



## Luxembourg Cricket Federation

### Code of Conduct

#### **The spirit of cricket**

Cricket is special – not only must the laws be followed; the ‘spirit of the game’ must also be understood, accepted and respected. Captains have a particular responsibility in this regard. And in Luxembourg we have a particular responsibility to be friendly, courteous, accommodating and understanding vis-à-vis our host Commune, our neighbours, and anyone in or around the ground.

The spirit of cricket involves respect for:

- your opponents
- your own team
- the umpires
- the game’s traditional values

Respect for, and compliance with, the spirit of cricket covers the actions of all players, office-holders, coaches, umpires and spectators, whether they are at LCF-run games or when conducting LCF business.

#### **Unacceptable conduct**

It is contrary to the spirit of cricket:

- to dispute an umpire’s decision by word, action or gesture
- to direct abusive language or gestures towards others

Unacceptable conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- showing dissent at an umpire’s decision;
- acting in a provocative or disapproving manner;
- intimidating or assaulting (or threatening to intimidate or assault) other people;
- using offensive or abusive language or physical gestures;
- discriminating in any way on the basis of a person’s origin, age, religion, sexual orientation, physical appearance, descent, nationality, or cricketing ability;
- making public written or verbal comments that harm the interests or reputation of other participants or the game of cricket;
- acting in any way that is against the spirit of cricket, or detrimental to the interests or reputation of the Luxembourg Cricket Federation or the game of cricket.

#### **Responsibility of captains**

Captains are expected to set an example to their teammates. They are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws. Captains must understand in particular that the ‘spirit of the game’ means accepting the umpire’s decision. Their teammates may not be so acquainted with this important principle, having seen plenty of instances in other sports where the umpire’s or the referee’s decision is disputed. Cricket is different in this respect. Captains, as leaders, therefore bear a special responsibility for ensuring that matches are conducted in a competitive but friendly spirit, and that the umpires receive the respect and support to which they are entitled. Any misbehaviour by a captain will consequently be sanctioned particularly severely.