

GREAT HORWOOD CRICKET CLUB

Disciplinary Rules

i) It shall be a disciplinary offence for any player in the course of or in connection with a cricket match to misconduct himself or to act at any time in a manner likely to prejudice the good name or interests of the Club or, where applicable, of the League(s).

ii) For the purposes of these Rules the expression "The Player" shall throughout these Rules be deemed to mean and include not only any player but also any member or official of the Club or if appropriate any other person involved in any incident of possible misconduct occurring on the field of play or on the premises of the Club as may be appropriate in the particular circumstances.

iii) The Club shall, where any possible case of misconduct occurs, convene an Internal Club Enquiry to consider any such possible misconduct involving a player or players of the Club and, where appropriate, any other persons involved in the incident on the field of play or premises of the Club.

The purposes of the Internal Club Enquiry shall be to establish the facts and, where appropriate, to take the necessary disciplinary action in order to ensure that the Club does not fail properly to control or discipline its player or players and to ensure that the Club acts in a manner designed to protect the good name of the Club and of the Leagues and of cricket generally.

iv) Any player requested to attend such an Internal Club Enquiry, or any Appeal therefrom, shall be told that he is entitled to be accompanied at the Enquiry by a friend or representative and to call witnesses if he so wishes.

v) If at the Hearing, the Internal Club Enquiry finds that the misconduct has been proved the Club shall have the following powers:

- a) If the conduct constitutes gross misconduct the Club shall have the power to terminate the player's membership forthwith.
- b) To suspend the player's membership for a period.
- c) To suspend the player's right to be considered for selection by the Club to play in one or more matches.
- d) To impose a fine of not more than £20.00.
- e) To record a reprimand and to give a warning as to future conduct in the case of a first offence.

vi) Save that the Club for the same offence may, if it is thought fit, impose more than one of the above penalties.

vii) Where the Club has imposed any penalty the player shall have the right to Appeal to an Appeal Board (a maximum of three not including members of the original Internal Enquiry committee) for a review of the penalty or penalties imposed and where the penalty or penalties fall wholly or in part within any of the categories above the player, if still aggrieved by the final decision of the Club shall have the right of Appeal to the relevant League's Disciplinary Committee where the offence occurred in a match under the jurisdiction of a League.

viii) Notice of appeal to the League's Disciplinary Committee setting out the basic grounds of appeal shall be given in writing to the Secretary of the League within seven days of the decision of the Internal Club Enquiry or of the Appeal Board whichever is the later and shall be accompanied

by a deposit of £20.00. Upon giving such Notice of Appeal to the Secretary of the League the penalty or penalties imposed by the Club shall not take effect pending the Hearing of the Appeal by the League's Disciplinary Committee and the notification of the decision of the Appeal.

ix) Any Appeal before the League's Disciplinary Committee shall be by way of rehearing and the player shall have the same rights of attendance and representation and to call witnesses as they had at the Internal Club Enquiry.

x) The League's Disciplinary Committee may confirm vary or reverse the decision of the Club save that it shall have no power to increase the penalty or penalties imposed by the Club on the player. The League's Disciplinary Committee shall have the power where they consider an Appeal to be devoid of merit to order the deposit to be forfeited to the League.

xi) The decision of the League's Disciplinary Committee shall be final and binding on the player and the Club.

xii) Where the offence was unrelated to a match under the jurisdiction of any League, rules 16 viii) to 16 xi) or any other reference to a League Disciplinary Committee shall not apply.