

**THE DELHI AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION
REGULATIONS REGARDING CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE
OF PLAYERS, MATCH OFFICIALS, TEAM OFFICIALS,
ADMINISTRATORS, MEMBERS AND OTHER PERSONS
ASSOCIATED WITH THE DDCA**

(FRAMED UNDER ARTICLE 41 (3) OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF DDCA)



**THE DELHI AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION,
FEROZSHAH KOTLA GROUND,
NEW DELHI**

PREAMBLE

The game of Cricket should not only be played within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen as abuse of this spirit causes injury to the game itself. These regulations governing the Delhi and District Cricket Association intend to deal with all such behaviour as is not only ungentlemanly but is against the Spirit of the Game.

1. Interpretation:

(1) These Regulations framed under Article 41 (3) of the Articles of Association of the DDCA shall come in force forthwith¹.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, the words used in these Regulations or in connection thereof, except the words defined hereinafter, shall have the same meaning as given to them under the Articles of Association of DDCA:

(a) "ARTICLES" or "ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION" shall mean the Articles of Association of the Delhi and District Cricket Association, as amended from time to time;

(b) "ADMINISTRATOR" shall mean and include present and former Presidents, Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretaries, Honorary Treasurers, Honorary Joint Secretaries of the DDCA, and any

¹ Approved and enforced by the resolution of the Apex Council of the DDCA dated 31.08.2019.

person connected with the Governance and Management of the affairs of the DDCA or of its Committees.

- (c) "APEX COUNCIL" is the principal body of the DDCA tasked with its governance as set out in Article 17.
- (d) "BCCI" is the Board of Control for Cricket in India initially registered under Act XXI of 1860 at Chennai (Madras) on 28-11-1940 and subsequently registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975.
- (e) "CEO" is the Chief Executive Officer of the DDCA appointed by the Apex Council as set out in Article 26.
- (f) "CLUB" means and includes the Clubs as referred to in Article 6.
- (g) "COMPANY" means "The Delhi & District Cricket Association Limited" / "DDCA" / "Association";
- (h) "CONFLICT OF INTEREST" refers to situations where an individual associated with the DDCA in any capacity acts or omits to act in a manner that brings, or is perceived to bring the interest of the individual in conflict with the interest of the game of cricket and that may give rise to apprehensions of, or actual favouritism, lack of objectivity, bias, benefits (monetary or otherwise) or linkages, as set out in Article 39.

- (i) "JUNIOR TOURNAMENT" shall mean any age group tournaments conducted by the DDCA from time to time.
- (j) "LEAGUE" refers to the tournament, whether Days, One Days or any other format, conducted by or under the aegis of the DDCA including the matches conducted between any of the affiliated/recognized clubs/institutions.
- (k) "MATCH OFFICIAL" includes Umpires, Match Referees, Observers, Statisticians, Ground Staff and Scorers so appointed by the DDCA from time to time including so appointed in any tournament or match organised by or under the aegis of DDCA.
- (l) "MEMBER" means and includes a "Life Member", "Ordinary Member" and an "Associate Member" of the DDCA as set out in Article 3.
- (m) "MISCONDUCT" means and includes the Conduct as referred to in Para 5 of this Code.
- (n) "THE OFFICE" means the registered office of the Association.
- (o) "OFFICE BEARER" means the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Joint Secretary, and Treasurer.

- (p) "OMBUDSMAN" is the independent grievance redressal authority set up under Article 41.
- (q) "PENALTIES" means the penalties as set out in Para 7 of these Regulations.
- (r) "PLAYER" is any Cricketer past or present registered with DDCA as a player and shall include any person selected in any squad to represent Delhi/ India in BCCI or DDCA approved cricket matches. It shall further include all players participating in league, tournament or matches played or organised by or under the aegis of DDCA.
- (s) "RULE" shall refer to any rule or sub-rule as made by the APEX Council.
- (t) "TEAM OFFICIAL" refers to the support staff appointed by the DDCA including coaches, managers, physiotherapists, nutritionists, trainers, analysts, counsellors and medics.
- (u) "TOURNAMENT RULES" means the rules governing the conduct of various domestic and other tournaments organized by the DDCA from time to time.
- (v) "YEAR" means financial year commencing from the 1st day of April and ending on the 31st day of March of the following year.

