



## Captain and Players' Role – General Guidelines\*

- Lead by Example. True Sportsmanship.
- I am an MCA Ambassador as well as my Club's Ambassador.
- Strictly abide by Park Board Regulations. Park Board has reminded MCA about rowdy behavior and NO Alcohol on ANY MPRB facility.
- Ensure game spirit is alive throughout both the innings and allotted time is properly utilized.
- Discuss a decision with the umpire and respect the final outcome. Use the match report to express your concern and if needed, further contact the secretary to register an official concern.
- Safeguard the MCA equipment from improper wastage and abuse.
- Stay in control of his players and take leadership, sensible approach to handle situation.
- No verbal/physical abuse should be tolerated by the Captain and in extreme cases remove the player from the field temporarily or as instructed by the Umpires.
- Refrain from public criticism or inappropriate comments about MCA, board, executives and committees. There are other avenues available to raise your concern.
- Discourage and pay prompt attention to any negative tactics impacting the game.
- Should be available at all times to attend to any emergency meeting called by MCA Executives or Committees. (Captain or Vice Captain)

<p><i>MCA adhere to Park Board Regulations</i></p> <p><b><i>Respect and exercise the regulations</i></b></p>	<p>A copy of the Park Board Regulation can be obtained from the Park Board website. This is a serious and attentive matter since any violation will essentially jeopardize MCA's right to play on any field including display and usage of Alcohol during MCA sponsored events including season games.</p> <p><b><i>*** Consumption of any alcoholic beverage on MPRB property is prohibited. Persons caught are subject to citation ***</i></b></p>
<p><i>Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.</i></p> <p><b><i>Safeguard MCA Equipment</i></b></p>	<p>Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket actions such as hitting or kicking the wickets and actions which intentionally or negligently result in damage to the advertising boards, boundary fences, dressing room doors, mirrors, windows and other fixtures and fittings.</p>
<p><i>Showing dissent at an umpires decision, intimidation</i></p> <p><b><i>Respect the Umpire</i></b></p>	<p>Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with an umpire's decision, an obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket, shaking the head, pointing or looking at the inside edge when given out lbw, pointing to the pad or rubbing the shoulder when caught behind, snatching the cap from the umpire, a bowler or fielder arguing or entering into a prolonged discussion with the umpire about his decision</p>
<p><i>Using language that is obscene, offensive or Insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture.</i></p> <p><b><i>Exercise Sportsmanship</i></b></p>	<p>This includes swearing and obscene gestures which are not directed at another person such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or fortune.</p>
<p><i>Excessive appealing</i></p> <p><b><i>Refrain from negative tactics</i></b></p>	<p>Excessive shall mean repeated appealing when the bowler/fielder knows the batsman is not out with the intention of placing the umpire under pressure. It is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing.</p>

	However, the practice of celebrating a dismissal before the decision has been given may also constitute excessive appealing.
<p><i>Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner by a bowler or other member of the fielding side upon the dismissal of a batsman.</i></p> <p><b>Respect your game and others</b></p>	Self Explanatory
<p><i>Public criticism of, or inappropriate comment on a match related incident or match official.</i></p> <p><b>Honor your Association with your club and Association</b></p>	Without limitation, players and team officials will breach this rule if they publicly criticise the match officials or denigrate a player or team against which they have played in relation to incidents which occurred in a match. When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the context within which the comments have been made and the gravity of the offending comments must be taken into account.
<p><i>Serious public criticism of, or inappropriate comment on a match related incident or match official.</i></p> <p><b>Explore and Exercise MCA recommended procedures</b></p>	Without limitation, players and team officials will breach this rule if they publicly criticise the match officials or denigrate a player or team against which they have played in relation to incidents which occurred in a match. When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the context within which the comments have been made and the gravity of the offending comments must be taken into account.
<p><i>Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play.</i></p> <p><b>Sportsmanship Again!</b></p>	Self explanatory
<p><i>Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between Players in the course of play. Threat of assault on another Player, Team Official or spectator.</i></p> <p><b>Sportsmanship Again!</b></p>	Without limitation, players will breach this regulation if they deliberately walk or run into or shoulder another player.
<p><i>Throwing the ball at or near a Player, umpire of official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.</i></p> <p><b>Sportsmanship Again!</b></p>	This regulation will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion.
<p><i>Using language that is obscene, offensive or of a generally insulting nature to another Player, umpire, Referee, Team Official or spectator. (It is acknowledged that there will be verbal exchanges between Players in the course of play. Rather than seeking to eliminate these exchanges entirely, umpires may look to lay charges when this falls below an acceptable standard.</i></p> <p><b>Exercise your limits and stay civil</b></p>	<p>In this instance, This is any language or gesture which is directed at another person or persons. In exercising his judgement as to whether the behaviour has fallen below an acceptable standard, the umpire seeking to lay a charge shall be required to take into account the context of the particular situation and whether the words or gesture are likely to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be regarded as obscene; or</li> <li>• give offence; or</li> <li>• insult another person.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Changing the condition of the ball</i></p> <p><b>Fair Play!</b></p>	<p>Any action(s) likely to alter the condition of the ball which were not specifically permitted under MCA or ICC Law may be regarded as 'unfair'.</p> <p>The following actions shall not be permitted (This list of actions is not exhaustive but included for illustrative purposes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the</li> </ul>



	<p>purpose of roughening it up;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applying any artificial substance to the ball; and applying any non-artificial substance for any purpose other than to polish the ball;</li> <li>• Lifting or otherwise interfering with any of the seams of the ball.</li> <li>• Scratching the surface of the ball with finger or thumb nails or any implement.</li> </ul> <p>The umpires shall use their judgment to apply the principle that actions taken to maintain or enhance the condition of the ball, provided no artificial substances are used, shall be permitted. Any actions taken with the purpose of damaging the condition of the ball or accelerating the deterioration of the condition of the ball shall not be permitted.</p>
<p><i>Any attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points or otherwise.</i></p> <p><b>Act Responsibly and Ethically</b></p>	<p>The Captain shall be held responsible.</p>
<p><i>Failure by a Captain to ensure that his team meets the minimum over rate requirements</i></p> <p><b>Accept Responsibility and Lead</b></p>	<p>Subjective intent on behalf of the Captain to waste time is not required. It is sufficient to establish that the required over rate was not met. To avoid liability under this offence the Captain would need to establish that the shortfall was due to factors beyond his control and that the time allowances permitted by the match officials in calculating the required over rate were not sufficient. The presence or absence of subjective intent and the extent of the shortfall shall be relevant in relation to the issue of penalty.</p>
<p><i>Using any language or gesture that offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, color, descent or national or ethnic origin.</i></p> <p><b>Respect the Diversity. Diverse cultures and skills</b></p>	<p>Self Explanatory</p>

\* These are general guidelines, adopted from ICC regulations, and not in any way limited or imply complete MCA regulations. In absence of any MCA regulations, ICC standards will be applied as always. The club should adhere to these general guidelines and the Grievance Committee makes independent decision based on material and witness testimonial. It is the responsibility of the captains to maintain discipline and team spirit in the field at all times.