

BATON ROUGE PREMIER LEAGUE
(BRPL)



CODE OF CONDUCT
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Article I. Management and Roles of Personnel

Section 1.01 Role of Captain

- a) SWC in coordination with the Board appoints team captains with a clear expectation that they are able to perform to the best of their abilities.
- b) The captain shall be responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws.
- c) The job of the captain shall be not only to manage his team on the field, but also make arrangements for the presence of his players at scheduled game times.
- d) To be responsible for players' behavior on and off the field during a game.
- e) Players are responsible for their own discipline but captains shall accept responsibility for managing the tone on the field of play.
- f) Any issues between players and the captain that cannot be resolved among themselves, shall be brought to the attention of the Disciplinary Committee or the SWC or the Board for further resolution in this matter.
- g) To recruit new players.

Section 1.02 Role of Umpires

- a) It is expected of the umpires to make unbiased judgment and informed decisions; however, in instances where an umpire makes an inadvertent mistake, he shall have the right to revert his decision. Such mistakes, however, are not grounds for the affected team member(s) or captain to argue with the umpire.
- b) Although it is expected that umpires have a good understanding of the rules, occasionally, the umpire may not be aware of a particular rule (because of frequent changes in ICC rules and guidelines). In such cases, captains' intervention shall be required to resolve the situation, without interference from the other playing members.
- c) The umpires are sole judges of fair and unfair play and are entitled to intervene without appeal in the case of unfair play but shall not otherwise interfere with the progress of the game, except as required to do so by the Laws. Furthermore, in the event of a player failing to comply with the instructions of an umpire or criticizing his decisions, the umpires shall in the first place request the captain to take action, and if this proves ineffective, report the incident as soon as possible to the Disciplinary Committee.
- d) Umpires shall also intervene in other discretionary situations where there is time wasting, dangerous bowling, ball tampering, player injury/dehydration, etc.

Article II. Code of Conduct

Section 2.01 The spirit of the game

Players are required to adhere to the spirit of the laws of cricket as outlined below.

- a) Respect the umpire, your opponents, your own captain and teammates and the traditions of the game of cricket.
- b) It is against the spirit of the game to
 - (i) dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture.
 - (ii) To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire.

- (iii) To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice such as to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out.
- (iv) To advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.
- (v) To seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own team.
- (vi) Use taunting words on the umpire.

Section 2.02 Player Behavior

Act at all times in a manner consistent with the spirit of the game and the reputation of BRCC.

The spirit of the game involves respect for your opponents, your captain and team, the role of umpires and the game's traditional values.

- a) It is against the spirit of the game:
 - (i) To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture.
 - (ii) To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire.
 - (iii) To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance: a. to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out; b. to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing; c. to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.
- a) Treat all members as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take advantage of another person.
- b) Look after Club equipment and facilities as if it were your own.
- c) Display self-control at all times. Verbal abuse of other players, or deliberately distracting or provoking a competitor is neither acceptable nor condoned.
- d) Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- e) Co-operate with captain, teammates and others; an argument between you and your teammates during the course of a game is unacceptable and an action will be taken.
- f) There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.
- g) The SWC/Board/Disciplinary Committee shall guide and mentor younger members to ensure that conflicts are resolved at the earliest without any negative consequences.
- h) The Board shall also make effort to ensure the good behavior of the Club's members and supporters towards all players and umpires.
- i) Use of abusive language made as a joke or in jest is not to be considered offensive. However, if one does find it offensive, the offending member shall be informed about it, and is given the opportunity to refrain from using such language in presence of the member who finds it offensive.
- j) All players and spectators will:
 - (i) Show respect to all teammates regardless of ability;
 - (ii) Encourage teammates at all times; and
 - (iii) Not abuse, sledge or insult a teammate (including after misfields and dropped catches)

Action will be taken on players found guilty for disobedience right then and there. May even result in expulsion from the game or tournament

Section 2.03 Behavior towards Umpires

As participants of BRPL, all players and spectators must at all times accept the umpire's decision (whether they are a paid umpire or otherwise). Players and spectators will:

- a) Not dispute an umpire's decision or react in a threatening or disapproving manner
- b) Not verbally or physically abuse any umpire
- c) Move immediately from the field when given out
- d) Not advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing; and
- e) Generally, assist the umpire in carrying out his duties

Section 2.04 Behavior towards Opposing Sides

As participants of BRPL, all players and spectators will:

- a) Not use crude and/or abusive language (sledding) nor make offensive gestures or hand signals nor deliberately distract an opponent
- b) Not use racially abusive comments nor indulge in racially abusive actions against fellow players, officials, members and supporters
- c) Not use or threaten violence towards opposing team members; and
- d) Shake hands with all opposing team members at the conclusion of a game.

