

# Chiangmai Cricket Association (CCA) Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel (the Code of Conduct)

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## INTRODUCTION

The Code of Conduct is designed to promote mutual respect, sportsmanship, and camaraderie among the recognised clubs participating under the auspices of the Chiangmai Cricket Association (CCA).

By adhering to the rules and regulations outlined below, teams can ensure:

1. A process to deter participants from misbehaving, both on and off the field, or in any manner contrary to the 'Spirit of Cricket'.
  2. A fair and efficient disciplinary procedure to address matters of misconduct with expedience and certainty. Clarity and transparent consequences are outlined for all those associated with the CCA.
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## SECTION 1: GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 1. Code of Conduct:

- All players, officials, and supporters must behave respectfully on and off the field according to the 'Spirit of Cricket'.
- Aggressive behaviour, abusive language, or any form of intimidation, will not be tolerated and will be met with disciplinary punishment by the CCA, without fear or favour.

### 2. Match Rules:

- Matches must be played in accordance with the Laws of Cricket as prescribed by the MCC.
- Umpires' decisions are final. Any dispute over decisions will follow the resolution process outlined in this document.
- Players found guilty of misconduct will face consequences, including temporary suspension, fines, or permanent bans based on the severity of the offence.

### 3. No External Interference:

No party shall initiate proceedings in any court or other forum that contradict the jurisdiction and authority of the CCA.

### 4. Player & Support Discipline:

All Players and Player Support Personnel are automatically bound by, and must comply with, the provisions of this Code of Conduct. By participating in a domestic match (as a player) or assisting a player (as support personnel), individuals are deemed to have agreed:

- To familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct, including what conduct constitutes an offence.
- To submit to the exclusive jurisdiction convened under the CCA Code of Conduct to address charges or appeals.

CCA member clubs are responsible for promoting awareness and education about the Code of Conduct among all players and support personnel.

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## SECTION 2: TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

### 1. Disciplinary Committee:

- A disciplinary committee comprising three members from three different signatories of this Code of Conduct from the different clubs uninvolved in the dispute - and the match umpire, if possible - will oversee all disputes and unforeseen events according to the consequences of misconduct and level of offence explained in point 4 of this section.

*Example:* Should a match between club A and club B have a conflict/ dispute/ misbehaviour issue, then a signatory from member clubs C, D & E, who are part of CCA, form the Disciplinary Committee for this case.

- The Disciplinary Committee's decisions are final and binding.
  - 2. **Types of Misconduct:**
    - Physical altercations or fights.
    - Verbal abuse toward players, officials, or spectators.
    - Cheating or unsportsmanlike behaviour during matches.
    - Vandalism of property or equipment.
  - 3. **Reporting Misconduct:**
    - Any misconduct must be reported to one or all of the Disciplinary Committee members by the match umpire as soon as possible by phone, text or email, but no later than two days from the event.
    - Incidents must be documented, and both captains should receive a detailed report within two days from receiving the report.
  - 4. **Consequences of Misconduct:**
    - **Level 1 Offence** (e.g., minor disputes): Verbal warning or a written apology.
    - **Level 2 Offence** (e.g., use of abusive language (in any language)): 1-3 match suspension, and/or fines from 1,000 baht, and/or club league points deductions.
    - **Level 3 Offence** (e.g., physical altercations): Immediate expulsion from the match or tournament, and/or a potential ban from future matches, and/or fines from 20,000 baht, and/or club league points deductions.
    - All money from fines, once it is received from the offender(s) will be exclusively used for expenses from next match day towards games organised between CCA clubs until the amount is completely exhausted.
    - The fines account and any money will be managed by a nominated CCA committee member.
    - Failure to settle any fine by the individual and/or the CCA club will forfeit the right to participate in future games or events where CCA clubs are involved until settlement.
    - Any cancellation costs resulting from the failure to settle an outstanding punishment must be reimbursed by the offending CCA club to the affected CCA club at their own expense.
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### SECTION 3: GRIEVANCE RESOLUTION

1. **Post-Match Review:**
    - Any Level 1 disputes or incidents during the match will be addressed primarily in a post-match review led by the senior match umpire with the captains and offenders seeking resolution.
    - If resolution is not possible for any reason, then the individual(s) or CCA club(s) can initiate the disciplinary process.
  2. **Appeals Process:**
    - Teams may appeal disciplinary actions by submitting a formal request to the Disciplinary Committee.
    - Appeals to be resolved within seven days.
    - Appeals are to be made through your Club Representative to the CCA.
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### SECTION 4: NEW CLUB MEMBERSHIP

A new Chiang Mai cricket club, while a welcome addition to the cricketing community, will not be part of the disciplinary process if it has been functioning for less than one season.

The new club must demonstrate that it is a functioning and disciplined organisation for a full season before it can sign the CCA Code of Conduct.

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### SECTION 5: PROMOTING UNITY

1. **Communication Channels:**

CCA clubs must maintain open communication through designated representatives to ensure transparency and prevent misunderstandings.

## 2. **Prohibition of Divisive Events:**

- CCA clubs will not participate in local events or tournaments designed to create division or animosity by the organiser.
- This includes events involving only one CCA club and has been shown favouritism or interference from third parties.

*Exception:* By a visiting club outside of the CCA and its sponsor's wishes to engage with only one particular club of CCA in exclusion to other CCA clubs. Or an event/ tournament organiser outside the CCA clubs who may want to invite only one particular CCA club to the event/ tournament.

## 3. **Unified Engagement:**

CCA clubs are encouraged to participate in joint events to promote sportsmanship and team-building. Examples include friendly matches, cricket development clinics for junior or youth cricket or social events.

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## **SECTION 6: GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- ✓ Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.
- ✓ Play hard but play fair.
- ✓ Accept the umpire's decision.
- ✓ Create a positive atmosphere by your conduct, and encourage others to do the same.
- ✓ Show self-discipline, even when things don't go your way.
- ✓ 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, regardless of the result.

***Cricket is an exciting team sport that fosters leadership, friendship and teamwork, bringing together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played in the Spirit of Cricket.***

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