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Code of Conduct: Schedule of Penalties

In any game of cricket over which France Cricket has jurisdiction, it is expected of players, umpires, coaches and other officials, that their participation will respect the spirit of the game and that no action on their part will be such as to risk bringing the game into disrepute. Disciplinary measures, as outlined below, will be taken against anyone who offends these standards.

On the basis that offences need to be considered according to their seriousness, the following classification will determine the level of penalty, if any, that can be imposed.

Level 1 Offences: Maximum penalty: Suspension for 3 matches.

- a) Showing dissent at an Umpire's decision;
- b) Abuse of equipment, furniture, etc.;
- c) Use of language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or making an obscene gesture;
- d) Excessive appealing;
- e) Pointing or gesturing aggressively by bowler or fielder on the dismissal of a batsman.

Level 2 Offences: Maximum penalty: Suspension for 4 matches.

- a) Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision;
- b) Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between players in the course of play;
- c) Charging or advancing towards the umpire aggressively when making an appeal;
- d) Deliberate and malicious distraction or obstruction on the field of play;
- e) Throwing the ball at or near an umpire, player or official in an inappropriate or dangerous manner;
- f) Using language that is obscene, offensive or seriously insulting to an umpire, another player or official, or to a spectator;

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- g) Language, actions or gestures by the fielding side which disparage a batsman upon his dismissal or which could at any time provoke an aggressive reaction by either of the batsmen.
- h) Changing the condition of the ball illegally;
- i) Attempting to manipulate the result of a match.

Level 3 Offences: Maximum penalty: Suspension for 6 matches.

- a) Intimidation of an umpire or other official whether by language or conduct;
- b) Threat of assault on another player, team official or spectator;
- c) Using any language or gesture 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.

Level 4 Offences: Maximum penalty: A lifetime ban.

This would be independent of the outcome of any criminal proceedings.

- a) Threat of assault on an umpire or other official;
- b) Physical assault of another player, umpire, coach or other official or spectator;
- c) Any act of violence on the field of play;
- d) Using any language or gesture 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.
- e) Any involvement in betting on the outcome or on any other aspect of any competitions or other sporting events organised by the Fédération Française de Baseball et Softball (FFBS) and/or France Cricket, including also any international matches, whether concerning a national team selected by the FFBS and/or by France Cricket or teams representing French cricket clubs, as laid down in Article 56 of the Règlements Généraux of the FFBS.

Generally, where the facts or the gravity or seriousness of the 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) Conduct contrary to the spirit of the game; or
- b) Conduct that brings the game into disrepute.

The person laying such a charge must specify the level of breach to accompany the charge, for example "conduct contrary to the spirit of the game = level 2".

In the event of the captain, several members of a team or club officials being found guilty of any of the above offences, points may also be deducted from the team's tally in its respective league, corresponding to the level of the offence. For example: Level 1, points deducted for one win; Level 2, points for two wins, etc.

Where, within one season, a person or group of persons is found guilty a second or subsequent time of committing any of the above offences, the maximum penalties outlined above may be doubled, or even trebled.

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Reported offences will be dealt with as follows, in accordance with Article 13(iv) of the Règlement Intérieur of France Cricket:

Level 1:

Level 1 offences which occur **in any match organised or recognised by France Cricket** are to be referred directly by the Commission Sportive Nationale (CSNC**) of France Cricket. Level 1 offences occurring in any other official match will be referred to the Regional Association in which the alleged offence occurred. The decisions of the Regional Association can be appealed to the CSNC**.

Level 2 & 3: These will be referred in the first instance to the France Cricket Commission Sportive Nationale (CSNC**).

Level 4: These will be referred directly to the Disciplinary Committee of the FFBS and, if necessary, to the FFBS appeals body (Conseil Fédéral d'Appel).

Appeals procedure in the case of offences Level 1, 2 and 3: The decisions of the Commission Sportive Nationale (CSNC) can be referred to the Bureau of France Cricket, and from there to the Comité Directeur of France Cricket. The Comité Directeur of the FFBS will act as final arbitrator.

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