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Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OTHER CRICKET EVENTS

INTRODUCTION

CA is the national federation responsible for the governance of the sport of cricket and the Code of Conduct for *Other Cricket Events* (the “**Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events**”) together with the *CA Code of Conduct* are adopted and implemented as part of CA’s continuing efforts to maintain the public image, popularity and integrity of cricket by providing:

- a) an effective means to deter any participant from conducting themselves improperly on and off the ‘field-of-play’ or in a manner that is contrary to the ‘spirit of cricket’; and
- b) a robust disciplinary procedure pursuant to which all matters of improper conduct can be dealt with fairly, with certainty and in an expeditious manner.

Unless otherwise indicated, references to Articles and Appendices are to articles and appendices of the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events. Words in italicised text in the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events are defined terms and their definitions are set out in Appendix 1.

ARTICLE 1 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- 1.1 All *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* are automatically bound by and required to comply with all of the provisions of the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events when participating in a *Tournament*. Accordingly, by their participation or involvement in a *Tournament*, such *Players* or *Player Support Personnel* shall be deemed to have agreed:

- 1.1.1** that it is their personal responsibility to familiarise themselves with all of the requirements of the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events, including what behaviour constitutes an offence under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events;
- 1.1.2** to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of any *Match Referee, Commissioner* or *Appeals Commissioner* (as the case may be) convened under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events to hear and determine charges brought (and any appeals in relation thereto) pursuant to the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events; and
- 1.1.3** not to bring any proceedings in any court or other forum that are inconsistent with the foregoing submission to the jurisdiction of the *Match Referee, Commissioner* or *Appeals Commissioner*.
- 1.2** Without prejudice to Article 1.1, *CA* and the *State or Territory Associations* and *Clubs* shall be responsible for promoting Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events awareness and education amongst all *Players* and *Player Support Personnel*.
- 1.3** It is acknowledged that *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* may also be subject to other rules of *CA*, a *National Cricket Federation State or Territory Associations* (including, but not limited to, individual teams establishing their own internal rules for behaviour), *Association, Club* and/or *Centre* that govern discipline and/or behaviour, and that the same behaviour of such *Players* and/or *Player Support Personnel* may invoke not only the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events but also such other rules that may apply. For the avoidance of any doubt, *Players* and *Player Support Personnel* acknowledge and agree that:

- a) the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events is not intended to limit the responsibilities of any Player or Player Support Personnel under such other rules and will not in any way restrict the imposition of penalties for breach of those rules; and
- b) nothing in such other rules shall be capable of removing, superseding or amending in any way the jurisdiction of the Match Referee, Commissioner or Appeals Commissioner to determine matters properly arising pursuant to the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events.

1.4 Where it is alleged that a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has breached an undertaking given in accepting an invitation to represent *CA* or a *State or Territory Association* or *Club* or to officiate, or that a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has breached a contract with, or letter of invitation from, *CA* or any *State or Territory Association* or *Club*, proceedings under this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events will not preclude or limit *CA* or any *State or Territory Association* or *Club*, or any other party to such contract, letter of invitation or agreement, from taking legal or other action against any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* who may have committed a breach thereof.

1.5 For the avoidance of doubt, where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is bound by the *CA Code of Conduct*, the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* will be bound by, be required to comply with, and shall submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events for the period of a *Match* during the *Tournament* only and the jurisdiction of the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events will take precedence over the *CA Code of Conduct* for the duration of the *Match* only. Without in any way limiting the *CA Code of Conduct*, at all other times (for the avoidance of doubt includes without limitation, all matters outside a *Match* during the *Tournament* and off-field matters), where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is

bound by the *CA Code of Conduct*, the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* will be automatically bound by, required to comply with, and shall submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the *CA Code of Conduct*.

ARTICLE 2 CODE OF CONDUCT OFFENCES

The Preamble to the Laws of Cricket sets out the Spirit of Cricket as follows:

The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket.

The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, umpires and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.

Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.

Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.

Play hard and play fair.

Accept the umpire's decision.

Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct, and encourage others to do likewise.

Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.

Congratulate the opposition on their successes, and enjoy those of your own team.

Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.

Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.

The behaviour described in Articles 2.1 – 2.4, if committed by a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* during the *Tournament* shall amount to an offence by such *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events.

NOTE: Where considered helpful, guidance notes have been provided in text boxes beneath the description of a particular offence. Such notes are intended only to provide guidance as to the nature and examples of certain conduct that might be prohibited by a particular Article and should not be read as an exhaustive or limiting list of conduct prohibited by such Article.

NOTE: For the purposes of the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events, the phrase “during a Match” should be interpreted broadly to cover all conduct which takes place at the ground on the day of a Match, and not just conduct which takes place on the field of play. It will therefore include conduct which takes place off the field of play, for example in the changing rooms, or during any of the intervals in the match.

NOTE: For the avoidance of doubt, in circumstances where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is involved in an off-field incident which may warrant action under this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events, the CA Code of Conduct and the ICC Code of Conduct or any code of conduct or disciplinary rules of the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*’s National Cricket Federation (if not CA), CA will consult with the ICC or relevant National Cricket Federation in order to determine what the most appropriate course of action against the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* should be.

2.1 **Level 1 Offences:**

2.1.1 Breach of the Clothing and Equipment Regulations of the *Tournament*, save for breaches relating to a 'Commercial Logo' or a 'Player's Bat Logo' as those terms are defined therein (if any).

NOTE: *One of the core objectives of the Clothing and Equipment Regulations for any Tournament are to ensure appropriate and professional standards of appearance on the field of play and to prevent those practices that undermine that objective (for example the cover up/alteration of clothing and equipment with sticking plaster or marker pens, the wearing of batting pads painted with paint that subsequently fades or falls off and/or the use of prohibited logos).*

For the avoidance of any doubt, there shall be no requirement that the Umpire must first provide a warning to the offending person to remove or cover up a prohibited logo before a breach of this Article can be established.

2.1.2 Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings during a *Match*.

NOTE: *Article 2.1.2 includes any action(s) outside the course of normal cricket actions, such as hitting or kicking the wickets or any other fixtures or fittings including but not limited to the advertising boards, boundary fences, dressing room doors, mirrors, windows and other fixtures and fittings. For the avoidance of doubt, the wickets or any other fixtures or fittings do not need to be damaged in order to constitute a breach of Article 2.1.2.*

For example, this offence may be committed, without limitation, when a Player swings his/her bat vigorously in frustration and hits an advertising board.

2.1.3 Throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment including, without limitation, a bat, helmet or water bottle) at or near a *Player, Player Support Personnel*, or any other third person in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner during a *Match*.

NOTE: This Article will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion, or from throwing the ball at the stumps or to a team member when attempting a run out.

When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors shall be taken into account: (a) the context of the particular situation, including without limitation, whether the action was deliberate, reckless, negligent and/or avoidable; (b) whether the ball/object struck the other person; (c) the speed at which the ball/object was thrown; and (d) the distance from which the ball/object was thrown.

2.1.4 Showing dissent at an *Umpire's* decision during a *Match*.

NOTE: Without limitation, Article 2.1.4 may include: (a) excessive, obvious disappointment with an *Umpire's* decision; (b) an obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket; (c) shaking the head; (d) pointing or looking at the inside edge when given out lbw; (e) pointing to the pad or rubbing the shoulder when caught behind; (f) snatching the cap from the *Umpire*; (g) requesting a referral to the TV *Umpire* (other than in the context of a legitimate request for a referral as may be permitted in such *Match*); and (h) arguing or entering into a prolonged discussion with the *Umpire* about his or her decision.

It shall not be a defence to any charge brought under this Article to show that the *Umpire* might have, or in fact did, get any decision wrong.

2.1.5 Using a gesture(s) that is obscene, offensive or insulting during a *Match*.

NOTE: Article 2.1.5 includes, without limitation, obscene gestures whether directed to a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* or about another person or not. This offence is not intended to penalise trivial behaviour.

When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors shall be taken into account: (a) the context of the particular situation; and (b) whether the gesture(s) is likely to: (i) be regarded as obscene; (ii) give offence; or (iii) insult another person.

2.1.6 Using language, actions or gestures which disparage or which could provoke an aggressive reaction from a batter upon his/her dismissal during a *Match*.

NOTE: Article 2.1.6 includes any language, action or gesture used by a Player and directed towards a batter upon his/her dismissal which has the potential to provoke an aggressive reaction from the dismissed batter, or which could be considered to disparage or demean the dismissed batter, regardless of whether the batter feels disparaged or demeaned (in other words, a 'send off'). Without limitation, Article 2.1.6 includes: (a) excessive celebration directed at and in close proximity to the dismissed batter; (b) verbally abusing the dismissed batter; (c) pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion.

Nothing in this Article 2.1.6 is intended to stop Players celebrating, in an appropriate fashion, the dismissal of a batter.

2.1.7 Excessive appealing during a Match.

NOTE: For the purposes of Article 2.1.7, 'excessive' may include: (a) repeated appealing of the same decision/appeal; (b) repeated appealing of different decisions/appeals when the bowler/fielder knows the batter is not out with the intention of placing the Umpire under pressure; (c) charging or advancing towards the Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing; or (d) celebrating or assuming a dismissal before the decision has been given. It is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing.

2.1.8 Inappropriate physical contact with a Player, Player Support Personnel (other than an Umpire or Match Referee) or with any other person (including a spectator), during a Match.

NOTE: Cricket is a non-contact sport and, as such, any form of inappropriate physical contact is prohibited in cricket. Without limitation, Players or Player Support Personnel will breach this Article if they deliberately, recklessly and/or negligently walk, "shoulder", or run into another Player, Player Support Personnel (other than an Umpire or Match Referee) or any other person.

2.1.9 Use of an audible obscenity during a Match.

NOTE: Article 2.1.9 covers the use of words commonly known and understood to be offensive, obscene and/or profane (in any language) which can be heard by spectators and/or the viewing public whether by way of the stump microphone or otherwise. This conduct may include, for example, swearing in frustration at one's own play or fortune.

2.1.10 Disobeying an *Umpire's* instruction during a *Match*.

NOTE: Article 2.1.10 includes any repeated failure to comply with the instruction or directive of an *Umpire* during a *Match*.

2.1.11 Committing a reportable breach of any of the Laws of Cricket that relate to Unfair Play set out in Law 41 of the Laws of Cricket, as modified by condition 41 in each set of CA's domestic match playing conditions, other than breaches relating to changing the condition of the ball that are covered by Article 2.3.6.

NOTE: Article 2.1.11 provides umpires with a mechanism for reporting any reportable breaches that relate to Unfair Play other than breaches relating to changing the condition of the ball which shall be dealt with under Article 2.3.5. Breaches of Article 2.1.11 includes but is not limited to: (a) deliberate attempt to distract striker; (b) deliberate distraction, deception or obstruction of batter; (c) bowling of a dangerous and unfair short pitched deliveries; (d) bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching deliveries; (e) bowling of deliberate front-foot No ball; (f) time wasting by the fielding side; (g) batter wasting time; (h) fielder damaging the pitch; (i) bowling running on protected area; (j) batter damaging the pitch; (k) striker in protected area; (l) non-striker leaving his ground early; (m) batter stealing a run; or (n) unfair actions.

When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors shall be taken into account (a) the context of the particular situation, including without limitation and where relevant, whether the action was deliberate, reckless, negligent and/or avoidable; (b) the potential for the action to injure another Player or Umpire; and (c) the degree of advantage offered by the 'unfair play'.

