

ICC ANTI-RACISM CODE

As the international governing body for the sport of cricket the ICC is responsible for ensuring that the highest standards of moral and ethical behaviour are applied and upheld throughout the sport at every level.

- (a) ICC and all of its Members shall promote and encourage participation at all levels regardless of race, colour, religion, national or ethnic origin.
- (b) ICC and all of its Members shall ensure that there is no discrimination in any form against any person because of race, colour, religion, national or ethnic origin.
- (c) The ICC and all of its Members shall ensure that the provisions of all ICC Rules and Regulations are applied without regard to race, colour, religion, national or ethnic origin.
- (d) All Members of the ICC shall incorporate the provisions of this ICC Anti-Racism Code in their Constitutions, Disciplinary Codes and Statutes so that it is fully applicable to all international matches played under the auspices of the ICC.
- (e) ICC and all of its Members shall implement the provisions of the ICC Code of Conduct for players, team officials, umpires and spectators prohibiting racially abusive comments and actions against fellow players, officials and spectators.
- (f) ICC and all of its Members shall publicise and implement the following policy statement:

“Spectators shall not engage in any conduct, act towards or speak to any player, umpire, referee or other official or other spectators in a manner which offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies that other person on the basis of that other person’s race, religion, colour, national or ethnic origin.”

- (g) ICC and all of its Members, particularly countries preparing to host an ICC event, Test or ODI series, shall ensure that all international match ground venues adopt and conform to the following anti-racism process:
 - The following statement should be inserted on membership passes and match day tickets.

“Spectators are reminded that racially abusive comments and actions will result in ejection from the ground and possible further action such as criminal prosecution, identification by way of photographing and/or capturing by video camera of the images of such persons and life-bans being imposed on such persons. .”

- ICC and all of its Members should ensure that appropriate signs or posters are displayed at entrances to stadia, at prominent places in the stadia which are clearly visible to spectators.
 - The policy statement and ticket statement should be prominently and regularly displayed upon electronic scoreboards and regularly communicated in an audible manner to spectators by way of public address announcements.
- (h) ICC and all of its Members shall ensure that all international match ground venues make public address announcements at the first indication of racist chanting, abuse and/or offensive behaviour, condemning such actions and stating that immediate action will be taken in terms of the anti-racism statement referred to in (g) above in respect of offenders.
- (i) Simultaneously with the making of such public address announcements as referred to in (h) above, the Member hosting the relevant fixture will immediately implement the following measures against offenders as envisaged in the anti racism statement:
- ejection from the ground
 - identification by way of photographing and/or capturing by video camera of the images of such persons to assist with prosecution and/or imposition of a life ban.
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- (j) ICC and all of its Members shall ensure that ground officials and stewards at all international match ground venues are trained to take action against racist chanting and abuse. In this regard, the Member hosting the relevant fixture will liaise with the Chief Executive Officers of the participating Members’ teams to ensure that the host Member is made fully aware of specific terms and phrases which are particularly offensive to the participating Members;
- (k) ICC and its Members shall ensure that all international match ground venues take all reasonable measures to ensure that there is no sale or distribution of racist literature and/or any other racist material in or around the ground on match days.

SANCTIONS

(l) TO BE IMPOSED UPON SPECTATORS

1 Any spectator engaging in the conduct as envisaged in (f) above may be subject to the following action:-

- have their image photographed or otherwise recorded in order that a data base be produced and maintained of such offenders;
- be ejected from the stadium;
- be charged with the relevant criminal offence in the host country for such racist conduct;
- be banned from life for attending cricket matches at the relevant stadium.

(m) TO BE IMPOSED UPON ICC MEMBERS

1 Pursuant to such conduct as envisaged in (f) occurring the relevant hosting Member may be reported in accordance with the ICC Disciplinary Process.

2. It shall be a valid defence to any report in accordance with (m)(1) above if the relevant hosting Member can show compliance with this Anti Racism Code in so far as such compliance is within their control.

2 Under the ICC Disciplinary Process a range of penalties may be imposed including but not limited to:

- A warning (given together with certain corrective action)
- A fine imposed on the Home Board under whose jurisdiction the breach occurred.
- A fine imposed on an individual who is found to be culpable for the breach.

- Withdrawal or suspension for a period of time of international match status from the relevant venue for repeat offences.
- Suspension or ban from holding office (voluntary or paid) in international cricket and/or domestic cricket.

In addition, the following recommendations were approved by the Executive Board:

- ICC and each Member country shall dedicate a senior member of staff to lead its anti-racism policies. The ICC nominated person shall be the ICC Cricket Operations Manager, Clive Hitchcock and Members shall notify the name of their appointed person to him.
- ICC and its Members shall resource through funding and staffing the policies contained herewith.
- ICC and its Members shall engage in training and awareness raising events and activities to promote the eradication of all forms of discrimination within their own organizations.
- ICC shall mean persons serving on the ICC Executive Board and/or any other Associated Company, Members of all ICC Committees, all alternate directors, all ICC staff, all ICC officials, umpires and referees and any other person who may reasonably be construed as acting on behalf of the ICC.

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