

# PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

### All Members:

All Club Members are expected to uphold the good name, and best interests of Harrow Cricket Club at all times. Any member who acts at any time in a manner liable to prejudice the good name or interests of Harrow Cricket Club shall be subject to disciplinary action.

# **Players & Club Officials:**

Players and Club Officials shall at all times conduct play within the spirit of the game as well within the Laws of Cricket and the captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that this is adhered to. Players and Club Officials shall at no time engage in conduct unbecoming to their status, which could bring them, HCC or the game of cricket into disrepute.

#### Please respect:

- Your opponents.
- Your own captain and team.
- The umpire.
- The game's traditional values.

Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.

# PLAYER'S LIST OF OFFENCES

The following offences are illustrative of unacceptable conduct, which will be brought to the attention and for, the consideration by the HCC Cricket Committee, which may result in disciplinary action being taken against the individual concerned.

#### Level 1

The penalty for a level 1 offence shall be an official reprimand and the reimbursement of repairs to damaged equipment.

- Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment, buildings or fixtures and fittings.
- Showing dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.
- Showing dissent at the captain's decision by action or verbal abuse.
- Using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or making an obscene gesture.

# Level 2

The penalty for a level 2 offences shall be a 2-match ban.

- Repeat of a level 1 offence within 12 months of such an offence.
- Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.



- Showing serious dissent at the captain's decision by action or verbal abuse.
- Inappropriate and deliberate contact between players in the course of play.
- Throwing the ball at or near a player, umpire or official in an inappropriate or dangerous manner.
- Using language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another player, umpire, club official or spectator.
- Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3

#### Level 3

The penalty for level 3 offences may be an 8-match ban.

- Repeat of any Level 2 Offence within 12 months of such an offence.
- Intimidation of an umpire whether by language or conduct.
- Threat of assault on another player, club official or spectator.
- Using language or gestures that offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparagers or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability or age.

#### Level 4

The penalty for level 4 offences shall be expulsion from HCC.

- Repeat of any Level 3 Offence within 12 months of such an offence.
- Threat of assault on an umpire.
- Physical assault of another player, umpire, official or spectator.
- Any act of violence on the field of play.

Nothing in this Code of Conduct alters the onus on the captains to ensure the spirit of fair play is followed by his team.

Any breach of the Code of Conduct may be brought to the attention (whether verbally or in writing) of the club by any person, and will be heard, in the first instance by the Cricket Committee, which makes recommendations to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will be the final arbiters of any sanction imposed.

A player or Official shall be entitled to appeal against a finding of guilt and / or penalty imposed in respect of any Level Offence, in writing to the club secretary within 14 days of notification.

The secretary will convene a hearing within 21 days from receipt of the appeal notice, following the appeals process as laid out in the club's constitution.