

Österreichischer Cricket Verband – Austrian Cricket Association
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Disciplinary Rules & Regulations

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1. Terminology

ÖCV-ACA	Österreichischer Cricket Verband - Austrian Cricket Association
ZVR	Zentrales VereinsRegister (<i>Centralized Registers of Associations</i>)

2. Applicability

- 2.1. These disciplinary rules & regulations relate to all ÖCV-ACA competitions unless otherwise indicated

3. Code of Conduct

- 3.1. Players and Team Officials shall at all times conduct play within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws of Cricket and the Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that this is adhered to.
- 3.2. Players and Team Officials shall at no time engage in conduct unbecoming to their status which could bring them or the game of cricket into disrepute.
- 3.3. The Offences set out at 1.1 to 1.6 below are Level 1 Offences and will be dealt with by the Competition Manager in consultation with the Head of cricket committee, on behalf of the Executive Committee, when they are reported via an Umpire's Report and there will be no right of appeal. When offences are reported via other channels, the Competition Manager will refer them to the Executive Committee, which will then begin the process of forming a disciplinary panel as outlined in § 5 of the General Rules and Regulations. The penalty for a Level 1 Offence shall be an official reprimand and/or a one match ban.
 - 1.1 *Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings*
 - 1.2 *Showing dissent at an umpire's decision.*
 - 1.3 *Using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of an obscene gesture*
 - 1.4 *Excessive appealing*
 - 1.5 *Pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner by a bowler or other member of the fielding side upon the dismissal of a batsman.*
 - 1.6 *Public criticism of, or inappropriate comment on a match related incident or match official.*
- 3.4. The Offences set out at 2.1 to 2.9 below are Level 2 Offences. When reported via an Umpire's Report the Competition Manager will refer the offences to the Executive Committee, which will then begin the process of forming a disciplinary panel as outlined in § 5 of the General Rules and Regulations. The Penalty for a Level 2 Offence shall be a fine of 50, and/or a one to two match ban.
 - 2.1 *Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision.*
 - 2.2 *Serious public criticism of, or inappropriate comment on a match related incident or match official.*
 - 2.3 *Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between Players in the course of play.*
 - 2.4 *Charging or advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.*
 - 2.5 *Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play.*

2.6 Throwing the ball at or near a Player, umpire or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner.

2.7 Using language that is obscene, offensive or of a seriously insulting nature to another Player, umpire, Referee, Team Official or spectator. (It is acknowledged that there will be verbal exchanges between Players in the course of play. Rather than seeking to eliminate these exchanges entirely, umpires will look to lay charges when this falls below an acceptable standard. In this instance, language will be interpreted to include gestures).

2.8 Changing the condition of the ball in breach of Law 42.3

2.9 Any attempt to manipulate a match in regard to the result, net run rate, bonus points or otherwise. The Captain of any team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible.

- 3.5. The Offences set out at 3.1 to 3.3 below are Level 3 Offences. When reported via an Umpire's Report the Competition Manager will refer the offences to the Executive Committee, which will then begin the process of forming a disciplinary panel as outlined in § 5 of the General Rules and Regulations. The penalty for a Level 3 Offence shall be a fine of EUR 100, and/or a ban of 2 to 4 matches.

3.1 Intimidation of an umpire or Referee whether by language or conduct

3.2 Threat of assault on another Player, Team Official or spectator

3.3 Using language or gestures that offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin

- 3.6. The Offences set out at 4.1 to 4.4 below are Level 4 Offences. When reported via an Umpire's Report the Competition Manager will refer the offences to the Executive Committee, which will then begin the process of forming a disciplinary panel as outlined in § 5 of the General Rules and Regulations. The Penalty for a Level 4 Offence shall be a ban of more than 4 matches up to a life ban for the Player or Official concerned.

4.1 Threat of assault on an umpire or Referee

4.2 Physical assault of another Player, umpire, Referee, Official or spectator

4.3 Any act of violence on the field of play

4.4 Using language or gestures that seriously offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin

- 3.7. Where the facts or the gravity of an alleged incident are not adequately or clearly covered by any of the above offences, the person laying the charge may allege one of the following offences:

a. breach of § 3.1 - conduct contrary to the spirit of the game; or

b. breach of § 3.2 - conduct that brings the game into disrepute

4. Disciplinary Committee & Regulations

- 4.1. The following persons may report alleged offences (called 'Offence Reports' from this point forward):
 - a. The ÖCV-ACA organs mentioned in § 8 of the Statutes
 - b. The ÖCV-ACA organs mentioned in § 7 of the General Rules and Regulations, on behalf of the Executive Committee.
 - c. The Competition Manager, on behalf of the Executive Committee, of the competition in which the alleged offence took place.
 - d. All members, club members and umpires who have witnessed the alleged offences.
- 4.2. On behalf of the Executive Committee, the Competition Manager will lay charges when an Umpire's Report has been received for an alleged offence. The Umpire's Report needs to contain the signatures of all officiated umpires umpiring the match.
- 4.3. The alleged offence needs to be reported within 10 days of the alleged offence taking place. Offence Reports reaching the Executive Committee at a later date will be dismissed.
- 4.4. The Offence Report needs to contain a detailed description of the alleged offences with date, time and place, the names of the person being charged (called the 'defendant' from this point forward), the name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) laying the charge and the name(s) and signature(s) of the possible witness(es).
- 4.5. The fees for reporting an alleged offence (called 'reporting fees' from this point forward) are:
 - a. EUR 0,- for the ÖCV-ACA organs mentioned in § 8 of the Statutes and § 7 of the General Rules and Regulations.
 - b. EUR 100,- reporting fee for members
 - c. EUR 50,- reporting fee for all natural persons
- 4.6. The Executive Committee will not start processing the case until the reporting fee has been received on any of the ÖCV-ACA bank accounts.
- 4.7. When the reporting fee has not been received within two weeks after the report is submitted, the Offence Report will be dismissed.
- 4.8. When the Offence Report leads to a prosecution, the reporting fees will be refunded.
- 4.9. When the Offence Report is retracted, the reporting fees will not be refunded and a reporting of the same alleged offence by the same ÖCV-ACA organ, member or natural person will be dismissed.
- 4.10. The Disciplinary Panel will handle each case as it sees fit, but in accordance to the ICC Principles of Natural Justice.
- 4.11. Neither the Disciplinary Panel nor the ÖCV-ACA will reimburse any legal costs made by any party in the disciplinary case.
- 4.12. For charges which have been prosecuted, the verdict and possible penalties are communicated to all parties in the case and the relevant ÖCV-ACA organs (including the Webmaster for publication on the ÖCV-ACA website) by the Secretary of the Disciplinary Panel.
- 4.13. The Disciplinary Panel will establish in all reason what costs are made by the Disciplinary Panel and any Umpires required to attend, and which part of these costs must be borne by each party in the case depending on the outcome. The ÖCV-ACA will bear the remaining costs. These costs can include but are not limited to:
 - a. all postage and photocopying costs
 - b. the travel costs of the Disciplinary Panel members and the Umpires at EUR 0.35 per kilometre.

- c. EUR 20,- for any Umpire required to attend. The costs borne by the defendant must be paid to the ÖCV-ACA within 30 days after the verdict has been communicated.
- 4.14. All ÖCV-ACA organs, the ÖCV-ACA members, club members and umpires are obliged to provide the Disciplinary Panel with information it requires to perform their activities.

5. Appeals Committee & Regulations

- 5.1. The following persons may lodge an appeal against a verdict of the Disciplinary Committee if this verdict exceeds a formal warning:
- a. The defendant
 - b. The ÖCV-ACA organs mentioned in § 8 of the Statutes
 - c. The ÖCV-ACA organs mentioned in § 7 of the General Rules and Regulations, on behalf of the Executive Committee.
 - d. The Competition Manager of the competition in which the alleged offence took place.
 - e. All members, club members and umpires who have witnessed the alleged offences.
- 5.2. The appeal needs to be reported within 2 days of the verdict. Appeals reaching the Executive Committee at a later date will be dismissed.
- 5.3. An appeal against a verdict will not suspend the execution of the penalty.
- 5.4. The Appeals Panel will handle each case as it sees fit but in accordance to the ICC Principles of Natural Justice.
- 5.5. Neither the Disciplinary Committee nor the ÖCV-ACA will reimburse any legal costs made by any party in the appeals case.
- 5.6. No appeal is possible against the verdict of the Appeals Panel.
- 5.7. For charges which have been prosecuted, the verdict and possible penalties are communicated to all parties in the case and the relevant ÖCV-ACA organs (including the Webmaster for publication on the ÖCV-ACA website) by the Secretary of the Appeals Panel.
- 5.8. The Appeals Panel will establish in all reason what costs are made by the Appeals Panel and any Umpires required to attend (as outlined in 3.13 a.-c.), and which part of these costs must be borne by each party in the case depending on the outcome. The ÖCV-ACA will bear the remaining costs.
- 5.9. All ÖCV-ACA organs, the ÖCV-ACA members, club members and umpires are obliged to provide the Appeals Panels with information it requires to perform their activities.