

**Additional points relating to Level 3 and 4 Offences** (added by MCBACO):

If **one captain** refuses to remove a player from the field for a Level 3 or 4 offence, as directed by the umpires, they will **award the match** to the other side.

If **both captains** refuse to remove a player from the field for a Level 3 or 4 offence in respect of the **same incident**, the umpires shall instruct the players to **leave the field** and there shall be **no result recorded**.

Where the **wicket-keeper** commits a Level 3 or 4 offence, another **nominated player** must keep wicket and **no substitute**, whether on the field at the time of suspension or later, may keep wicket.

If a **substitute or runner** acting for a nominated player commits a Level 3 or 4 Offence, **the nominated Player** suffers the **same penalty** except that **only the substitute or runner is reported**.

*NB Some of the details involved in what happens to fielders, batsmen and bowlers who are suspended under Levels 3 & 4 is not covered here and you should refer to Laws 42.4.2.3.3 and .6 and 42.5.2.3.1 and .3.*

## ECB ACO Law 42 Guidance - Flow Chart

*You consider that the conduct of a player is unacceptable:*

**Immediately Call & Signal 'Dead ball'**

(Unless this disadvantages the non-offending team, in which case wait until the ball is dead)

**Collect the ball from the fielding team**

**Consult colleague** - Decide whether misconduct has occurred, if so at what Level and decide upon sanctions.

**Call 'Time'**

**Summon the player's captain.**

In the case of the batting side the captain should be summoned on to the field.

Inform him that an **offence has taken place**, at what Level and what the **sanction** will be.

**Apply sanctions** as over page.

Record what happened and **what actions were taken**.

As soon as is **practicable** call 'Play' and resume.

Report to **offending team management** and **Governing Body** whatever Level the offence.

## ECB ACO Law 42 Guidance - Sanctions

### Level 1 - No previous offence at any Level

First & final warning to all members of that team for the rest of the match. Warn captain that any further L1 offence will result in 5 penalty runs

### Level 1 - Following any previous offence

Award 5 penalty runs

Warn captain that any further L1 offence will result in 5 penalty runs

### Level 2

Award 5 penalty runs.

Warn captain that any further L1 offence will result in 5 penalty runs

### Level 3

Direct captain to remove the offending player immediately from the field in accordance with the following:

- Match where innings are not limited to a number of overs - 10 overs
- Match where innings are limited to a number of overs - 1/5 of allocated overs at the start of the innings (a part over count as a full over)
- No substitute allowed for a suspended fielder
- Suspended batsman may only resume at the fall of a wicket
- If no batsman is available at the fall of a wicket during a suspension, innings is complete
- Any overs remaining from a suspension are carried forward to the next innings
- Any balls remaining in an over (either at the time of suspension or the end of an innings) do not count towards a suspension

Warn captain that any further L1 offence will result in 5 penalty runs Award 5 penalty runs

Signal Level 3 penalty to scorers

### Level 4

Direct the captain to remove the offending player immediately for the remainder of the match

No substitute allowed for a fielder

Warn captain that any further L1 offence will result in 5 penalty runs Award 5 penalty runs

Signal Level 4 penalty to scorers



## ECB ACO Law 42 Guidance - Actions Constituting Offences

### Level 1

- Wilfully mistreating any part of the cricket ground, equipment or implements used in the match
- Showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action
- Using language that, in the circumstances, is obscene, offensive or insulting
- Making an obscene gesture
- Appealing excessively
- Advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
- Any other misconduct, the nature of which is, in the opinion of the umpires, equivalent to a Level 1 offence

### Level 2

- Showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action
- Making inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with another player
- Throwing the ball at a player, umpire or other person in an inappropriate and dangerous manner
- Using language or gesture to another player, umpire, team official or spectator that, in the circumstances, is obscene or of a serious insulting nature
- Any other misconduct, the nature of which is, in the opinion of the umpires, equivalent to a Level 2 offence

### Level 3

- Intimidating an umpire by language or gesture
- Threatening to assault a player or any other person except an umpire

### Level 4

- Threatening to assault an umpire
- Making inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with an umpire
- Physically assaulting a player or any other person
- Committing any other act of violence