2.1.12 Where the facts of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by an offence under Articles 2.1.1 to 2.1.11, conduct during a *Match* that either: (a) is contrary to the Spirit of Cricket; (b) is unbecoming of a representative or official; (c) is or could be harmful to the interests of cricket; or (d) does or could bring the game of cricket into disrepute.

NOTE: Article 2.1.12 is intended to be a 'catch-all' provision to cover all types of conduct that is not (and, because of its nature, cannot be) adequately covered by the specific offences set out in Articles 2.1.1 to 2.1.11.

The Spirit of Cricket defined by reference to the Preamble to the Laws of Cricket and involves respect for (a) your opponents, (b) your captain and team, (c) the role of the umpires and (d) the game and its traditional values.

Article 2.1.12 includes but is not limited to:

- the use of illegal equipment during a Match; and/or
- disobeying a Match Referee's instruction.

2.2 Level 2 Offences:

2.2.1 Breach of the *Clothing and Equipment Regulations* for the *Tournament* during a *Match* relating to a 'Commercial Logo' or a 'Player's Bat Logo' as those terms are defined (if any).

NOTE: Article 2.2.1 only relates to breaches of the regulations regarding 'Commercial Logos' and 'Player's Bat Logos'.

For the avoidance of any doubt, there shall be no requirement that the Umpire must first provide a warning to the offending person to remove or cover up a prohibited logo before a breach of this Article can be established.

2.2.2 Showing serious dissent at an *Umpire's* decision during a *Match*.

NOTE: Dissent, including the examples given in Article 2.1.4 above, will be classified as 'serious' when the conduct contains an element of anger or abuse that is directed at the Umpire or the Umpire's decision or where there is excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket or where there is persistent reference to the incident over time.

It shall not be a defence to any charge brought under this Article to show that the Umpire might have, or in fact did, get any decision wrong.

2.2.3 Public or media comment that is detrimental to the interests of cricket, irrespective of when or where such comment is made.

NOTE: *Without limitation, Players and Player Support Personnel will be deemed to have made comment detrimental to the interests of cricket in breach of Article 2.2.3 if they:*

- *Publicly denigrate or criticise a Player or Player Support Personnel, or a team against which they are playing or have played, whether or not in relation to incidents which occurred in a Match, or against which they are likely to play;*
- *Denigrate or criticise CA, the ICC, a State or Territory Association, Big Bash League or any Women's Big Bash League team or any of their respective commercial partners;*
- *Denigrate or criticise a representative, official (for the avoidance of doubt includes Match Referee and Umpire), employee, volunteer or official contractor of CA, the ICC, a State or Territory Association, Big Bash League, any Women's Big Bash League team or Venue Operator;*
- *Denigrate a country in which they are touring or have toured or are likely to be touring or officiating;*
- *Denigrate the home country of a touring team against which they are playing or have played or are likely to be playing or in respect of which they are officiating or have officiated or are or are likely to be officiating;*
- *Comment on the likely outcome of a hearing of a Report or an appeal;*
- *Criticise the outcome of a hearing of a Report or an appeal under this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events; or*
- *Criticise any evidence, submission or other comment made by any person at the hearing of a Report or any appeal under this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events.*

When assessing whether there has been a breach or the seriousness of the offence, the context within which the comments have been made and the gravity of the offending comments must be taken into account.

For the avoidance of doubt, any posting by a Player or Player Support Personnel of comments on a social media platform (including, without limitation, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Google+, Pinterest, LinkedIn and Snapchat) shall be deemed to be 'public' for the purposes of this offence.

2.2.4 Inappropriate physical contact with a *Player, Player Support Personnel* (other than an *Umpire* or *Match Referee*) or with any other person (including a spectator), during a *Match*.

NOTE: *Cricket is a non-contact sport and, as such, any form of inappropriate physical contact is prohibited in cricket. Without limitation, Without limitation, Players or Player Support Personnel will breach this Article if they deliberately, recklessly and/or negligently walk or run into or shoulder another Player, Player Support Personnel (other than an Umpire or Match Referee) or any other person.*

2.2.5 Throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment including without limitation a bat, helmet or water bottle) at or near a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* or any other third person in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner during a *Match*.

NOTE: *This Article will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion, or from throwing the ball at the stumps or to a teammate when attempting a run out.*

When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors shall be taken into account (a) the context of the particular situation, including without limitation, whether the action was deliberate, reckless, negligent and/or avoidable; (b) whether the ball/object struck the other person; (c) the speed at which the ball/object was thrown; (d) and the distance from which the ball/object was thrown.

2.2.6 Using a gesture(s) that is seriously obscene, seriously offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* or any other third person during a *Match*.

NOTE: Article 2.2.6 includes, without limitation, seriously obscene or offensive gesture(s) whether directed to or about another person or not. This offence is not intended to penalise trivial behaviour.

When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors shall be taken into account: (a) the context of the particular situation; and (b) whether the gesture(s) is likely to: (i) be regarded as seriously obscene; or (ii) give serious offence; or (iii) seriously insult another person.

2.2.7 Personal abuse of a Player or Player Support Personnel during a Match.

NOTE: Article 2.2.7 is intended to cover language of a personal, insulting, obscene and/or offensive nature whether directed to any Player and/or Player Support Personnel or about another person during a Match.

When considering the seriousness of the offence, consideration shall be given to whether the language was excessive and/or orchestrated.

2.2.8 Committing a reportable breach of any of the Laws of Cricket that relate to Unfair Play set out in Law 41 of the Laws of Cricket, as modified by condition 41 in each set of CA's domestic match playing conditions, other than breaches relating to changing the condition of the ball that are covered by Article 2.3.6.

NOTE: Article 2.2.8 provides umpires with a mechanism for reporting any reportable breaches that relate to Unfair Play the outcome of which have greater impact than an Article 2.1.11 breach relating to changing the condition of the ball which shall be dealt with under Article 2.3.6. Breaches of Article 2.2.8 includes but is not limited to: (a) deliberate attempt to distract striker; (b) deliberate distraction, deception or obstruction of batter; (c) bowling of a dangerous and unfair short pitched deliveries; (d) bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching deliveries; (e) bowling of deliberate front-foot No ball; (f) time wasting by the fielding side; (g) batter wasting time; (h) fielder damaging the pitch; (i) bowling running on protected area; (j) batter damaging the pitch; (k) striker in protected area; (l) non-striker leaving his ground early; (m) batter stealing a run; or (n) unfair actions.

When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors shall be taken into account: (a) the context of the particular situation, including without limitation and where relevant; (b) whether the action was deliberate, reckless,

negligent and/or avoidable; (c) the potential for the action to injure another Player or Umpire; and (d) the degree of advantage offered by the 'unfair play'.

2.2.9 Any attempt to manipulate a *Match* for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons.

NOTE: *Article 2.2.9 is intended to prevent the manipulation of a Match or Matches for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons e.g. prohibit incidents where a team bats in such a way as to either adversely affect its own, or improve its opponent's, bonus points, net run rate or quotient. The Team Captain of any team that committed such conduct shall be held responsible (and subject to sanction) for any offence found to have been committed under this Article.*

Article 2.2.9 is not intended to cover any corrupt or fraudulent acts (including any use of inside information and/or related betting activity). Such conduct is prohibited under the CA Anti-Corruption Code and must be dealt with according to the procedures set out therein.

Without limiting Article 2.2.9, the Team Captain of the offending side may breach this Article 2.2.9 in the event that the Player or Player Support Personnel involved in the breach are not able to be identified, or where the breach was planned or systematic to the extent that the Team Captain either knew, or ought to have known, that the breach was occurring.

2.2.10 Where the facts of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, conduct at any time that either: (a) is contrary to the Spirit of Cricket; (b) is unbecoming of a representative or official; (c) is or could be harmful to the interests of cricket; or (d) does or could bring the game of cricket into disrepute.

NOTE: *Article 2.2.10 is intended to be a 'catch-all' provision to cover all types of misconduct of a serious nature that is not (and, because of its nature, cannot be) adequately covered by the specific offences set out elsewhere in this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events.*

The Spirit of Cricket is defined by reference to the Preamble to the Laws of Cricket and involves respect for (a) your opponents, (b) your captain and team, (c) the role of the umpires and (d) the game and its traditional values.

Article 2.2.10 includes but is not limited to:

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| (i) | <i>On-Field</i> |
| • | <i>The use of illegal equipment during a Match; and/or</i> |
| • | <i>Cheating during a Match, including deliberate attempts to mislead the Umpire.</i> |
| (ii) | <i>Off-Field</i> |
| • | <i>Criminal conduct;</i> |
| • | <i>Public acts of misconduct;</i> |
| • | <i>Unruly public behaviour; and/or</i> |
| • | <i>Sexual misconduct.</i> |

2.2.11 Failing or refusing, without compelling justification, to cooperate with any investigation in accordance with clause 12.5 of the Player Contract or as reasonably requested by the *Head of Integrity*.

2.3 Level 3 Offences:

2.3.1 Intimidation or attempted intimidation of an *Umpire* or *Match Referee* whether by language or conduct (including gestures) during a *Match*.

<p>NOTE: Article 2.3.1 is intended to cover any form of intimidation of an <i>Umpire</i> or <i>Match Referee</i>. It includes, without limitation: (a) any form of continual verbal or physical harassment; (b) any form of intentional behaviour that would cause the person at whom it is being directed to fear injury or harm; and (c) attempts to impede or block movement.</p>

2.3.2 Inappropriate physical contact with an *Umpire* or *Match Referee* during a *Match*.

<p>NOTE: Cricket is a non-contact sport and, as such, any form of inappropriate physical contact is prohibited in cricket.</p>

2.3.3 Threat of assault or physical abuse on another *Player*, *Player Support Personnel* (other than an *Umpire* or *Match*

Referee) or any other person (including a spectator) during a Match.

NOTE: This offence is not intended to cover threats of assault against Umpires or Match Referees, which is prohibited under Article 2.4.1.

2.3.4 Personal abuse of a Player or Player Support Personnel during a Match.

NOTE: Article 2.3.4 is intended to cover a Player or Player Support Personnel directing language of a personal, insulting, obscene and/or offensive nature at any Player, Player Support Personnel during a Match.

When considering the seriousness of the offence, the Umpire is required to consider whether such language was excessive and/or orchestrated.

2.3.5 Public or media comment that is very detrimental to the interests of cricket, irrespective of when or where such comment is made.

NOTE: Without limitation, Players and Player Support Personnel will be deemed to have made comment very detrimental to the interests of cricket in breach of Article 2.3.5 if they (to a more serious degree than detrimental comment that would otherwise be captured by Article 2.2.3):

- *Publicly denigrate or criticise a Player or Player Support Personnel, or a team against which they are playing or have played, whether or not in relation to incidents which occurred in a Match, or against which they are likely to play;*
- *Denigrate or criticise CA, the ICC, a State or Territory Association, Big Bash League or any Women's Big Bash League team or any of their respective commercial partners;*
- *Denigrate or criticise a representative, official (for the avoidance of doubt includes Match Referee and Umpire), employee, volunteer or official contractor of CA, the ICC, a State or Territory Association, Big Bash League, any Women's Big Bash League team or Venue Operator;*
- *Denigrate a country in which they are touring or have toured or are likely to be touring or officiating;*

- *Denigrate the home country of a touring team against which they are playing or have played or are likely to be playing or in respect of which they are officiating or have officiated or are likely to be officiating;*
- *Comment on the likely outcome of a hearing of a Report or an appeal;*
- *Criticise the outcome of a hearing of a Report or an appeal under this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events; or*
- *Criticise any evidence, submission or other comment made by any person at the hearing of a Report or any appeal under this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events.*

When assessing whether there has been a breach or the seriousness of the offence, the context within which the comments have been made and the gravity of the offending comments must be taken into account.

