

Club Disciplinary Rules

1. BASIC PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

- a. Studley Royal Cricket Club shall operate a Disciplinary Policy in accordance with the current Disciplinary Rules operating within the jurisdiction of the England & Wales Cricket Board and the Yorkshire Cricket Association, except where modified below.
- b. The ECB "Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket" statement and the Yorkshire Cricket Association/Yorkshire Cricket Board Policy Statement "Anti-Racism and Race Equality" shall operate throughout the Club.
- c. These rules shall apply to all League, Cup, Representative, Junior and Indoor matches played under the auspices of Studley Royal Cricket Club, and any functions organised by the Club.

2. MAINTENANCE OF DISCIPLINE

- a. The Club Committee is the authoritative body in respect of discipline within the Club and shall take whatever measures are required to maintain an acceptable standard of behaviour and inflict appropriate penalties.
- b. A Disciplinary panel shall be appointed by the Club Committee and will deal promptly with any complaint or incident.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

- a. All players, officials and supporters are bound by the Club Disciplinary Rules and shall conduct themselves accordingly.
- b. Unsatisfactory conduct shall include, but not be limited to:
 - Dissent at an umpire's decision or reaction in a provocative or disapproving manner, whether verbal or written.
 - Physical abuse, intimidation, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire, official, player or spectator.
 - The use of crude, foul or abusive language or the making of offensive gestures or hand signals whether directed at an individual or otherwise.
 - Sledging or deliberate distraction of an opponent and persisting appealing in order to pressurise an umpire or opponent.
 - Any form of abuse or discrimination, relating to race, religion, creed, or any other nature.
 - Wilful damage to property, equipment or playing surface.
 - The use or distribution of illegal drugs or substances.
 - Ungentlemanly conduct or any other action that is likely to bring the Club or Game of Cricket into disrepute or prejudice its good name or interests.
 - Repeated infringements of the Spirit of the Game either by an individual or a team, where each infringement, in itself, does not merit any immediate disciplinary action. (Such instances will result in a Disciplinary Hearing and the captain will be held responsible for the conduct of his team.)
 - Unacceptable behaviour, by word or action, at any function organised by the Club.

4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING DISCIPLINE

a. Club

The Club has the overall responsibility for the behaviour of its members and maintaining discipline and, if it fails properly to control or discipline any person associated with the club with regard to misconduct, it may be answerable to a charge of 'Unsatisfactory Conduct' from the Leagues.

b. Captain

The Captain and, in the case of junior teams, the Manager of the team, is responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the laws. Failure to take suitable action against an offender may render the captain or manager liable to a charge of 'Unsatisfactory Conduct'.

5. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING AN INCIDENT

In the event of an incident occurring, Studley Royal Cricket Club will instigate investigation and take appropriate action against offenders, irrespective of whether the incident has been reported to the League.

6. PLAYERS

a. Outstanding Disciplinary Action

i. No player who is currently under suspension or involved in uncompleted disciplinary action imposed by any other league or member club of another league may play in matches for Studley Royal Cricket Club.

ii. Studley Royal Cricket Club must endeavour to check the disciplinary record of any player whom they intend to sign from a club in another league.

iii Studley Royal Cricket Club may refuse to register any player until the Club is satisfied that the player's disciplinary status is acceptable.

b. Representative Games

Players representing other sides are subject to the Club Disciplinary Rules and will be answerable for any disciplinary transgressions.

c. Overseas and Contracted Players

Each contracted or overseas player is subject to the Club Disciplinary Rules.

7. REPORTING AN INCIDENT

a. Any complaint about incidents of misconduct or improper behaviour must be notified in writing to the Club Secretary no later than 5 days following the incident. Any complaints reported outside this time will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Club Chairman. The complaint should be

supported with evidence such as written statements from witnesses and other documents.

b. Upon receipt of such complaint, the Club Secretary shall give notice to the Respondent and copy the evidence in support.

8. CONVENING A DISCIPLINARY HEARING

The Club shall convene a Disciplinary Hearing within 14 days of receipt of the complaint and shall notify the Complainant and the Respondent of the date. It is the responsibility of the Complainant and the Respondent to present evidence, including arranging the attendance of witnesses, at the Disciplinary Hearing.

9. DISCIPLINARY HEARING

a. The hearing is not a Court of Law but an enquiry into the circumstances giving rise to the complaint. No legal representation will be allowed. The Disciplinary Committee shall comprise 3 members who shall be one if the Club's Trustees and two committee members. The trustee member shall Chair the hearing. The Chair shall appoint one of the members to make a written note of the Disciplinary Hearing. The decision, penalty and other matters arising for determination at the Disciplinary Hearing shall be on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the event of a split decision, the Chair shall have the casting vote.

b. No person who is connected in any way with the complaint shall be involved in convening or officiating at the Disciplinary Hearing or on an Appeal. If this rule prevents the Director of Cricket, trustee or other officer from fulfilling a function under these rules, that function shall be delegated by the Club Committee to another officer or person.

c. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be given at the meeting, to be confirmed in writing as soon as possible thereafter by the Club Secretary and will be put into effect at the date thereof subject to any possible appeal. In the event of an appeal being lodged, the penalty shall be suspended until determination. No further discussion or submissions will be taken at the meeting.

d. The Chair shall determine the conduct of the hearing which shall be in accordance with the procedures laid down hereafter.

10. PENALTIES

The Disciplinary Committee shall impose such penalties as they consider appropriate in accordance with the schedule of penalties laid down by the Club from time to time which shall be published.

11. APPEAL PROCEDURE

a. The Complainant and the Respondent may appeal the decision of the Disciplinary Committee. An appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be given in writing, setting out the reasons thereof, and must be received by the Club Secretary no later than 7 days from the date of the decision to be appealed against. The Disciplinary Appeal Committee shall have the power to accept an appeal out of time only in exceptional circumstances.

b. Upon receipt of the Appeal, the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Disciplinary Appeal Committee and give no less than 7 days notice to the complainant and the Respondent.

c. The Appeal is also not a Court of Law and no legal representation shall be allowed. The Disciplinary Appeal Committee shall comprise 5 members who shall be two trustees and 3 committee members excluding any who comprised the Disciplinary Committee whose decision is under appeal. In the event that there are insufficient qualified persons to sit on the Disciplinary Appeal Committee, the Club may appoint other members of the Club to sit. The Disciplinary Appeal Committee shall nominate one of its members as Chair. The Chair shall appoint one of the members to make a written note of the appeal hearing.

d. The Disciplinary Appeal Committee shall have the power to uphold or vary the decision and to uphold, increase or decrease the penalties (if any) imposed or to order a fresh hearing.

e. The decision of the Disciplinary Appeal Committee shall be final and binding on all parties and shall be confirmed in writing by the Club Secretary as soon as possible thereafter.

f. The Chair shall determine the conduct of the appeal which shall be in accordance with the procedures laid down hereafter.

12. NOTIFICATION AND RECORDING OF OFFENCES

All information relating to Disciplinary matters will be retained by the Club and be available to all Officers of Clubs and Leagues affiliated to the ECB.