Section 2.05 Spectator Behavior

- a) Verbal abuse of a player(s) from outside the playing area shall not be condoned.
- b) If a playing member(s) reports such an incident to an umpire, the umpires shall confer and together report the matter to the offending member's captain or representative, and any further inappropriate behavior shall be ceased forthwith.
- c) If there is persistent abuse or inappropriate behavior, the Disciplinary Committee shall take such action as is considered appropriate.
- d) The same course of action shall be taken if the umpires together consider there is persistent verbal abuse of umpires.

Article III. Game Day

Section 3.01 Game Availability

- a) It is player's responsibility to declare non-availability at least 3 days before the event for helping the SWC find a suitable replacement.
- b) If a player does not explicitly state his availability, he shall be considered as available for all games.
- c) A player after making himself available shall be expected to play unless there is a compelling and verifiable reason.
- d) Late notice of withdrawal from a team shall not be encouraged. In unavoidable circumstances, it is player's responsibility to notify the team captain at the earliest, so he can make an immediate arrangement. Failure to notify shall lead to suspension from future BRPL events.
- e) All playing members and substitutes shall be expected to arrive at the specified time.
- f) Players are responsible for their own transportation, and any member who requires transportation shall make such a request by communicating with other members well in advance.

Section 3.02 Preparation and Cleanup

- a) All team members shall assist in the preparation and cleanup of the ground as directed by the SWC or Board or team Captain, including, but not limited to boundary markings, lunch arrangements, trash pickup, etc.

Section 3.03 Waiver of Liabilities

BRCC or its members shall not be liable and assume no responsibility for any personal injuries, property loss or damage (not covered by insurance) to any individual or to any member through the normal course of all its hosted and participating events. Members shall be deemed to have accepted this waiver by participating in BRPL. A separate waiver form will be provided prior to the start of the event to be signed by all participants.

Section 3.04 Practice Games

- a) All drafted members shall be required to follow the practice game schedule as set forth by the SWC.
- b) Players shall be required to notify the Captain if they are unavailable or late for practice or games.
- c) Any player who shall not comply with the practice game requirements will influence his chances during actual games.

Section 3.05 Playing Opportunity

- a) BRPL working committee in coordination with the captains shall make every effort to provide playing opportunities for all participating members based on their skill levels.
- b) It is expected from captains that keeping competitiveness in mind, fair chances and active participation of all players should also be taken into consideration.
- c) Disciplinary and SWC will proactively assess the situation for providing fair chances to all the players after 2 games for each team. The Disciplinary Committee along with SWC and Board shall contact the team captains to act upon any requests from players who believe that they have not been provided adequate opportunities, notwithstanding the game situation, team progression, playoff qualification, etc.
- d) Fair balance shall be exercised by all captains in maintaining the competitiveness of the event while engaging and providing opportunities to all team players.

Article IV. Dealing with Alleged Code of Conduct Breach

The Disciplinary Committee of BRCC has the right to act upon any report of any alleged breach of the code of conduct and shall deal with the matter as it sees fit. This includes and is not limited to suspension from games or from BRCC. The decision of the committee in respect of any breach shall be binding on all members.

Section 4.01 Procedure

Firstly, any violation of the code of conduct shall be brought to the attention of the umpire(s), who in accordance with the laws shall refer it to the captain(s) for resolution. The standing umpire and the captains shall consult with each other and resolve the matter. Should the matter not be resolved to the satisfaction of the umpire(s) and/or captain(s), umpires and captains shall make a written complaint to the Disciplinary Committee. The Committee shall be responsible for notifying the Club members of such complaints, obtaining their written reply and subsequently ruling on the complaint. The committee's decision shall be subject to appeal or further clarification or explanation.

- a) Upon receipt of such complaint, and as soon as reasonably practicable, BRCC Disciplinary Committee shall consider the complaint and resolve either by:
- b) Taking no action except to record the complaint and notify the player/guest; or
- c) Referring the matter for a disciplinary hearing.

Section 4.02 Disciplinary Hearing

- a) Any incident which is referred to a disciplinary hearing shall require a notice in writing sent to the alleged member at least seven days in advance.
- b) The Disciplinary Committee shall convene a hearing as soon as is practicable and the alleged member shall be entitled to attend the hearing and state their case.
- c) The hearing shall be conducted by the Disciplinary Committee, which shall consist of not less than three persons.
- d) The purpose of the hearing shall be to establish the facts, and where appropriate, to take the necessary disciplinary action to discipline the member in a manner designed to protect the Club's reputation.

Section 4.03 Penalties

If the disciplinary hearing finds the misconduct proved, BRCC shall impose the following penalties:

- a) To require the member to write a formal apology within a specified time.
- b) To record a reprimand and to give a warning as to future conduct.
- c) To suspend the member's right to be considered for selection to play in future events.