For the avoidance of doubt, any posting by a Player or Player Support Personnel of comments on a social media platform (including, without limitation, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Google+, Pinterest, LinkedIn and Snapchat) shall be deemed to be 'public' for the purposes of this offence.

2.3.6 Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 41.3 of the Laws of Cricket, as modified by the relevant Playing Conditions of the *Tournament* (if any).

NOTE: *This offence supplements and does not replace condition 41.3 in each set of CA's domestic match playing conditions.*

Any action(s) likely to alter the condition of the ball which were not specifically permitted under Law 41.3.2 may be regarded as 'unfair'. The following actions shall therefore, not be permitted (this list of actions is not exhaustive but included for illustrative purposes): (a) deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening it up; (b) applying any artificial substance to the ball; and applying any non-artificial substance for any purpose other than to polish the ball; (c) lifting or otherwise interfering with any of the seams of the ball; (d) scratching the surface of the ball with finger or thumb nails or any implement.

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.

Without limiting Article 2.3.6, the Team Captain of the offending side may breach this Article 2.3.6 in the event that the Player or Player Support Personnel involved in the breach are not able to be identified, or where the breach was planned or systematic to the extent that the Team Captain either knew, or ought to have known, that the breach was occurring

2.3.7 Attempting to gain an unfair advantage during a Match.

NOTE: *Article 2.3.7 is intended to cover any attempts to cheat or gain an unfair advantage during a Match (other than conduct prohibited under CA's Anti-Corruption Code, which must be dealt with according to the procedures set out therein). It includes, without limitation: (a) deliberate attempts to deceive an Umpire (for example by claiming a catch when the Player concerned knew that he/she had not caught the ball cleanly); (b) conspiring with other Players and/or Player Support Personnel to do anything which constitutes an attempt to gain an unfair advantage; or (c) taking a foreign object onto the field whose most likely reason for being there is to change the condition of the ball.*

Without limiting Article 2.3.7, the Team Captain of the offending side may breach this Article 2.3.7 in the event that the Player or Player Support Personnel involved in the breach are not able to be identified, or where the breach was planned or systematic to the extent that the Team Captain either knew, or ought to have known, that the breach was occurring

2.3.8 Where the facts of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, conduct at any time that either: (a) is contrary to the Spirit of Cricket; (b) is unbecoming of a representative or official; (c) is or could be harmful to the interests of cricket; or (d) does or could bring the game of cricket into disrepute.

NOTE: *Article 2.3.8 is intended to be a 'catch-all' provision to cover all types of misconduct of a very serious nature that is not (and, because of its nature, cannot be) adequately covered by the specific offences set out elsewhere in this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events.*

The Spirit of Cricket is defined by reference to the Preamble to the Laws of Cricket and involves respect for (a) your opponents, (b) your captain and team, (c) the role of the umpires and (d) the game and its traditional values.

Article 2.3.8 includes but is not limited to:

- (i) On-Field

- *Cheating during a Match, including deliberate attempts to mislead the Umpire; and/or*
 - *Any conduct that is considered against the spirit in which the game of cricket should be played.*
- (ii) *Off-Field*
- *Serious or repeated criminal conduct;*
 - *Serious or repeated public acts of misconduct;*
 - *Serious or repeated unruly public behaviour; and/or*
 - *Serious or repeated sexual misconduct.*

2.4 Level 4 Offences:

2.4.1 Threat of assault or physical abuse of an *Umpire* or *Match Referee* during a *Match*.

2.4.2 Physical assault of another *Player*, *Player Support Personnel* or any other person (including a spectator) during a *Match*.

NOTE: *Without limitation, a Player or Player Support Personnel will breach this Article 2.4.2 if they intentionally or recklessly cause the Player, Player Support Personnel or any other person bodily harm or injury.*

2.4.3 Any act of violence on the field of play during a *Match*.

NOTE: *Cricket is a non-contact sport and, as such, inappropriate physical contact of a serious nature will not be tolerated.*

2.4.4 Use language or gestures that seriously offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent, sexuality or national or ethnic origin.

NOTE: *This offence is not intended to limit the operation of CA's Anti-Racism Code.*

2.4.5 Where the facts of the alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, conduct at any time that either: (a) is contrary to the Spirit of Cricket; (b) is unbecoming of a representative or official; (c) is or could be

harmful to the interests of cricket; or (d) does or could bring the game of cricket into disrepute.

NOTE: Article 2.4.5 is intended to be a 'catch-all' provision to cover all types of misconduct of an extremely serious nature that is not (and, because of its nature, cannot be) adequately covered by the specific offences set out elsewhere in this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events.

The Spirit of Cricket is defined by reference to the Preamble to the Laws of Cricket and involves respect for (a) your opponents, (b) your captain and team, (c) the role of the umpires and (d) the game and its traditional values.

Article 2.4.5 includes but is not limited to:

(i) On-Field

- Cheating during a Match, including deliberate attempts to mislead the Umpire; and/or
- Any conduct that is considered against the spirit in which the game of cricket should be played.

(ii) Off-Field

- Extremely serious or repeated criminal conduct;
- Extremely serious or repeated public acts of misconduct;
- Extremely serious or repeated unruly public behaviour; and/or
- Extremely serious or repeated sexual misconduct.

ARTICLE 3 INVESTIGATION AND REPORTING AN ALLEGED OFFENCE UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OTHER CRICKET EVENTS

Reports

3.1 Any one of the following individuals can report an alleged offence under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events by lodging a report in the manner described in Article 3.2, below (a “**Report**”):

3.1.1 an *Umpire* who officiated in the *Match* during or in relation to which the alleged offence was committed;

- 3.1.2** the Chief Executive Officer (or his or her designee) of either of the two *State or Territory Associations* (including Big Bash League and Women's Big Bash League Teams and *Indoor Cricket* teams) whose representative teams participated in the *Match* during or in relation to which the alleged offence was committed;
- 3.1.3** *CA's Chief Executive Officer* (or his or her designee);
- 3.1.4** any *State or Territory Association* Chief Executive Officer in respect of which the relevant *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is employed or contracted or retained;
- 3.1.5** the *Club Representative* of either of the two participating teams participating in the *Match* during or in relation to which the alleged offence was committed;
- 3.1.6** the *CA Event Manager* of the *Tournament* during or in relation to which the alleged offence was committed; or
- 3.1.7** provided it is a *Level 3 Offence* or *Level 4 Offence* that is alleged to have been committed during a *Match*, the *Match Referee* who was appointed to officiate in that *Match* during which the alleged offence was committed. For the avoidance of any doubt, the *Match Referee* is not entitled to lodge a *Report* in relation to an alleged *Level 1 Offence* or *Level 2 Offence*.

NOTE: For the avoidance of doubt, at all times during which the Umpires are deliberating over whether to report a Player or Player Support Personnel for an alleged Level 1 or Level 2 offence under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events, the Match Referee must remove him or herself from the presence of the Umpires and/or any conversations in which deliberations are taking place and shall not influence or attempt to influence the Umpires in connection with those deliberations.

Players and Player Support Personnel must not (i) enter any location allocated to the Umpires, the Match Referee or the CA Event Manager for the purpose of, or with the intent of, discussing any possible or actual Report (unless permitted by the Umpires, Match Referee or CA Event Manager, as the case may be) or (ii) attempt to influence the Umpires, Match Referee or CA Event Manager in connection with any possible or actual Report.

3.2 All *Reports* must be completed on Form “Rep 1” (or such other form as may be made available for such purpose by CA from time to time). All *Reports* must be signed and dated by the person lodging the *Report*. Prior to the start of each *Tournament*, the *State or Territory Association* hosting such *Tournament* shall ensure that all officiating *Umpires* and *Match Referees* are provided with at least five (5) copies of the Form “Rep 1” for each *Match* during the *Tournament*. In addition, each *State or Territory Association* shall ensure that a sufficient number of additional copies of the Form “Rep 1” are available at each venue at which *Matches* are played in their respective *State or Territory* or under their auspices for use by any person designated under Article 3.1. CA shall ensure that an electronic copy of the Form “Rep 1” is posted on its official website (currently www.cricketaustralia.com.au) for use, if necessary, by any person designated under Article 3.1.

3.2.1 Where the *Report* is lodged by any of the individuals described in Articles 3.1.1 or 3.1.2 in relation to:

3.2.1.1 a *Level 1 Offence* or a *Level 2 Offence* that is alleged to have been committed on the field of play during a *Match*, then the *Report* must be lodged with the *Match Referee* (or, where, for logistical reasons, it is impractical to lodge with the *Match Referee*, the *CA Event Manager*) within twenty-four hours of the close of the day’s play in the relevant *Match*; or

3.2.1.2 a *Level 3 Offence* or a *Level 4 Offence* that is alleged to have been committed on the field of play during a *Match*, then the *Report* must be lodged with the *Head of Integrity* as soon as reasonably practicable and, in any event no later than seven (7) days after either (a) the commission of the alleged offence or (b) the alleged offence was brought to the attention of the person lodging the *Report*, whichever is the later.

3.2.2 Where the *Report* is lodged by any of the individuals described in Article 3.1.3, 3.1.4 or 3.1.5 in relation to:

3.2.2.1 a *Level 1 Offence* or a *Level 2 Offence* that is alleged to have been committed on the field of play during a *Match*, then the *Report* must be lodged with the *Match Referee* (or, where, for logistical reasons, it is impractical to lodge with the *Match Referee*, the *CA Event Manager*) within five (5) days of the alleged offence being brought to the attention of the person making the *Report*, or

3.2.2.2 a *Level 2 Offence* that is alleged to have been committed at any time or place other than on the field of play during a *Match*, then the *Report* must be lodged with the *CA Event Manager* as soon as reasonably practicable and, in any event no later than seven (7) days after either (a) the commission of the alleged offence; or (b) the alleged offence was brought to the attention of the person lodging the *Report*, whichever is the later; or

3.2.2.3 a *Level 3 Offence* or a *Level 4 Offence* that is alleged to have been committed at any time or place

(whether during a *Match* or otherwise), then the *Report* must be lodged with the *Head of Integrity* as soon as reasonably practicable and, in any event no later than ten (10) days after either (a) the commission of the alleged offence or (b) the alleged offence was brought to the attention of the person lodging the *Report*, whichever is the later.

3.2.3 Where the *Report* is lodged by the individual described in Article 3.1.6 in relation to:

3.2.3.1 a *Level 2 Offence* that is alleged to have been committed at any time or place other than on the field of play during a *Match*, then the *Report* must be lodged with the *Head of Integrity* as soon as reasonably practicable and, in any event no later than seven (7) days after either (a) the commission of the alleged offence; or (b) the alleged offence was brought to the attention of the person lodging the *Report*, whichever is the later; or

3.2.3.2 a *Level 3 Offence* or a *Level 4 Offence* that is alleged to have been committed at any time or place (whether during a *Match* or otherwise), then the *Report* must be lodged with the *Head of Integrity* as soon as reasonably practicable and, in any event no later than ten (10) days after either (a) the commission of the alleged offence or (b) the alleged offence was brought to the attention of the person lodging the *Report*, whichever is the later.

3.2.4 Where the *Report* is lodged by the individual described in Article 3.1.7 in relation to a *Level 3 Offence* or a *Level 4 Offence* that is alleged to have been committed during a

Match, then the *Report* must be lodged with the *Head of Integrity* as soon as reasonably practicable and, in any event no later than seven (7) days after the commission of the alleged offence.