2. The DDCA is committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour and conduct both on and off the field. These Regulations regarding Conduct and Discipline lay down basic norms of behaviour and conduct of Members, Administrators, Players, Match Officials, Team Officials and other persons associated with DDCA, governing their behaviour and conduct within DDCA and outside, where such behaviour or conduct directly or indirectly affects the image or reputation of the DDCA or the game of cricket.

3. APPLICABILITY

- (1) These Regulations shall come into force on the day they are adopted by the Apex Council of the DDCA and shall also be applicable to all pending cases.
- (2) These Regulations shall apply to all Players, Match Officials, Team Officials, DDCA Members, Administrators, Clubs affiliated with DDCA, Committee Members, League Committee and other persons and entities associated with the DDCA.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (2), nothing contained in these Regulations shall apply to the employees, members of staff, vendors, service providers and/ or any person acting on behalf of such vendors and service providers.

4. The DDCA being affiliated to the Board of Control for Cricket in India, is bound to follow the Code of Conduct and Discipline and the principles underlying the Spirit of the Game of Cricket as enunciated by the BCCI. These regulations have been framed in furtherance of the said Code and the said Spirit of the Game.

5. MISCONDUCT:

(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, Misconduct, in relation to all persons and entities to which these Regulation apply, shall include:

(a) Misbehaviour including rude behaviour and/ or use of inappropriate or abusive language whilst on DDCA premises or while engaged in any DDCA activity;

(b) Irresponsible behaviour including indecent, offensive, disorderly, threatening or violent behaviour whilst on the DDCA premises or while engaged in any DDCA activity.

(c) Non- compliance with any of the provisions of the Memorandum of Association and/ or Articles of Association of the DDCA.

(d) Non- compliance with any of the Rules, Regulations, Bye-laws or Executive Instructions framed and issued by the DDCA under its Articles of Association or otherwise.

(e) An act which may or is likely to be detrimental to the interest of the DDCA.

- (f) An act which may or is likely to endanger the harmony or affect the reputation or image of the DDCA or bring disrepute to the DDCA.
- (g) An act which may or is likely to be detrimental to or bring disrepute to the game of cricket.
- (h) Concealment of information sought or required to be given or providing factually incorrect or misleading information.
- (i) Making an unsubstantiated defamatory statement or levelling an unsubstantiated allegation against DDCA, its Directors, Its Executives, Officer and Staff or any other person or entity to whom these Regulations apply.
- (j) Causing damage to or destruction of any property, moveable or immovable, of the DDCA including the stands, the main ground, the main pitches, the practice pitches, the cricketing or other infrastructure.
- (k) Misuse or unauthorised use of DDCA premises or items of property, including inappropriate use of any of its property.
- (l) Disruption of, or improper interference with the administrative, sporting or other activities of the DDCA, whether on its premises or elsewhere.
- (m) Obstructing or sabotaging any cricket match hosted by the DDCA at the Ferozshah Kotla Stadium or elsewhere.
- (n) Obstruction of or improper interference with the discharge of functions, duties or responsibilities of any person or entity to whom these Regulation apply or of the Executives, Officers, member of staff or other employee of the DDCA or any authorised person.

- (o) Influencing or attempting to influence actions or decisions of any person or entity to whom these Regulations apply or of the Executives, Officers, member of staff or other employee of the DDCA or any authorised person.
- (p) An act of sexual, racial or any other form of abuse or harassment.
- (q) An act of discrimination on the ground of religion, race, caste or gender.
- (r) An act of financial irregularity including embezzlement or misappropriation of funds.
- (s) Manipulation or falsification of records in order to give undue benefit or advantage to oneself or someone else.
- (t) An act of cheating, fraud, deceit, deception or dishonesty, generally and in relation to the DDCA or its functioning or in connection with holding any office in the DDCA or in relation to being a member of the DDCA.
- (u) Involvement, directly or indirectly, in betting of any form.
- (v) An act of corruption, including corrupt transaction, for extending an undue benefit or favour or in anticipation of an undue benefit or favour.
- (w) Behaviour likely to cause injury or impair safety including safety of spectators and visitors, on DDCA premises.
- (x) Conduct which constitutes a criminal offence whether or not on DDCA premises, or which affects or concerns other members of the DDCA in their relationship with the DDCA or is an offence of dishonesty, where the member holds an office of responsibility in the Association.

