

Yorkshire Cricket Board

USE OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE ON THE FIELD OF PLAY

1. The League/Board wish members of opposing teams to communicate to the other side and to the umpires in English
2. If an umpire has reasonable belief through body language, gesture or attitude that non-English language is being used to intimidate or abuse an opposing player(s), the umpire will ask the captain of the side in question either to ensure all such communicate cease forthwith or it is only in English.
3. Failure to do so will be seen as Unsatisfactory Conduct under the Yorkshire Cricket Board Disciplinary Code and Procedures and may lead to a disciplinary report and action

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MISUSE OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA

1. Clubs are expected/required to ensure that all their members are aware of the misuse of social and other media as outlined below and be aware of the possible consequences faced by individuals and/or the club if such misuse happens.
2. Any public or circulated comment brought to the attention of the Club/League/Board in any form of social media (eg Websites, Facebook, Twitter, Blogs etc) or in the general media (eg press, radio, television, general websites , club programmes etc) that is detrimental to the club, league , officials , players or the Game in general by a League/Club Officer , Officials , Players , Club Member or someone acting on their behalf may be viewed as Unsatisfactory Conduct under the Yorkshire Cricket Board Disciplinary Code and Procedures and therefore is a disciplinary offence and may result in due disciplinary procedure against the Individual(s) or Club
3. It can be viewed as a secondary offence to re-send or re-circulate any such detrimental comments and as primary offence to ask someone to do this on your behalf and this will be treated as Unsatisfactory Conduct and can be treated as a disciplinary offence in its own right

NOTE

C YCB DEFINITION OF UNSATISFACTORY CONDUCT

By this is meant misconduct, that is dissent, abuse and ungentlemanly conduct, whether verbal , written or physical, whether on or off the field of play and whether carried out by a player, club members or supporter: and in addition the Club which fails to properly control or discipline its players, club members and supporters with regard to any misconduct.

In effect this means any action likely to bring the League , the Club, the Board or the game of Cricket into disrepute or to prejudice its good name and interests

Note

For the purposes of these Guidelines the term ' player' shall be taken to mean any player, professional or otherwise, and also any member or official of any club or organisation or supporter or spectator involved in an incident of possible misconduct on or off the field of play. In addition the term " League " shall be taken to mean any member organisation of Yorkshire Cricket Board .

RACIAL ABUSE

The YCB have the following Policy:

ANTI-RACISM AND RACE EQUALITY

"The YCB are opposed to all forms of racism and are committed towards the elimination of all forms of racism at all levels of sport and to address issues of racial inequality.

The YCB acknowledges that racial disadvantage and discrimination are still present in the sport and are key factors which influence the nature and the extent of the Black Minority Ethnic Communities and individuals.

The YCB acknowledges that the elimination of racial disadvantages and discrimination from cricket is an on-going task and alongside its commitment to working towards the elimination of racism, it will also take positive action to meet the cricketing needs and aspirations of Yorkshire Black Minority Ethnic communities and individuals.

The YCB will encourage all affiliated Leagues and organisations to have a strategy in place to inform their membership of their anti-racism commitment and that existing procedures in place are used to take disciplinary actions against players and officials who racially abuse others players, officials or spectators during matches ".

GENDER AND DISABILITY

The YCB are similarly opposed to all forms of discrimination against women and people of any sexual orientation and those with a disability and are committed towards the elimination of all forms of such discrimination at all levels of sport and to address issues of inequality. The paragraphs regarding racial discrimination and League's responsibilities above apply equally to these

YCB expects all member leagues , associations and clubs to incorporate this statement and policy into their rules and regulations. As with the Code of Conduct Clubs and Leagues are advised to ensure this policy is publicly displayed.

All racially, sexually or disability abusive comments or abusive actions against fellow players , members , officials or any supporter MUST be reported by the umpires or any other responsible official to the appointed League Disciplinary Officer whether they feel they have dealt with them on or off the field of play or not. Leagues must view these as extremely serious meriting full disciplinary procedures