- 3.3 Where it is alleged that a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has committed more than one offence under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events (whether arising out of the same set of facts or otherwise), then a separate *Report* should be filed in accordance with this Article 3 for each of the offences that are alleged to have been committed.

NOTE: For the avoidance of doubt, persons listed at Article 3.1, may only issue one Report per offence. As such, where the incident in question could fall within more than one offence under Article 2, for example Article 2.2.3 (detrimental public comment) and Article 2.2.10 (conduct that brings the game into disrepute) a Report should be laid only in respect of the offence which most specifically covers the relevant conduct (in the example above, Article 2.2.3) and not both offences.

Investigations

- 3.4 Where there is an allegation or reasonable suspicion of a breach of this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events under Articles 2.2.3, 2.2.10 or a Level 3 or Level 4 Offence by a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*, without limiting any contractual right to investigate, the *Head of Integrity* may, at his/her sole discretion commence an investigation, and appoint an investigations official to determine if a breach of the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events has been committed by the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* (an "***Investigation***").
- 3.5 The *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* agrees to honestly answer all questions put to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* in connection with such Investigation, other than in circumstances where such an answer would render the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* liable to prosecution for an indictable offence in Australia.

The *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* will be entitled to appoint a representative, including the *ACA* (only in circumstances where the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is a member of the *ACA*), to be present when all such questioning takes place.

3.6 The *Head of Integrity*, shall have discretion, where he/she deems appropriate, to:

3.6.1 issue a Form “Not1” (such documents comprising of the ‘**Notice of Charge**’) in accordance with Article 4.6 of this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events;

3.6.2 stay the Investigation pending the outcome of any investigations being conducted by the ICC and/or other *National Cricket Federations* and/or other relevant authorities; or

3.6.3 stay the Investigation pending the production of any further evidence; or

3.6.4 conclude the Investigation without *Notice of Charge*.

3.7 The *Head of Integrity*, shall have discretion to reopen any Investigation upon receipt of further evidence in respect of the initial Investigation.

ARTICLE 4 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Level 1 Offences and Level 2 Offences (except 2.2.3 and 2.2.11 – “off-field”)

4.1 Where a *Match Referee* or, where, for logistical reasons as contemplated by Article 3.2.2.1, the *CA Event Manager*, receives a *Report* lodged under Articles 3.2.1.1 or 3.2.2.1, he/she must

promptly provide a copy of the *Report*, together with a *Notice of Charge*, to the following individuals:

- 4.1.1 the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* named in the *Report*; and
- 4.1.2 the *Team Manager* of the relevant *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* named in the *Report*.

4.2 The *Notice of Charge* shall specify:

4.2.1 that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* shall have the following three options:

4.2.1.1 he/she may admit the offence charged and accede to the proposed sanction specified in the *Notice of Charge* (which sanction shall be strictly at the *Match Referee's* discretion, but at all times within the appropriate range for the level of offence). In such circumstances, and provided that such admission has been received by the *Match Referee* prior to the time specified in the *Notice of Charge*, the hearing before the *Match Referee* shall not be required and no further action shall be taken, save that the proposed sanction shall be imposed and CA shall promptly issue a public statement confirming (a) the commission of an offence under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events and (b) the imposition of the applicable sanction specified in the *Notice of Charge*; or

4.2.1.2 he/she may admit the offence charged but dispute the proposed sanction specified in the *Notice of*

Charge, in which case the matter shall proceed to a hearing in accordance with Article 5.1; or

4.2.1.3 he/she may deny the offence charged, in which case the matter shall proceed to a hearing in accordance with Article 5.1; and

4.2.2 the time and date by which the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* must respond to the Notice of Charge, nominating one of the options outlined in Article 4.2.1, which must, so far as is practicable, allow sufficient time for the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* to seek advice and/or representation. Where it is practicable to do so the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* may request a reasonable extension of time from the *Match Referee* or, where, for logistical reasons as contemplated by Article 3.2.2.1, the *CA Event Manager*, to respond to the Notice of Charge to seek advice and/or seek representation relating to the offence and proposed sanction, so long as the extension of time allows for a hearing to take place prior to the next scheduled *Match* that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is involved. For the avoidance of doubt, this time and date can be extended by CA in its discretion, acting reasonably.

4.3 The non-compliance of the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* to respond to the Notice of Charge or any extension of time in accordance with Article 4.2.2, unless there are extenuating circumstances, shall not prevent the *Match Referee* or, where, for logistical reasons as contemplated by Article 3.2.2.1, the *CA Event Manager*, from proceeding with the hearing in his/her absence in accordance with Article 5, provided the *Match Referee* or *CA Event Manager* has made reasonable enquiries as to why there is no response to the *Notice of Charge*.

Level 2.2.3 and 2.2.10 (“Off-Field” only) Offences, Level 3 Offences and Level 4 Offences:

- 4.4** Where the *Head of Integrity* receives a *Report* lodged under Articles 3.2.1.2, 3.2.2.2, 3.2.2.3, 3.2.3.1, 3.2.3.2 or 3.2.4, he/she (or his/her appropriately authorised designee) must promptly conduct a review to determine whether the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* named in the *Report* has a case to answer in relation to the specific type and/or level of offence identified in the *Report* (i.e. to determine, in CA’s opinion, whether the specific type and level of offence noted in the *Report* is properly identified when reviewed against the conduct complained of).
- 4.5** If the initial review of the *Report* reveals that there is no case to answer in relation to the specific type and/or level of offence, then CA shall notify the person who filed the *Report* of that fact, advising them of the reasons that such a determination has been made and, where applicable, providing guidance on which specific type and level of offence CA considers to be appropriate. Upon receipt of such a decision, the person who filed the *Report* shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3.2 and having considered CA’s guidance in good faith, within a period of twenty-four (24) hours from the time of notification by CA, notify CA whether he/she wishes to: (a) revise the specific type and/or level of the offence charged, in which case a revised *Report* must be lodged with CA within such twenty-four (24) period; (b) proceed on the basis of the original *Report* lodged; or (c) withdraw the *Report*.
- 4.6** If the initial review of the *Report* reveals that there is a case to answer, or a revised *Report* is lodged with CA pursuant to Article 4.4, then CA shall promptly provide a copy of the *Report*, together with a completed *Notice of Charge* to the following individuals:

- 4.6.1 the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* named in the *Report*; and
 - 4.6.2 *CA Chief Executive Officer* in the event that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is employed or contracted or retained by CA;
 - 4.6.3 the *Team Manager* of the relevant *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* named in the *Report*;
 - 4.6.4 the Chief Executive Officer of the *State or Territory Association* to which the relevant *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is affiliated (if any);
 - 4.6.5 where the *Tournament* includes participation by a *Club*, the *Club Representative* to which the relevant *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is affiliated and the *State and Territory Association Premier Cricket Manager*; and
 - 4.6.6 the *CA Event Manager* of the *Tournament*.
- 4.7 If the *Head of Integrity* determines that there has been an offence under Articles 2.2.3, 2.2.10 or a Level 3 or Level 4 offence following an Investigation conducted in accordance with Articles 3.4 to 3.7 of this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events, then CA shall provide a completed *Notice of Charge* to the following individuals:
- 4.7.1 the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* investigated;
 - 4.7.2 *CA Chief Executive Officer* in the event that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is employed or contracted or retained by CA;
 - 4.7.3 the *Team Manager* of the relevant *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* named in the *Report*;

- 4.7.4** the Chief Executive Officer of the *State or Territory Association* to which the relevant *Player or Player Support Personnel* is affiliated (If any);
- 4.7.5** where the *Tournament* includes participation by a *Club*, the *Club Representative* to which the relevant *Player or Player Support Personnel* is affiliated and the *State and Territory Association Premier Cricket Manager*; and
- 4.7.6** the *CA Event Manager* of the *Tournament*.
- 4.8** The *Notice of Charge* shall specify:
- 4.8.1** that the *Player or Player Support Personnel* shall have the following options:
- 4.8.1.1** he/she may admit the offence charged and accede to the proposed sanction specified in the *Notice of Charge* (which sanction shall be strictly at *CA's* discretion, but at all times within the appropriate range for the level of offence and at the discretion of the *Head of Integrity*, may include a suspended period of suspension or *Suspension Points*). In such circumstances, and provided that such admission has been received by the *Head of Integrity* prior to the time specified in the *Notice of Charge*, the hearing before the *Commissioner* shall not be required and no further action shall be taken, save that the proposed sanction shall be imposed and *CA* shall promptly issue a public statement confirming (a) the commission of an offence under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events and (b) the imposition of the applicable sanction specified in the *Notice of Charge*; or

4.8.1.2 he/she may admit the offence charged but dispute the proposed sanction specified in the *Notice of Charge*, in which case the matter shall proceed to a hearing in accordance with Article 5.2; or

4.8.1.3 he/she may deny the offence charged, in which case the matter shall proceed to a hearing in accordance with Article 5.2.

4.8.2 the time and date by which the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* must respond to the *Notice of Charge*, nominating one of the options outlined in Article 4.8.1, which must, so far as is practicable, allow sufficient time for the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* to seek advice and/or representation. Where it is practicable to do so the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* may request a reasonable extension of time from the *Head of Integrity* to respond to the *Notice of Charge*. For the avoidance of doubt, this time and date can be extended by CA in its discretion, acting reasonably.

ARTICLE 5 THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

NOTE: *Where a Match Referee appointed to adjudicate any matter brought under this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events is not physically present at the relevant Match (and therefore required to perform his/her duties remotely) then all hearings arising under Article 5.1 will be held by telephone conference or video conference (if available) and the provisions of Article 5.1 are to be interpreted accordingly.*

Level 1 Offences and Level 2 Offences (except 2.2.3 and 2.2.10 – “Off-Field”):

5.1 Where a matter proceeds to a hearing under Article 4.2.1.2 or 4.2.1.3, then the case shall be referred to the *Match Referee* for adjudication in accordance with the following procedure:

5.1.1 Subject to the discretion of the *Match Referee* to order otherwise for good cause shown by the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*, the hearing will take place at the time specified in the *Notice of Charge* (which should be held as soon as practicable, after the receipt by the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* of the *Notice of Charge*) and, subject to the note to Article 5, in the State or Territory in which the alleged offence was committed. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Article 5.1.1 prevents a hearing from being convened at a time during which the *Match* in relation to which the alleged offence took place, remains in progress.

5.1.2 The procedure followed at the hearing shall be at the discretion of the *Match Referee*, provided that the hearing is conducted in a manner which offers the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* a fair and reasonable opportunity to present evidence (including the right to call and to question witnesses by telephone or video-conference where necessary), address the *Match Referee* and present his/her case. Except to the extent specifically set out in Article 5 the *Match Referee* will conduct the hearing:

- (i) in private (unless the *Match Referee* agrees otherwise);

- (ii) with as little formality and technicality and as expeditiously, as proper consideration of the *Report* permits; and
- (iii) in all other respects as the *Match Referee* determines.

5.1.3 Where video evidence of the alleged offence is available at the hearing before the *Match Referee*, then it may be utilised by the *Match Referee* in his or her discretion and may be relied upon by any party, provided that in either case, all other parties shall have the right to make such representations in relation to the video evidence that they may see fit.

5.1.4 Unless exceptional circumstances apply, each of the following individuals must attend any hearing before the *Match Referee*:

- (a) the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* who has been charged with the alleged offence; and
- (b) the person who lodged the *Report* (or, in the case of CA's *Chief Executive Officer* or the Chief Executive Officer of a *State or Territory Association*, his/her representative/nominee).

