
KANPUR PREMIER LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MATCH OFFICIALS AND MATCH OFFICIAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

1. DEFINITIONS

- **Kanpur Sports Management Foundation (KSMF):** The governing body for the Kanpur Premier League (KPL).
- **KPL CEO:** The person appointed by KSMF from time to time to act as Chief Executive Officer (or his/her designee).
- **KPL Constitution:** The Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the Kanpur Premier League.
- **Code of Conduct:** This Code of Conduct as amended from time to time by KSMF.
- **Franchisee:** An entity that owns and operates a team in the KPL.
- **KPL Event:** Any event or function related to the League, including opening ceremonies, press conferences, promotional events, etc.
- **League:** The Twenty20 cricket league known as the Kanpur Premier League.
- **Match:** Any cricket match played under the KPL, including Play-Off Matches.
- **Match Official:** Any umpire or match referee officiating a match.
- **Match Official Support Personnel:** Any technical officials or umpire coaches appointed by KSMF to assist match officials during the league.
- **Team:** Any team participating in the KPL.
- **Team Manager:** The person appointed as manager of a team for a match.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

Match officials shall not engage in any conduct prejudicial to the interests of the game of cricket, KSMF, or the KPL, including, but not limited to, the following:

- **2.1** Conduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game.
- **2.2** Conduct that brings the game into disrepute.
- **2.3** Match officials shall not make or cause to be made any public pronouncement or media comment (including via social media) that is detrimental to:
 - (a) The game of cricket in general;
 - (b) Any particular match between teams;
 - (c) The KPL;
 - (d) KSMF;

- (e) Relations between KSMF and any team or franchisee.
 - **2.4** Match officials shall not disclose or comment on any alleged breach of this Code of Conduct, unless required under the provisions of this Code.
 - **2.5** Match officials shall not engage in betting or any conduct described in Appendix 1.
 - **2.6** Match officials shall not use or be involved in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.
 - **2.7** Match officials shall observe and comply with all regulations of KSMF.
 - **2.8** Using obscene, offensive, or insulting language or gestures towards players, team officials, or others during a match.
 - **2.9** Abuse of cricket equipment, ground equipment, or fixtures during a match.
 - **2.10** Inappropriate or deliberate physical contact with players, team officials, match officials, or any other person during a match.
 - **2.11** Inappropriate distraction or obstruction on the field of play during a match.
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3. APPLICATION OF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT

- **3.1** Any alleged breach of this Code of Conduct shall be dealt with as set out below.
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4. PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- **4.1 Reports**
 - **4.1.1** An alleged breach of this Code of Conduct by a Match Official may be reported by:
 - (a) The Match Referee;
 - (b) The Team Manager;
 - (c) The Franchisee;
 - (d) The KPL CEO.
 - **4.1.2** If any person eligible to lodge a report becomes aware of any breach, they shall report the alleged breach in writing to the KPL CEO.
- **4.2 Enquiry and Disciplinary Procedure:** The provisions of KPL's Operational Rules shall apply to all matters arising under this Code.
- **4.3 Penalties**
 - **4.3.1** In the event that the Ombudsman decides that a Match Official has breached the Code, they may impose any penalty such as a reprimand, fine, or suspension.
 - **4.3.2** The Ombudsman will consider factors such as the Match Official's character, the nature of the breach, and any other relevant circumstances.

5. RECORDS

KSMF will maintain copies of all reports and hearings related to breaches of this Code.

6. GENERAL

It is an implied condition in any contract or agreement involving KSMF and a Match Official that the official shall be bound by this Code, and their participation in any KPL match shall constitute their acceptance of the Code.

APPENDIX 1: BREACHES RELATED TO BETTING AND CORRUPTION

A Match Official shall be in breach of Clause 2.5 if they are found to have:

1. Bet on or in relation to any match or series of matches, or on any KPL event.
2. Induced or encouraged others to bet or gamble in relation to any KPL event.
3. Gambled or participated in any other form of financial speculation relating to a KPL match or event.
4. Attempted to influence the result of a match.
5. Induced a player not to perform on their merits due to such arrangements.
6. Received or offered money or any other reward related to any information about match conditions or outcomes.

