

Prescribed Penalty Procedures

In order to streamline the Protests and Disputes Committee Process, a Prescribed Penalty system will be implemented.

This penalty system has been created to run hand in hand with requirements already established within the constitution and the playing rules.

Protest and Disputes Tribunal procedures:

1. A Report submitted to Bankstown District Baseball Association will be processed and the offence categorised by the Protests and Disputes Committee.
2. The Bankstown District Baseball Association to issue the appropriate Club Management and/or person a copy of the Umpire's Report or citing document and to outlining the proposed penalty.
3. The Club or person to advise the Bankstown District Baseball Association that the Club or person will or will not be accepting the proposed penalty.
4. A Guilty Plea automatically invokes prescribed penalty and no appearance before the Protests and Disputes Committee is necessary.
5. Any Notice of Challenge must be lodged before participation in any further game. The challenger is then to appear at a time and place to be arranged by the Bankstown District Baseball Association. At this hearing the Protests and Disputes Committee may downgrade the offence.
6. Any appeal of the Protests and Disputes Committee's finding must be made to the Bankstown District Baseball Association's Executive in the appropriate manner.

Prescribed Penalties

CHARGE CODE	CHARGE	GRADE	DESCRIPTION	GUILTY PLEA PENALTY	DEFENDED PENALTY
QJC1	Questioning judgement call	1	Not prolonged. No use of offensive or aggressive language or behaviour	Caution	1 game
QJC2	Questioning judgement call	2	Continuous or prolonged arguing of judgement calls. Arguing balls and strikes following warning. Abusive or aggressive language or behaviour.	1 game	2 games
OAL1	Offensive or Abusive language	1	Abusive towards players No swearing involved Not prolonged	1 game	2 games
OAL2	Offensive or Abusive language	2	Abusive towards players, umpires or others. Swearing &/or personal remarks.	2 games	4 games
OAL3	Offensive or Abusive language	3	Prolonged abuse involving personal, discriminatory or offensive language.	3 games	6 games
UC1	Unsportsmanlike conduct.	1	Misdemeanour with no violence or aggression.	Caution	1 game
UC2	Unsportsmanlike conduct.	2	Intentional, reckless or careless breaking of the rules; Aggressive behaviour, but with no violence.	1 game	2 games
UC3	Unsportsmanlike conduct.	3	Intentional, reckless or careless breaking of the rules where there is aggressive &/or violent behaviour; Careless play resulting in possibility/probability of serious injury.	Must appear before Protest & Dispute Committee	4 games
UC4	Unsportsmanlike conduct.	4	Severe aggressive or violent behaviour; Example : Punching or participating in an affray; Touching or handling an umpire.	Must appear before Protest & Dispute Committee	6 games
UC5	Unsportsmanlike conduct.	5	Violence and/or aggression; Prolonged and/or severe. Striking or pushing an umpire	Must appear before Protest & Dispute Committee	8 or more games

CHARGE CODE	CHARGE	GRADE	DESCRIPTION	GUILTY PLEA PENALTY	DEFENDED PENALTY
CC1	Contrary conduct	1	Offences relating to misdemeanour; Failure to fulfil obligations under the Association's Playing Rules.	Caution	1 game
CC2	Contrary conduct	2	Offences relating to a more severe misdemeanour; Example: Failure to obey an umpire's directive.	1 game	2 to 3 games
CC3	Contrary conduct	3	Offences relating to dangerous/offensive behaviour; Example: throwing objects on the field.	1 game	2 games
CC4	Contrary conduct	4	Offences which bring the game, clubs or the Association into dispute or place them in danger.	1 game	2 games
OP1	Over-Pitching	1	Less than 10 pitches First Offence	1 game	2 games
OP2	Over-Pitching	2	Less than 10 pitches;	1 game Plus possible loss of Game	2 games Plus possible loss of Game
OP3	Over-Pitching	3	More than 10 pitches; Second Offence	2 or more games Plus possible loss of Game	4 or more games Plus possible loss of Game
Serious breach of Code of Conduct or other action.	Actions deemed by the Protest & Dispute Committee not covered by any of the above categories.	---	Actions deemed by the Protest & Dispute Committee not covered by any of the above categories.	Must appear before Protest & Dispute Committee	Protest & Dispute Committee to rule as it sees fit.

NOTES:

- (i) For second and subsequent offences, the prescribed penalty may be increased in relation to the number of offences incurred.
- (ii) Where there is an Over-Pitching occurrence, the Manager will be held responsible and both Scorers may be required to explain how the event took place.