Where any such individual has a compelling justification for his/her non-attendance that is accepted by the *Match Referee* in his or her absolute discretion, then they shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing before the *Match Referee* by telephone or video conference (if available). Without prejudice to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel's* ability to call and to question such witnesses as may be necessary and/or to be represented by such other

person of his/her own choosing pursuant to Article 5.1.5, one of the *Team Captain*, *Team Vice-Captain* or *Team Manager* of the team that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* represents may also attend such a hearing to provide additional support and assistance to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*.

- 5.1.5** Each of the individuals described in Article 5.1.4(a) and (b) shall have the right (at his/her or its own expense) to be represented at the hearing before the *Match Referee* by such representative (including legal counsel) of his/her or its own choosing. Where the person lodging the *Report* is an *Umpire* that officiated in the *Match* in question or CA's *Chief Executive Officer*, then such person shall be entitled to be represented prior to, and during, the hearing (if he/she considers necessary) by a representative of CA's Legal Department.
- 5.1.6** The non-attendance of any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* or his/her representative at the hearing shall not prevent the *Match Referee* from proceeding with the hearing in his/her absence and issuing a ruling in relation to the offence charged.
- 5.1.7** At the end of a hearing, where the *Match Referee* considers that further evidence or submissions are necessary or further time is required to consider the evidence that has been presented, he/she shall adjourn the hearing for an appropriate period of time and make such directions as may be necessary including that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* may, after any such adjournment(s), make any submissions that he/she might wish to make in relation to the appropriate sanction that ought to be applied.

5.1.8 Alternatively, at the end of a hearing:

5.1.8.1 brought under Article 4.2.1.2:

- (a) as soon as possible after the conclusion of the hearing (and, in any event, no later than twenty-four (24) hours thereafter), the *Match Referee* will confirm the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel's* admission that he/she had committed a Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events offence and announce the substance of his/her decision. Within three (3) days after the conclusion of the hearing, the *Match Referee* will issue his/her written decision, unless a shorter period of time is determined by the *CA Event Manager* (in consultation with the *Head of Integrity*), which will not in any event be less than forty-eight (48) hours, with reasons, setting out: (a) what sanctions, if any, are to be imposed (including any fine and/or period of suspension); (b) the date that any period of suspension shall come into force and effect; and (c) any rights of appeal that may exist pursuant to Article 8.

5.1.8.2 brought under Article 4.2.1.3 (or where the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has failed to respond to the *Notice of Charge*):

- (a) the *Match Referee* shall adjourn the hearing (for a period of no less than ten (10) minutes and no more than twenty-four (24)

hours), following which he/she will reconvene the hearing and verbally announce his/her finding as to whether a Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events offence has been committed;

- (b) where the *Match Referee* determines that a Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events offence has been committed, the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* may request a short adjournment (of no more than thirty (30) minutes) to prepare any submissions that he/she might wish to make in relation to the appropriate sanction that ought to be applied; and
- (c) as soon as possible after the conclusion of the hearing, including submissions as to sanctions (and, in any event, no later than twenty-four (24) hours thereafter), the *Match Referee* will announce the substance of his/her decision. Within three (3) days after the conclusion of the hearing, the *Match Referee* will issue his/her written decision, unless a shorter period of time is determined by the *CA Event Manager* (in consultation with the *Head of Integrity*), which will not in any event be less than forty-eight (48) hours, with reasons, setting out: (a) the finding as to whether a Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events offence had been committed; (b) what sanctions, if any, are to be imposed (including any fine

and/or period of suspension); (c) the date that any period of suspension shall come into force and effect; and (d) any rights of appeal that may exist pursuant to Article 8.

5.1.9 A copy of the written decision will be provided to:

5.1.9.1 the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*;

5.1.9.2 *CA's Chief Executive Officer* (or his/her designee) in the event the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is employed, contracted or retained by *CA*; and/or

5.1.9.3 the Chief Executive Officer (or his/her designee) of the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel's State or Territory Association* in respect of which the relevant *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is employed, contracted or retained (if any);

5.1.9.4 where the *Tournament* includes participation by a *Club*, the *Club Representative* to which the relevant *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is affiliated and the *State and Territory Association Premier Cricket Manager*;

5.1.9.5 the *CA Event Manager* of the *Tournament* in which the decision relates; and

5.1.9.6 the *Head of Integrity*.

5.1.10 Subject only to the rights of appeal under Article 8, the *Match Referee's* decision shall be the full, final and complete disposition of the matter and will be binding on all parties.

- 5.1.11** The *Match Referee* is entitled, in his or her absolute discretion, to seek legal advice prior to or during any hearing (for which purpose the *Match Referee* is entitled to adjourn the hearing) and/or prior to giving his or her decision.
- 5.1.12** Notwithstanding anything else in this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events, where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is alleged to have committed a *Level 2 Offence* and wishes to have the offence with which they have been charged referred to a hearing (as would be permitted pursuant to Article 4.2.1.2 or Article 4.2.1.3) and the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* or another *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is alleged to have committed a *Level 3 Offence* or *Level 4 Offence* arising from the same incident or same set of facts, the *Match Referee* must refer the *Level 2 Offence* to the *Code of Conduct Commission* for adjudication in accordance with Article 5.2 (but as a *Level 2 Offence*). This referral does not affect the indicative range of sanctions should it be necessary to impose any sanction in respect of the *Level 2 Offence*.

Level 2.2.3 and 2.2.10 ('Off-Field' only) Offences, Level 3 Offences and Level 4 Offences:

- 5.2** Where a matter proceeds to a hearing under Article 4.8.2 or 4.8.3, or where a matter is referred to the *Code of Conduct Commission* by the *Match Referee* pursuant to Article 5.1.12, then the case shall be heard by a *Commissioner* for adjudication in accordance with the following procedure:
- 5.2.1** As soon as reasonably possible, CA shall appoint one member from CA's *Code of Conduct Commission* to sit as the *Commissioner* to hear the case sitting alone. The

appointed member shall have had no prior involvement with the case.

5.2.2 The procedure followed at the hearing shall be at the discretion of the *Commissioner*, provided that the hearing is conducted in a manner which offers the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* a fair and reasonable opportunity to present evidence (including the right to call and to question witnesses by telephone or video-conference where necessary), address the *Commissioner* and present his/her case. Except to the extent specifically set out in Article 5 the *Commissioner* will conduct the hearing:

- (a) in private (unless the *Commissioner* agrees otherwise);
- (b) with as little formality and technicality and as expeditiously as proper consideration of the *Report* permits; and
- (c) in all other respects as the *Commissioner* determines.

5.2.3 *CA* may appoint a *Commission Counsel* to assist the *Commissioner* in the conduct of any hearing by presenting or facilitating the presentation of any relevant evidence and submissions relating to the charge against the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*.

5.2.4 The hearing before the *Commissioner* may be recorded at the election of the *Commissioner*.

5.2.5 Where video evidence of the alleged offence is available at the hearing before the *Commissioner*, then it may be relied upon by any party, provided that all other parties shall have

the right to make such representations in relation to the video evidence that they may see fit.

5.2.6 Unless exceptional circumstances apply, each of the following individuals must attend any hearing before the *Commissioner*:

- (a) the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* who has been charged with the alleged offence;
- (b) the person who lodged the *Report* (or, in the case of *CA's Chief Executive Officer* or the *Chief Executive Officer of a State or Territory Association*, his/her representative/nominee); and
- (c) a representative(s) of *CA*.

Where any such individual has a compelling justification for his/her non-attendance, then they shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing before the *Commissioner* by telephone or video conference (if available). Without prejudice to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel's* ability to call and to question such witnesses as may be necessary and/or to be represented by such other person of his/her own choosing pursuant to Article 5.2.7, one of the *Team Captain*, *Team Vice-Captain* or *Team Manager* of the team that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* represents may also attend such hearing to provide additional support and assistance to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*.

5.2.7 Each of the individuals described in Article 5.2.6(a) and (b) shall have the right (at his/her or its own expense) to be represented at the hearing before the *Commissioner* by

such representative (including legal counsel) of his/her or its own choosing. Where the person lodging the *Report* is an *Umpire* that officiated in, or the *Match Referee* that presided over, the *Match* in question or CA's *Chief Executive Officer*, then such person shall be entitled to be represented prior to, and during, the hearing (if he/she considers necessary) by a representative of CA's Legal Department.

5.2.8 The non-attendance of the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* or his/her representative at the hearing, after proper notice of the hearing has been provided, shall not prevent the *Commissioner* from proceeding with the hearing in his/her absence, whether or not any written submissions are made on his/her behalf.

5.2.9 At the end of a hearing, where the *Commissioner* considers that further evidence or submissions are necessary or further time is required to consider the evidence that has been presented, he/she shall adjourn the hearing for an appropriate period of time and make such directions as may be necessary including that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* may, after any such adjournment(s), make any submissions that he/she might wish to make in relation to the appropriate sanction that ought to be applied.

5.2.10 Alternatively, at the end of a hearing:

5.2.10.1 brought under Article 4.8.2 or referred to the *Commission* by a *Match Referee* pursuant to Article 5.1.12 as an admitted offence but where the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* wishes to challenge the proposed sanction:

- (a) as soon as possible after the conclusion of the hearing (and, in any event, no later than forty-eight (48) hours thereafter), the *Commissioner* will confirm the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel's* admission that he/she had committed a Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events offence and announce the substance of his/her decision. Within seven (7) days after the conclusion of the hearing, the *Commissioner* shall issue his/her written decision, with reasons, setting out: (a) what sanctions, if any, are to be imposed (including any fine and/or period of suspension); (b) the date that any period of suspension shall come into force and effect; and (c) any rights of appeal that may exist pursuant to Article 8.

5.2.10.2 brought under Article 4.8.3 (or where the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has failed to respond to the *Notice of Charge*) or referred to the *Code of Conduct Commission* by a *Match Referee* pursuant to Article 5.1.12 for the reason the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has denied the offence charged:

- (a) the *Commissioner* shall adjourn the hearing (for a period of no less than ten (10) minutes and no more than twenty-four (24) hours), following which he/she will reconvene the hearing and verbally announce his/her finding as to whether a

Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events offence has been committed;

- (b) where the *Commissioner* determines that a Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events offence has been committed, the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* may request a short adjournment (of no more than thirty (30) minutes) to prepare any submissions that he/she might wish to make in relation to the appropriate sanction that ought to be applied; and
- (c) as soon as possible after the conclusion of the hearing (and, in any event, no later than forty-eight (48) hours thereafter), the *Commissioner* will announce the substance of his/her decision. Within seven (7) days after the conclusion of the hearing, the *Commissioner* shall issue his/her written decision, with reasons, setting out: (a) the finding as to whether a Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events offence had been committed; (b) what sanctions, if any, are to be imposed (including any fine and/or period of suspension); (c) the date that any period of suspension shall come into force and effect; and (d) any rights of appeal that may exist pursuant to Article 8.

5.2.11 A copy of the written decision will be provided to:

5.2.11.1 the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*,

5.2.11.2 CA's *Chief Executive Officer* (or his/her designee); and/or

5.2.11.3 the CEO (or his/her designee) of the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel's State or Territory Association* in respect of which the relevant Player or Player Support Personnel is employed, contracted or retained;

5.2.11.4 where the *Tournament* includes participation by a *Club*, the *Club Representative* to which the relevant *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is affiliated and the *State and Territory Association Premier Cricket Manager*;

5.2.11.4 the *CA Event Manager*;

5.2.11.5 *Head of Integrity*; and

5.2.11.6 *CA's General Counsel*.

