



REPORTING POOR PLAYER BEHAVIOUR



Following various discussions involving the Kent League, the Kent League Umpire's Panel, the Kent Association of Cricket Officials, various umpires, captains and players, it is felt that breaches in the more serious offences of the ECB Code of Conduct levels 2, 3 and 4 will normally be reported by umpires whereas breaches in level 1 offences are the main cause of reporting inconsistencies. Consequently it is in this area that umpires should be concentrating their efforts. Handling of level 1 offences will be as follows –

- a) Abuse of cricket ground, equipment or fixtures/fittings **(Zero Tolerance)**
 - I. Deliberately hitting stumps/bails with bat or person
 - II. Deliberately throwing bat/helmet on or off the field
 - III. Deliberate abuse of cricket ground

- b) Showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action **(Zero Tolerance)**
 - I. Arguing with an umpire regarding a decision
 - II. Refusing to leave the field when given out

- c) Using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or making an obscene gesture **(First and Final Warning)**
 - I. Swearing such that it can be heard over the boundary
 - II. Fielding side giving a batsman a send-off
 - III. Any form of personal abuse
 - IV. Inappropriate sledging

- d) Excessive appealing **(First and Final Warning)**
 - I. Multiple Appeals
 - II. Coordinated or inappropriate Appeals

- e) Charging or advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner **(Zero Tolerance)**
 - I. When Appealing
 - II. Following a decision

The lists below the various offences are examples and **do not constitute a definitive list**. Decisions made on all Player Behaviour Offences will be in the opinion of the umpires and all necessary reports will be produced after the match as required. During the match a First and Final Warning, as indicated above, will be made to either the Fielding Captain or current Batsmen and will apply to all members of that team, for all offences, throughout the match.