounded on repeat offenses. E.g. A Level 1 offense can become a Level 4 on repeat occurrences. The monetary fines and match suspension penalties are only guidelines. The ACL Disciplinary Committee will have to assess the circumstances, context and severity, and base their decisions.

OFFENSE LEVEL	Individual – Fine	Team – Fine	Individual – Penalty	Team - Penalty
Level 1	\$50	\$100	N/A	N/A
Level 2	\$75	\$150	YES	N/A
Level 3	\$100	\$200	YES	YES
Level 4	\$125	\$250	YES	YES

While the above are guidelines, additional penalties can be imposed.

### **Individual penalties for**

- ✓ **Level 2 could be up to a 2-game suspension.**
- ✓ **Level 3 could be up to a 4-game suspension.**
- ✓ **Level 4 could be up to a 6-game suspension and/or suspension for the entire current and/or forthcoming season.**
- ✓ **The Disciplinary Committee can consider to increase the level of offense and penalties for repeat offences.**

### **Team penalties for**

- ✓ **Level 3 could result in 4 points deduction and/or suspension of the team.**
- ✓ **Level 4 could either result in 6 points deduction and/or suspension of the team and/or game awarded to opponents depending on what stage in the tournament the offence was committed.**
- ✓ **The Disciplinary Committee can consider to increase the level of offense for repeat offences.**
- ✓ **The Disciplinary Committee can consider suspending a team for an entire season based on the gravity of the offense.**

In certain situations, penalties may be applied to the next stage of the tournament, or to the next playable game for another season for the individual or the team. **This is not retroactive.** When penalties are applied to a specific player, they will be responsible for fines/penalties irrespective of the future team they decide to play with.



## 7.0 THE PROCESS

Any incidents, events or actions that go against the spirit of the Atlanta Cricket League (ACL) or the spirit of the game may be considered a violation, even if it may not have been listed in this document.

### 7.1 Identification & Reporting

The complaint has to be in writing by end of day Monday (following the match) i.e. Umpire's Match. Based on the severity of the complaint or its impact on the integrity and reputation of the ACL, the Disciplinary Committee may accept a complaint after the established timeline. Report or send a formal e-mail to ACL. Violations can be reported to the ACL Disciplinary Committee using multiple methods –

- [Info@atlantacricicketleague.org](mailto:Info@atlantacricicketleague.org)
- [Appeals@atlantacricicketleague.org](mailto:Appeals@atlantacricicketleague.org)
- Umpires can use the match report to report any violations

Violation reports should include the following detail (the detail that is provided helps the ACL Disciplinary Committee to determine a fair resolution) –

- Match – Date, Time, Match Number, Ground, Home Team, Visiting Team
- Team – Captains Names – **as documented on the ACL Scoring for the match**
- Umpires – Team Name, Umpires Names
- Violations Reported – Detailed description of the reported violation (be very descriptive and detailed)
- Additional individuals that can be contacted as witnesses to the violations (Name(s), Team Name(s) if applicable)

As needed, the disciplinary committee may, at its own discretion, look at older records to establish a pattern for certain violations.

### 7.2 Assessment

The Appeals Committee will consider the complaint and address it with the teams directly.

The Appeals Committee reserves the “right to refuse” to address any complaints/explanations/comments from an individual or a team if derogatory remarks have been made towards the ACL or its committees.

The assessment of appeals will be prioritized based on team schedules i.e. the earlier your next match, the earlier your appeal will be addressed – the ACL Disciplinary Committee will address the appeal by Thursday before the match.

If a response from the Disciplinary Committee is not received within forty-eight (48) hours, the individual/team appealing can formally request a status of the appeal from the Board.



The Appeals Committee may solicit input from individuals listed on the formal report e.g. umpires, team captains, players and may extend it to the Organizing Committee or the ACL Board.

The Appeals Committee will determine the course of action and related penalties and if required inform/involve the Organizing Committee and/or the match referee.

### 7.3 Decisions & Communications

Decisions and actions made by the ACL Disciplinary Committee are independent and final and will be communicated to the Organization Committee.

Any violations/penalties will be communicated by the Organizing Committee.

The ACL Disciplinary/Organizing Committee will provide detailed reasons while classifying a certain violation in any of the category mentioned above.

A report will be sent to all the team representatives for the perusal only.

The player/team's monetary penalty will be due to the ACL before the team's next game, failure to do so will result in the team's subsequent games being forfeited regardless of the results.

ACL reserves the right to include additional sets of violations as well as the right to change the fines and penalties.

### 7.4 Appealing a decision

***Teams or individuals are allowed to appeal a decision within forty-eight (48) hours from the date/time of the decision.*** Additional/clarifying information regarding the offense must be provided during the appeal process. If no appeal is made or no additional information is provided, the disciplinary committee's original decision and penalties imposed will remain the same.