

Introduction

Cricket is unique in that there are obligations within its Laws that require the captains, players and match officials to uphold the 'spirit of the sport'. The Mediterranean Cricket League (MCL) too plays a significant role in protecting the spirit and integrity of the game.

This document summarises the MCL practices that are in line with the International Cricket Council (ICC) Code of Conduct, the Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU), Anti-Doping programme and our commitment to ensuring discrimination has no place in our sport.

The MCL has developed some operational practices that comply with ICC directives and utilise the overarching policies and procedures of the ICC. Integrity, in terms of the game of cricket, fundamentally is covered in the areas of:

- Anti-Discrimination
- Anti-Doping
- Anti-Corruption



Anti-Discrimination

The MCL shall be governed and adopt the International Cricket Council's Anti-Discrimination Code for Participants.

The MCL including players, officials and supporters shall not at any time offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage, vilify or unlawfully discriminate between persons based on their race, religion, culture, colour, descent, nationality, ethnic origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status and/or maternity status.



Instances of discrimination shall be reported to match officials and who will then record the offence, and if warranted (See guidelines) present to the MCL tribunal.

Anti-Corruption

All cricket matches are to be contested on a "level playing field", with the outcome to be determined solely by the respective merits of the competing teams and to remain uncertain until the match is completed. As such the MCL will adopt the ICC stance on corruption and any practice that may undermine the integrity of the sport. The MCL shall be governed by the ICC "Anti-Corruption Code for Participants".

Conduct

Players and supporters are expected to respect umpires and officials. Intimidation and behaviours intended to alter the course of a game (i.e., decisions) will not be tolerated.

Anti-Doping

The MCL shall be governed and adopt the International Cricket Council's Anti-Doping Code for Participants.

Performance enhancing substances will not be tolerated and players found using these will be banned from play.



MCL Tribunal

The MCL Tribunal shall be convened if a breach takes place of any of the areas covered in the integrity and player conduct guidelines.

Players and supporters are entitled to a fair hearing and natural justice principles apply.

The MCL tribunal shall be comprised of any three of the following:

- Tournament Director
- Integrity Manager
- Tournament Referee

MCL Operational Guidelines

- MCL Match Day Restricted Area (MDRA) (Scorer's/Officials/Players/Managers/Coaches only) cordoned off.
- MCL Scorer's Area (SA) is within the MDRA restricted area and access is granted to ONLY the MCL Official Scorer, the invited participating team scorer, MCL Tournament Referee and Director.
- On Game day when Team Officials/ Players/ Managers/ Coaches attend the playing ground they walk in to the restricted MDRA they have a secure box/bag to place their phones PRIOR to the commencement of their game/s and can only be retrieved once the game/s are COMPLETED. (This bag/box can be provided by the team). There needs to be a sign in and sign out time on the team sheet that shows the person deposited and then collected their phone given to the Tournament Referee or 3rd Umpire. The Team Manager/coach/captain can arrange this. The phones secure box/bag will be placed with MCL Official 3rd Umpire who has responsibility for the safety of the contents while players are playing. The safety of the player phones is to be taken seriously by the 3rd umpire and the bag/box is not to be left unsupervised. Should the 3rd umpire be required to go on the field or attend to other 3rd umpire duties the 3rd Umpire can leave the secure bag/box with the MCL Official Scorer while attending official duties but on completion must regain security of the bag/box so as not to place extra responsibilities on the MCL Official Scorer for prolonged periods.
- MCL Accredited Scorer, 3rd umpire, Tournament Referee and Tournament Director are permitted to access a phone during game time if required.

- MCL Game Day Umpires are not permitted use of their phone during their game day duties. The only exception is if the MCL Game Day umpire is also the MCL Tournament Referee or Integrity Officer. Any use by those permitted to use phones by the MCL is to be limited to essential use only. Those with phones are NOT permitted to allow anyone to use their phone. Any use by persons other than the phone owner is considered an integrity breach- and breach goes against the phone owner AND the person using their phone.
- Should there be any rain/start time delays the use of phones continues to be banned. The use of phones in these circumstances only recommences once the game has OFFICIALLY been called off by the MCL Tournament Referee/game umpires.
- MCL Integrity Officer, Tournament Referee/Director can at ANY time during the game (with another MCL Official as witness) open the secure bag/box and audit the phones to the player names. Any breaches are to be immediately investigated.
- Any player/team official found with a second phone NOT secured is to have their phone immediately confiscated and an integrity meeting will be arranged by the MCL Integrity Officer, Tournament Referee and Director as soon as practicable.

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The Mediterranean Cricket League is fair and fun.

It is free from:

- Corruption
- Discrimination
- Performance enhancing substances
- Violence and intimidation

**Integrity:
A quick reference guide
for all MCL players,
officials and supporters**