- (y) Conduct arising out of non-compliance or contravention of a previous order, subsisting undertaking or a previously imposed penalty, under these Regulations or under any previous Regulations or Code or the Memorandum and/ or Articles of Association.
 - (z) Any other act or conduct which in the opinion of the Apex Council is likely to be detrimental to the interest of the DDCA or the game of cricket or endanger the harmony or affect the reputation or interest of the DDCA or amounts to misconduct.
 - (za) Any other act or conduct which in the opinion of the Ombudsman is likely to be detrimental to the interest of the DDCA or the game of cricket or endanger the harmony or affect the reputation or interest of the DDCA or amounts to misconduct.
- (2) In addition to the above, the following conduct shall also constitute misconduct in relation to a player, match official and team official:
- (a) dissent or reaction in a provocative or disapproving manner at an umpire's decision;
 - (b) physical abuse or intimidation of any player, umpire or other person (including spectator), both on or off the field;
 - (c) Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with a Player, Team Official, other Match Official, Support Personnel or any other person (including a spectator) during a Match.

- (d) the use of foul, crude abusive language or the making of offensive gestures whether directed at an individual or otherwise;
- (e) sledging;
- (f) deliberate distraction of an opponent;
- (g) persistent appealing in order to pressurise an umpire or opponent;
- (h) wilful damage to property, equipment or playing surfaces;
- (i) the use, distribution or administration of banned or illegal drugs or substances;
- (j) racial abuse of any kind;
- (k) ungentlemanly conduct or any other wilful action detrimental to the DDCA and its members or any conduct that is likely to bring the DDCA or the game of cricket into disrepute.
- (l) Use of any unfair means.
- (m) Deliberate concealment of information or providing wrong information including with regard to age.
- (n) Revealing or divulging information, including about the wicket, ground, team or anything related to the match, whether for or without consideration, to a person not entitled to that information.
- (o) Sexual harassment or abuse.
- (p) Negligence in performance of duty or performance in breach of contract with DDCA.

(3) Further, in addition to clauses (1) & (2) above the following conduct shall also constitute misconduct in relation to a selector:

- (a) Doing anything or taking any decision pertaining to selection of players on or for any consideration other than merit.
- (b) Denying rightful opportunity to any player of being considered or compete for selection.
- (c) Expecting or accepting any benefit or advantage, pecuniary or otherwise from a player or anyone related or associated with the player.

6. PROCEDURE-

- i. An act of misconduct, by or on the part of a person or entity to whom/ which these Regulations apply, shall be adjudicated upon by the Ombudsman as referred to him in terms of and in accordance with the procedure prescribed under Article 42 of the Articles of Association of the DDCA or otherwise.
- ii. The Ombudsman shall not be bound by the principles of strict evidence but shall be guided by the principles of natural justice in adjudication of such matters.
- iii. The decision of the Ombudsman shall be final and binding and shall come into force forthwith on being pronounced and delivered.
- iv. The Ombudsman shall have powers to pass such interim order/ measures including but not limited to suspending any Player, Team Official, Match Official, Administrator,

Member etc. as he may deem necessary in the interest of the DDCA or the game of Cricket.

7. PENALTIES & PUNISHMENTS

Any one or more of the following penalties may be imposed for a breach of these Regulations.

- a. A reprimand.
- b. A written warning as to future conduct.
- c. Temporary or permanent removal from membership of the Association.
- d. Temporary or permanent removal from the post/ office held in the Association.
- e. Forfeiture of all or any of the rights and privileges for a specified period.
- f. any suitable monetary or other penalty, including full or part forfeiture/ recovery of remuneration/ fees, commensurate with the gravity of the misconduct or the damage caused or the financial loss caused or as deemed appropriate.
- g. Bar for a specified period or for life from involvement with the Association.
- h. Bar for a specified period or for life from involvement with the game of cricket (including a ban from playing a specified number of matches).

8. RESIDUARY POWERS OF THE OMBUDSMAN:

Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations or any other Regulation for the time being in force, the Ombudsman shall

have power to pass such orders or direct such measures, towards resolution of disputes and redressal of grievances, including undoing of actions taken and revoking of orders passed, as he may deem necessary in the facts and circumstances of a case.

For & on behalf of
The Delhi and District Cricket Association

(Authorised Signatory)