5.2.12 Subject only to the rights of appeal under Article 8, the *Commissioner's* decision shall be the full, final and complete disposition of the matter and will be binding on all parties.

5.2.13 The *Commissioner* is entitled, in his or her absolute discretion, to seek legal advice prior to or during any hearing (for which purpose the *Commissioner* is entitled to adjourn the hearing) and/or prior to giving his or her decision.

General Principles of Procedure

5.3 Where a *Report* is filed by more than one of the individuals described in Article 3.2 in relation to the same alleged offence under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events, then the *Player* or *Player*

Support Personnel alleged to have committed the offence will only be served with one *Notice of Charge* in accordance with the procedures set out in Article 4. However, all persons who filed a *Report* (or, in the case of CA's *Chief Executive Officer*, his/her representative/nominee) in relation to the alleged offence are required to attend the hearing before the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* unless there is a compelling justification for his/her non-attendance, in which case they shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing by telephone or video conference (if available).

5.4 Where two or more *Players* or *Player Support Personnel* are alleged to have committed offences under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events, they may both be dealt with at the same hearing where the proceedings arise out of the same incident or set of facts, or where there is a clear link between separate incidents as follows:

5.4.1 any number of *Level 1 Offences* and/or *Level 2 Offences* (except *Level 2.2.3* and *2.2.10 – “Off Field”*) can all be determined by a *Match Referee* at the same hearing; and

5.4.2 any number of *Level 2.2.3* and *2.2.10 (“Off-Field”) Offences*, *Level 3 Offences* and/or *Level 4 Offences* can all be determined by a *Commissioner* at the same hearing; and

5.4.3 a *Level 1 Offence* and/or *Level 2 Offence* (other than *Level 2.2.3* and *2.2.10 – “Off Field”*) cannot be determined at the same hearing as a *Level 3 Offence* or a *Level 4 Offence* (and vice versa) and separate proceedings should therefore be issued in relation to each alleged offence, unless the *Level 2 Offence* is referred to the *Code of Conduct Commission* by a *Match Referee* pursuant to Article 5.1.12; but

5.4.4 a *Level 3 Offence* or *Level 4 Offence* cannot be determined by a *Match Referee* at the same hearing as a *Level 1 Offence* or a *Level 2 Offence*, and separate proceedings should therefore be issued in relation to each alleged offence, unless the *Level 2 Offence* is referred to the *Code of Conduct Commission* by a *Match Referee* pursuant to Article 5.1.12.

5.5 Where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is alleged to have committed more than one breach of the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events during, or in relation to the same *Match*, then all of the alleged offences may be dealt with at the same hearing as follows:

5.5.1 any number of *Level 1 Offences* and/or *Level 2 Offences* (except *Level 2.2.3* and *2.2.10* – “*Off Field*”) can all be determined by a *Match Referee* at the same hearing; and

5.5.2 any number of *Level 2.2.3* and *2.2.10* (“*Off-Field*” only) *Offences*, *Level 3 Offences* and/or *Level 4 Offences* can all be determined by a *Commissioner* at the same hearing; and

5.5.3 a *Level 1 Offence* or *Level 2 Offence* (other than *Level 2.2.3* and *2.2.10* – “*Off Field*”) can be determined by a *Commissioner* at the same hearing as a *Level 3 Offence* or a *Level 4 Offence*; but

5.5.4 a *Level 3 Offence* or *Level 4 Offence* cannot be determined by a *Match Referee* at the same hearing as a *Level 1 Offence* or a *Level 2 Offence*, and separate proceedings should therefore be issued in relation to each alleged offence, unless the *Level 2 Offence* is referred to the *Code of Conduct Commission* by a *Match Referee* pursuant to Article 5.1.12.

- 5.6** Any failure or refusal by any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* to provide assistance to a *Match Referee*, *Commission Counsel* or *Commissioner* in connection with any charge made pursuant to this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events may constitute a separate offence (depending upon the seriousness and context of such failure or refusal) under Articles 2.2.10, 2.2.11, 2.3.8 or 2.4.5 of the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events.
- 5.7** Where a *Match Referee* is, or becomes unwilling or unable to hear a *Report* (for example, where he/she finds him/herself in a position of conflict), then the *CA Event Manager* (in consultation with the *Head of Integrity*) shall have the discretion to appoint another *Match Referee* to hear the *Report* as *CA* deems to be appropriate in all the circumstances. Where the alternative *Match Referee* is unwilling or unable to hear the case, a *Commissioner* (who shall have had no prior involvement with the case) shall be appointed as a replacement to the *Match Referee* and the hearing will proceed in accordance with the usual procedure for a hearing before a *Match Referee*.
- 5.8** Where a *Commissioner* is, or becomes unwilling or unable to hear a *Report* (for example, where he/she finds him/herself in a position of conflict), then the *Head of Integrity* shall have the discretion to appoint another *Commissioner* (who shall have had no prior involvement with the case) as a replacement to the *Commissioner* and all of the remaining procedure will apply accordingly.
- 5.9** *CA* will issue a public announcement regarding any decision of the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* made under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events, as soon as is reasonably practicable after the decision has been communicated to the parties. The public announcement of the decision may include details of the offences committed under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events and of the sanctions imposed, if any. Subject to the permitted attendance of media personnel under Article 5.1.2 and 5.2.2, until

such time as a public announcement is published by CA, all parties and participants in the proceedings shall treat such proceedings as strictly confidential. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Article shall prevent any party (or any relevant *State or Territory Association*) publicly confirming the date of the hearing, the offence that is alleged to have been committed and/or the name of the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* charged and nothing shall prevent any party (or any relevant *State or Territory Association*) from issuing a public announcement regarding a decision after CA has issued its public announcement regarding the decision.

- 5.10** A *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* (as the case may be) has an absolute discretion to waive compliance with any procedural requirement of this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events provided that no party will suffer any undue prejudice through such exercise of discretion.

ARTICLE 6 STANDARD OF PROOF AND EVIDENCE

- 6.1** Unless otherwise described herein, the standard of proof in all cases brought under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events shall be whether the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* is comfortably satisfied, bearing in mind the seriousness of the allegation that is made, that the alleged offence has been committed.
- 6.2** The *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* shall not be bound by judicial rules governing the admissibility of evidence. Instead, facts relating to an offence allegedly committed under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events may be established by any reliable means, including admissions.
- 6.3** The *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* may draw an inference adverse to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* who is asserted to have committed an offence under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket

Events based on his/her refusal, without compelling justification, after a request made in a reasonable time in advance of the hearing, to appear at the hearing (either in person or telephonically as directed by the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner*) and/or to answer any relevant questions.

ARTICLE 7 SANCTIONS ON PLAYERS AND PLAYER SUPPORT PERSONNEL

- 7.1** Where a *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* determines that an offence under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events has been committed, he/she will be required to impose an appropriate sanction on the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*.
- 7.2** In order to determine the sanction that is to be imposed on the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*, the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* must:
- 7.2.1** determine the 'level' of offence that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has committed (**Proven Offence**); and
- 7.2.2** consider whether the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has previously been found guilty of any offences, at the same or higher 'level' as the Proven Offence (but not necessarily under the same Article) under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events (or any predecessor regulations that may have applied) and the *CA Code of Conduct* (or any predecessor regulations that may have applied) (**Prior Relevant Offence**) within a period of eighteen months prior to the date on which the Proven Offence took place.
- 7.3** Once the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* has established the matters in Article 7.2, then he/she shall then take into account all

other factors that he/she deems relevant and appropriate to the mitigation or aggravation of the nature of the offence before determining the appropriate sanction(s). Those factors may include:

1. the seriousness of the breach;
2. the harm caused by the breach to the interests of cricket;
3. the *Player's* or *Player Support Personnel's* seniority and standing in the game;
4. any remorse shown by the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* and the prospect of further breaches;
5. the prior offences of the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* in abiding by this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events (or any predecessor regulations that may have applied), the *CA Code of Conduct* (or any predecessor regulations that may have applied), the ICC Code of Conduct and any similar Code of Conduct (including any offences prior to the eighteen months referred to in Article 7); and
6. the impact of the penalty on the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*, including his or her capacity to pay a fine.

7.4 Having considered the matters in Article 7.2 and 7.3, the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* may impose any one or more of the following sanctions:

Level 1 Offences and Level 2 Offences (except 2.2.3 and 2.2.10 – “Off-Field”):

LEVEL OF OFFENCE	RANGE OF PERMISSIBLE SANCTIONS (FIRST OFFENCE)	RANGE OF PERMISSIBLE SANCTIONS (SECOND OFFENCE WITHIN 18 MONTHS)
Level 1	(a) Reprimand; (b) the imposition of a fine of no more than \$100; (c) the imposition of a wholly or partially suspended fine of no more than \$100; (d) one (1) <i>Suspension Point</i> .	(a) The imposition of a fine of no more than \$500 (b) The imposition of a wholly or partially suspended fine of no more than \$500 (c) up to two (2) <i>Suspension Points</i> .
Level 2	(a) The imposition of a fine of no more than \$500; (b) The imposition of a wholly or partially suspended fine of no more than \$500; (c) up to two (2) <i>Suspension Points</i> .	The imposition of between two (2) and twelve (12) <i>Suspension Points</i> .

For third and subsequent offences Level 1 Offences and Level 2 Offences (except 2.2.3 and 2.2.10 – “Off-Field”) within 18 months:

1. imposition of a suspension of between 2 *Suspension Points* up to a maximum of a lifetime’s suspension;
2. the exclusion of a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* from participation in any *Match* and/or *Tournaments*;
3. banning the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* from holding (or continuing to hold) any position within *CA*, the *State or Territory Association* (including *W/BBL Team*) or

Club, including as an employee, contractor, official, officer or volunteer; or

4. the imposition of any other sanctions or conditions that the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner*, acting in its absolute discretion considers appropriate.

Level 2.2.3 and 2.2.10 ('Off-Field' only) Offences, Level 3 Offences and Level 4 Offences:

1. an official reprimand;
2. the imposition of a fine of no more than \$1,000;
3. a wholly or partially suspended fine not exceeding \$1,000 on such conditions and/or for such period of operation that the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* considers appropriate;
4. imposition of a suspension of between 1 suspension point up to a maximum of a lifetime's suspension;
5. the exclusion of a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* from participation in any *Match* and/or *Tournaments*;
6. banning the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* from holding (or continuing to hold) any position within *CA*, the *State or Territory Association* (including *W/BBL Team*) or *Club*, including as an employee, contractor, official, officer or volunteer for a period of time. The *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* may, in their absolute discretion, determine the scope of the ban;
7. direct the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* make reparation for damage caused by that person to any property;
8. require the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* undergo counseling for a specified time;

9. require that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* perform voluntary service to cricket or the community; and/or
10. the imposition of any other sanctions or conditions that the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner*, acting in its absolute discretion considers appropriate.

7.5 Where a *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* imposes a period of suspension on any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* by reference to *Suspension Points*, the *Suspension Points* shall carry the following weightings:

7.5.1 a *Match* of at least 3 days in duration is given a weighting of two (2) *Suspension Points*; and

7.5.2 a *Match* of one or two days duration or which is a Twenty20 match or which is an Indoor Cricket match is given a weighting of one (1) *Suspension Point*.

