

Racial and Religious Vilification Code



Cricket Australia has adopted a Racial and Religious Vilification Code which has been adopted for all national competitions.

The code states that a player will not engage in any conduct or act towards or speak to any other player in a manner which offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies the other player on the basis of that player's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

Guidelines exist for breaches of the code e.g. In some instances it may result in the withdrawal of coaching accreditation.

Circumstances where adults are involved with a breach of the code should be dealt with seriously and remedial action should be a mandatory requirement by clubs and associations.

In more serious cases, a conciliation procedure should be considered and conducted by a representative of the Equal Opportunity Commission in the state/territory where the breach has purportedly occurred.

The conciliation should involve the complainant, umpire/officials who initiate the complaint, the respondent, and supporting documentation.

A complaint should:

- Be in writing;
- Outline the circumstances of the allegations made; and
- If possible, be accompanied by any supporting documentation including witness statements or video evidence.

In the instance where players are in breach of the code, an emphasis to educate the player to understand the code should be paramount and remedial or punishable action should be appropriate to the age and understanding of the player in question.