7.6 Where a *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* imposes a period of suspension or *Suspension Points* on any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*, the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* may, at his or her discretion, partially suspend that period of suspension or *Suspension Points* for a period of time which shall be imposed in the event that the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is found guilty of a further breach the same or greater Level of offence of this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events or the *CA Code of Conduct* during that period of time (**the Suspended Sentence**). Any Suspended Sentence may be enacted:

7.6.1 by the *Head of Integrity* at the time of issuing a *Notice of Charge* in respect of the subsequent offence; and/or

7.6.2 by the *Commissioner* at the time of handing down the sanction in respect of the subsequent offence.

7.7 Where *Suspension Points* are imposed against a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*, then such *Suspension Points* will be applied in accordance with the following principles:

7.7.1 the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* shall have regard to the *Player's* or *Player Support Personnel's* participation in the various formats of *Matches* and *Tournaments* in order to determine (to the best of his/her ability) which of the forthcoming *Matches* the *Player* is most likely to participate in or the *Player Support Personnel* is most likely to assist the participation of a *Player* in. The exact number of suspension points shall be applied and within the shortest period available. For example, a four-day and one-day *Player* who receives a penalty of 2 suspension points, and is scheduled to next play a one-day match followed by a four-day followed by another one-day match, shall be ineligible to participate in each of the one-day matches, but shall be eligible to participate in the four-day match to ensure the full and exact application of the 2 suspension points to the sequence of scheduled games as quickly as possible;

7.7.2 where necessary, the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* shall be entitled to consult with *CA* in order to make a determination as to which of the forthcoming *Matches* the *Player* is most likely to participate in or the *Player Support Personnel* is most likely to assist the participation of a *Player* in;

7.7.3 in so far as is reasonably possible, the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* shall apply the *Suspension Points* to the

subsequent *Matches* in which the *Player* is most likely to participate in or the *Player Support Personnel* is most likely to assist the participation of a *Player* in, on a chronological basis immediately following the announcement of the decision;

7.7.4 where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has his/her *Suspension Points* applied to a *Match* that is subsequently cancelled, postponed or otherwise abandoned prior to the actual day on which it is scheduled to take place, then such *Suspension Points* must be reallocated to the next subsequent *Matches* in which the *Player* is most likely to participate in or the *Player Support Personnel* is most likely to assist the participation of a *Player* in. Where a *Match* is cancelled, postponed or otherwise abandoned at any time on the actual day on which it is scheduled to take place, then the *Suspension Points* will remain allocated to that *Match*, irrespective of such cancellation, postponement or abandonment.

7.8 In addition to any ban imposed under this Article (and without limiting the *Commissioner's* powers with respect to Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4 suspensions), the *Commissioner* may, if he/she deems appropriate, ban a *Player* from participation in any club/grade cricket match or matches in Australia for a specified period of time.

7.9 In the event that a *Player* receives a ban from playing club/grade cricket matches as a result of committing any offences set out in any applicable rules of behaviour governing such club/grade cricket matches ("**Club Ban**") that extends for the period of the *Tournament*, the *Player* will be ineligible to participate in any *Match* during the *Tournament*.

7.10 For the avoidance of any doubt:

- 7.10.1** the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* will have no jurisdiction to adjust, reverse or amend the results of any *Match*;
- 7.10.2** where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is found guilty of committing two separate Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events offences that do not relate to the same incident or set of circumstances arising during a *Match* and sanctioned separately for each offence, then any sanctions should run cumulatively (and not concurrently);
- 7.10.3** where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is found guilty of committing two Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events offences in relation to the same incident or set of circumstances arising during a *Match* and sanctioned separately, then any sanctions imposed should run concurrently (and not cumulatively);
- 7.10.4** nothing in this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events shall permit plea bargaining in relation to any alleged offence committed under this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events;
- 7.10.5** where the *Match Referee* or *Commissioner* finds a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* not guilty of the offence allegedly committed under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events, then it remains open to him/her, at his/her absolute discretion, to find the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* guilty of an offence of a lower level than that with which he/she has been charged. For example, where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has been charged with (but been found not guilty of) the *Level 2 Offence* of 'showing serious dissent at an *Umpire's* decision' (Article 2.2.2), the *Match Referee* may, instead, find the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* guilty of the *Level 1 Offence* of 'showing dissent

at an *Umpire's* decision' (Article 2.1.4) and impose an appropriate sanction;

7.10.6 where a fine and/or costs award is imposed against a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*, then such fine and/or costs award must be paid: (a) by the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* (and not any other third party, including a *State or Territory Association or Club*); (b) to *CA* within thirty (30) days of receipt of the decision imposing the fine. However, *CA* will consider any request from any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* to make the payment of such fines and/or costs over a prolonged period of time solely in its absolute discretion and on the grounds of financial hardship. Should any fine and/or costs award (or agreed part-payment or installment thereof) not be paid to *CA* within such deadline or by the time of the next agreed payment date, the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* may not play, coach or otherwise participate or be involved in any capacity in any *Match* until such payment has been satisfied in full; and

7.10.7 A *Report* may be withdrawn at any time before a hearing by the individual responsible for lodging the *Report* alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events.

7.11 Where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* has had *Suspension Points* imposed against him/her or has been suspended for a fixed period of time (including a lifetime), he/she may not play, coach or otherwise participate or be involved in any capacity in any *Match(es)* which: (a) are covered by the application of his/her *Suspension Points* as determined in accordance with Article 7.5; or (b) take place during the fixed period of his/her suspension, or any other match/es under the jurisdiction or auspices or with the consent or approval of *CA*, any *State or Territory Association or Club* ("**Other Match(es)**").

NOTE: For the avoidance of any doubt, a Player or (where relevant) Player Support Personnel who has had Suspension Points imposed against him/her or has been suspended for a fixed period of time shall not, during the Matches, including Other Match/es, which are covered by his/her Suspension Points or the period of suspension:

- (a) be nominated as, or carry out any of the duties or responsibilities of, a substitute fielder; or
- (b) enter any part of the playing area (which shall include, for the avoidance of doubt, the field of play and the area between the boundary and perimeter boards) or dug-out (regardless of whether the dug-out is on field or otherwise) at any time, including during any scheduled or unscheduled breaks in play; or
- (c) be prevented from attending any post-match ceremonies or presentations taking place anywhere on the field of play or otherwise following the conclusion of a Match, including Other Match/es, covered by his/her Suspension Points or the period of suspension unless the suspension or Suspension Points have been imposed in respect of a Level 3 or Level 4 Offence under this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events. In such circumstances, the Player or Player Support Personnel shall not be permitted to attend such ceremonies or presentations.
- (d) In addition, Player Support Personnel so sanctioned shall not be permitted to enter the players' dressing room (including the viewing areas) during any Match, including Other Match/es, covered by his/her Suspension Points or the period of suspension. For the avoidance of doubt, Players so sanctioned will, however, be permitted to enter the players' dressing room provided that the players' dressing room (or any part thereof) for the relevant Match, including Other Match/es, is not within the player area described in (b) above (for example, no such Player shall be permitted access to a 'dug-out').

7.12 Once any Suspension Points or fixed period of suspension has expired, the Player or Player Support Personnel will automatically

become re-eligible to participate (in the case of a *Player*) or assist the participation (in the case of a *Player Support Personnel*) in *Matches*, including *Other Match/es*, provided that he/she has paid, in full, all amounts forfeited under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events, including any fines, compensatory awards or award of costs that may have been imposed against him/her.

ARTICLE 8 APPEALS

NOTE: *For the avoidance of doubt, the right of appeal will be determined by reference to the level of offence which the decision of the Match Referee or Commissioner (as applicable) relates to, and not necessarily the level of offence originally reported.*

By way of example, a Commissioner may have been asked to determine a Level 3 Offence, but in coming to his/her decision, he/she has exercised the right afforded to him/her in Article 7.10.5 and found the Player or Player Support Personnel concerned not guilty of the Level 3 Offence, but guilty of a Level 2 Offence. In such circumstances, the right of appeal shall be determined on the basis of the Level 2 Offence and thus in accordance with Article 8.2.

In circumstances where the application of this note would lead to the same level of adjudicator hearing the appeal as heard the first instance case, then the relevant adjudicatory body shall be the higher body. By way of example, in the example listed above, an Appeals Commissioner would have the jurisdiction to hear the appeal against the Level 2 Offence even though technically under the Code of Conduct a Commissioner would hear the appeal, as the first instance hearing was held before a Commissioner. The terms of this Article 8 should therefore be construed accordingly.

8.1 Appeals from decisions in relation to a first *Level 1 Offence*

8.1.1 Decisions made under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events by a *Match Referee* in relation to a first *Level 1 Offence* shall be non-

appealable and shall remain the full and final decision in relation to the matter.

8.2 Appeals from decisions in relation to a *Level 2 Offence* (except 2.2.3 and 2.2.10 – “Off-Field”)

8.2.1 Decisions made under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events by a *Match Referee* in relation to a *Level 2 Offence* (except 2.2.3 and 2.2.10 – “Off-Field”), may be challenged solely by appeal as set out in this Article 8.2. Such decision of the *Match Referee* shall remain in effect while under appeal and until the decision of the *Commissioner* is made pursuant to Article 8.2.3.6.

8.2.2 The only parties who may appeal a decision of this nature shall be: (a) the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* found guilty of the offence; or (b) the person who lodged the *Report* pursuant to Article 3.1 and (c) *CA’s Chief Executive Officer* (or his/her designee).

8.2.3 Any notice to appeal under this Article must be lodged with the *Head of Integrity* within 48 hours of receipt of the written decision of the *Match Referee*. In all cases, a copy of such notice (which will be in a form prescribed by the *Head of Integrity* and available on *CA’s* official website) will also be provided to the Chief Executive Officer of the *State or Territory Association* to which the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is affiliated. Thereafter, the following will apply:

8.2.3.1 Within 48 hours of receipt of a notice to appeal: (a) the *Head of Integrity* will appoint a *Commissioner* to hear the appeal sitting alone; and (b) the *Match Referee* will provide a written statement to the *Head of Integrity* setting out any relevant facts (to be copied to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*).

- 8.2.3.2** The *provisions* of Articles 5.1.2 to 5.1.12, applicable to proceedings before the *Match Referee*, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* (i.e. with changes deemed to have been made as required to reflect the different context) to appeal hearings before the *Commissioner*. *CA* may appoint a *Commission Counsel* to assist the *Commissioner* in the conduct of any appeal hearing.
- 8.2.3.3** The *Commissioner* shall hear and determine all issues arising from any matter which is appealed pursuant to this Article on a *de novo* basis (i.e. he/she shall hear the matter over again, from the beginning), without being bound in any way by the decision being appealed. For the avoidance of doubt, the *Commissioner* shall have the power to increase or decrease, amend or otherwise substitute a new decision on the appropriateness (or otherwise) of the sanction imposed at first instance, provided that any new sanction must be within the permitted range of sanctions set out in the table in Article 7.3.
- 8.2.3.4** Appeal hearings pursuant to this Article 8.2 should be completed expeditiously. Save where all parties agree or fairness requires otherwise, the appeal hearing shall be commenced no later than fourteen (14) days after the appointment of the *Commissioner*. It shall be open to the *Commissioner*, in his/her absolute discretion, to determine what the matter (or any part thereof) be dealt with by way of written submissions only. In making such determination, the *Commissioner* must provide the Player or *Player Support Personnel* and *CA* the opportunity to be heard in respect any written submissions. The *Head of Integrity* must notify in writing the parties to the appeal of all relevant details of the appeal as soon as practicable.

8.2.3.5 The *Commissioner* shall have the power to order some or all of the costs of the appeal proceedings (including the costs of holding the hearing, the legal and/or travel/accommodation costs of the *Commissioner* and/or any other relevant parties, including *CA*) to be paid by the appealing party if he/she considers that such party has acted spuriously, frivolously, without reasonable cause or otherwise in bad faith.

8.2.3.6 Any decision made by the *Commissioner* under this Article 8.2, shall be the full, final and complete disposition of the matter and will be binding on all parties.

8.3 Appeals from decisions in relation to a *Level 2.2.3* and *2.2.10* (“Off-Field” only) *Offences, Level 3 Offence* or *Level 4 Offence*

8.3.1 Decisions made under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events by a *Commissioner* in relation to a *Level 2.2.3* and *2.2.10* (“Off-Field” only) *Offence, Level 3 Offence* or *Level 4 Offence* may be challenged solely by appeal as set out in this Article 8.3. Such decision shall remain in effect while under appeal unless any properly convened *Appeals Commissioner* orders otherwise.

8.3.2 The only parties who may appeal a decision made in relation to a *Level 2.2.3* and *2.2.10* (“Off-Field” only) *Offence, Level 3 Offence* or *Level 4 Offence* shall be: (a) the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* found guilty of the offence; (b) the person who lodged the *Report* pursuant to Article 3.1 and (c) *CA’s Chief Executive Officer* (or his/her designee).

8.3.3 Any notice to appeal under this Article must be lodged with the *Head of Integrity* within seven (7) days of receipt of the written decision of the *Commissioner*. In all cases, a copy of such notice (which will be in a form prescribed by the *Head of Integrity* and available on *CA’s* official website) will also be provided to the Chief Executive Officer of the *State*

or Territory Association to which the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is affiliated. Thereafter, the following will apply:

- 8.3.3.1** Within five (5) days of receipt of a notice to appeal: (a) the *Head of Integrity* will appoint one member of *CA's Code of Conduct Commission* to sit as the *Appeals Commissioner* to hear the appeal; and (b) the *Commissioner* whose decision is being appealed will provide a written statement to the *Head of Integrity* setting out any relevant facts (to be copied to the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel*).
- 8.3.3.2** The provisions of Articles 5.2.2 to 5.2.14, applicable to proceedings before *Commissioner*, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* (i.e. with changes deemed to have been made as required to reflect the different context) to appeal hearings before the *Appeals Commissioner*. *CA* may appoint a *Commission Counsel* to assist the *Appeals Commissioner* in the conduct of any hearing.
- 8.3.3.3** Where required in order to do justice (for examples to cure procedural errors at the first instance hearing), the appeal shall take the form of a re-hearing *de novo* (i.e. it shall hear the matter over again, from the beginning, without being bound in any way by the decision being appealed) of the issues raised by the case. In all other cases, the appeal shall not take the form of a *de novo* hearing but instead shall be limited to a consideration of whether the decision being appealed was erroneous.
- 8.3.3.4** Appeal hearings pursuant to this Article 8.3 should be completed expeditiously. Save where all parties agree or fairness requires otherwise, the appeal hearing shall be commenced no later than thirty (30) days after the appointment of the *Appeals Commissioner*. The *Head of*

Integrity must notify in writing the parties to the appeal of all relevant details of the appeal as soon as practicable. It shall be open to the *Appeals Commissioner*, in their discretion, to determine that the matter (or any part thereof) be dealt with by way of written submissions only.

8.3.3.5 The *Appeals Commissioner* shall have the power to order some or all of the costs of the appeal proceedings (including the costs of holding the hearing, the legal and/or travel/accommodation costs of the *Appeals Commissioner* and/or any other relevant parties, including CA) to be paid by the appealing party if it considers that such party has acted, spuriously, frivolously, without reasonable cause or otherwise in bad faith. Otherwise, each party to the appeal shall be responsible for their own costs associated with the appeal.

8.3.3.6 Any decision made by the *Appeals Commissioner* under this Article 8.3, shall be the full, final and complete disposition of the matter and will be binding on all parties.

8.4 No appeal in relation to an accepted sanction

For the avoidance of doubt, where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* admits the offence charged and accedes to the proposed sanction specified in the *Notice of Charge* in accordance with the procedure described in Articles 4.2.1.1 or 4.8.1, the *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* waives his/her right to any appeal against the imposition of such a sanction.

ARTICLE 9 RECOGNITION OF DECISIONS

Any hearing results or other final adjudications under the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events shall be recognised and respected by CA, the *State*

or *Territory Associations, Clubs and Centres* automatically upon receipt of notice of the same, without the need for any further formality. Each of *CA, the State or Territory Associations, Clubs and Centres* shall take all steps legally available to it to enforce and give effect to such decisions.

ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENT AND INTERPRETATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

- 10.1** The Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events may be amended from time to time by *CA*, with such amendments coming into effect on the date specified by *CA*.
- 10.2** The headings used for the various Articles of the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events are for the purpose of guidance only and shall not be deemed to be part of the substance of the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events or to inform or affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.
- 10.3** This Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events shall come into full force and effect on 27 February 2019 (the “**Effective Date**”). It shall not apply retrospectively to matters pending before the *Effective Date*.
- 10.4** If any Article or provision of this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events is held invalid, unenforceable or illegal for any reason, the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events shall remain otherwise in full force apart from such Article or provision that shall be deemed deleted insofar as it is invalid, unenforceable or illegal.
- 10.5** The Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events is governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia. Strictly without prejudice to the arbitration provisions of Articles 5 and 8 of the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events, disputes relating to the Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Victorian courts.

ARTICLE 11 OTHER CODES AND POLICIES

The conduct prohibited under the following codes and policies shall also amount to an offence under this Code of Conduct for Other Cricket Events, provided that the offences, processes and penalties shall be determined in accordance with the relevant code or policy:

1. CA Anti-Corruption Code for Other Cricket Events;
2. CA Anti-Doping Code;
3. CA Illicit Substances Rule;
4. CA Anti-Racism Code; and
5. CA Anti-Harassment Code.

APPENDIX 1 - DEFINITIONS

ACA. The Australian Cricketers' Association.

Appeals Commissioner. The independent person appointed by CA from the members of the *CA Code of Conduct Commission* to perform the functions assigned to the *Appeals Commissioner* under the Code of Conduct.

CA. Cricket Australia or its designee.

CA Code of Conduct. The CA Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel dated 27 February 2019.

CA Code of Conduct Commission. An official committee of CA established under Appendix 2 of the *CA Code of Conduct*.

CA's Chief Executive Officer. The person appointed by CA from time to time to act as CA's Chief Executive Officer (or his/her designee).

CA Event Manager. The person nominated by CA as holding that position from time to time for the *Tournament* (including any person acting in that position).

CA's General Counsel. The person holding that position at CA from time to time (including any person acting in that position).

Centre. Each Indoor Cricket Centre, subject to an affiliation agreement and/or Memorandum of Understanding with a *State or Territory Association*.

Club. Each Premier Cricket Club, pursuant to the Articles and By-Laws of a *State or Territory Association*, participating in a *Tournament* (if any).

Club Representative. The most senior *Club* official in attendance at the Tournament, for example *Club* President, Secretary, Chairperson as the case may be.

Commission Counsel. An independent person appointed by *CA* to assist the *Commissioner* or *Appeals Commissioner* in the conduct of a hearing.

Commissioner. The independent person appointed by *CA* from the *CA Code of Conduct Commission*, to perform the functions assigned to the *Commissioner* under the Code of Conduct, including Appendix 2 of the *CA Code of Conduct*.

Effective Date. As defined in Article 10.3.

Head of Integrity. The person holding that position at *CA* from time to time (including any person acting in that position).

Indoor Cricket. Cricket played in indoor nets with modified equipment and variations to the Laws of Cricket.

Level 1 Offence. Any of the offences described in Articles 2.1.1 – 2.1.6.

Level 2 Offence. Any of the offences described in Articles 2.2.1 – 2.2.15.

Level 3 Offence. Any of the offences described in Articles 2.3.1 – 2.3.6.

Level 4 Offence. Any of the offences described in Articles 2.4.1 – 2.4.5.

Match. Any cricket match played as part of the:

- (a) National Premier T20 Competition;

- (b) National Under 17 Male Championships;
- (c) National Under 15 Female Championships;
- (d) National Under 15 Male Championships;
- (e) National Indoor Cricket Championships;
- (f) National Country Cricket Championships;
- (g) National Indigenous Championships;
- (h) National Cricket Inclusion Championships,

and includes any other matches played under the jurisdiction or auspices or with the consent or approval of CA or any *State or Territory Association*, unless captured by the *CA Code of Conduct*, in which case the *CA Code of Conduct* will apply. For the avoidance of doubt, the Match will commence at the time the first *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* arrives at the venue in which the *Match* is scheduled to take place and will conclude 1 hour following the conclusion of the day's play. Where a *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* is participating in more than one *Match* per day, the second and any subsequent *Match(es)* will commence 1 hour prior to the second and any subsequent *Match(es)* and will conclude 1 hour following the conclusion of that *Match*.

Match Referee. The independent person appointed by CA or *State or Territory Association* (or any other relevant party) as the official match referee for a designated *Match*, whether such *Match Referee* carries out his/her functions remotely or otherwise. Where a *Match Referee* is not physically present at a particular *Match*, he/she may be assisted in the administrative performance of his/her duties under this Code of Conduct by any official 'Match Manager' (such as the *CA Event Manager*) who may be appointed to officiate at such *Match*.

National Cricket Federation. A national or regional entity which is a member of or is recognised by the ICC as the entity governing the sport of cricket in a country (or collective group of countries associated for cricket purposes).

Notice of Charge. As defined in Article 4.1, Article 4.6 and/or Article 4.6.

Player. Any cricketer who:

- (a) has signed an integrity declaration and is selected in any playing team or squad that is chosen to represent *CA or a State or Territory Association or Club* in any *Match* or series of *Matches* or *Tournament*, unless bound by the *CA Code of Conduct*;
- (b) has entered into a participation agreement with *CA* or a *State or Territory Association or Club* to play in any *Match* or series of *Matches* or *Tournament*, unless bound by the *CA Code of Conduct*.

Player Support Personnel. Any *Umpire, Match Referee*, coach, trainer, team manager, selector, team official, doctor, physiotherapist, dietitian, fitness or other health related advisor employed by, contracted to, representing or otherwise affiliated to *CA*, a *State or Territory Association or Club* in respect of the *Tournament*, any *Match* or series of *Matches* unless bound by the *CA Code of Conduct*.

Report. As defined in Article 3.1.

State or Territory Association. Each of the six (6) member associations of *CA* and Northern Territory Cricket and Cricket ACT.

Suspension Points. The weighting points used to determine the period of suspension imposed against any *Player* or *Player Support Personnel* pursuant to Article 7 of the Code of Conduct.

Team Captain or Vice Captain. The official captain or vice captain of any team participating in a *Match*.

Team Manager. The official manager of any team participating in a *Match*.

Tournament. Commences on the date prior to the first Match and concludes the date following the final Match of the:

- (a) National Premier T20 Competition;
- (b) National Under 17 Male Championships;
- (c) National Under 15 Female Championships;
- (d) National Under 15 Male Championships;
- (e) National Indoor Cricket Championships;
- (f) National Country Cricket Championships;
- (g) National Indigenous Championships;
- (h) National Cricket Inclusion Championships,

and includes any other tournament played under the jurisdiction or auspices or with the consent or approval of CA or any *State or Territory Association*, unless captured by the *CA Code of Conduct*, in which case the *CA Code of Conduct* will apply.

Umpire. Any umpire (including any third or other umpires) appointed to officiate in a *Match*.

Venue Operator. The entity responsible for the venue in respect of a *Match*.