



Rules Governing League Championship Tournament of
The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association, Chennai
2025 - 26

CHAPTER - I

PRELIMINARY

1. The TNCA league championship tournaments shall be governed by rules herein specified.
2. Definitions
 - a. “BCCI” shall mean Board of Control for Cricket in India.
 - b. “TNCA” shall mean the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association.
 - c. “Club” shall mean a member club affiliated to TNCA.
 - d. “AC” shall mean the Apex Council of the TNCA.
 - e. Home Ground
 - (a) “Home Ground” shall mean the ground owned by the club or have taken a ground vide written agreement from the ground owning authority for the 2025-26 season for its usage.
 - (b) Clubs claiming a playground as their home ground shall be responsible for providing and maintaining Minimum Standards for Home Grounds which are defined in Point no. 5 in Chapter VI at the ground for the conduct of league matches.
 - (c) Failure to comply with the above requirements during the season will result in the losing of home ground status.
 - f. “LSC” shall mean the League Sub-Committee.
 - g. “Player” shall mean a player registered with TNCA through a club.
 - h. “Team” shall mean a cricket team fielded by a club for the league tournament.
3. The league cricket season will be limited to the period between June 1st of the year and 31st May of the succeeding year or till the conclusion of the last match/matches scheduled/posted by LSC, whichever is later.

CHAPTER -II

LEAGUE SUB-COMMITTEE AND ITS FUNCTIONS

1. Composition of the League Sub-Committee.
 - (a) Five members shall constitute the League Sub-Committee.
 - (b) One representative from each of the five divisions shall be on the LSC of which atleast three of the five members are qualified umpires.
2. The LSC as nominated by the AC shall be the sole authority for:
 - (a) Conducting the league championship tournaments or any other Tournament as decided by the AC.
 - (b) Framing the league rules and interpreting all the rules framed herein, including all matters referred to Office Bearers of the TNCA.
 - (c) Allocating teams to the various divisions and zones.
 - (d) Drawing out a program of league matches and posting of grounds.
3. LSC will allocate the teams to various zones in the same division, keeping in view maintaining as far as possible balance of strength among the Zones.
4. LSC shall decide all fixtures by ballot.
5. LSC shall furnish to all the teams participating in the league championship tournaments:
 - (a) a copy of the allocation of the teams to specific divisions and zones for the season, and
 - (b) A program of their league fixtures for the season.
6. The decision of the LSC in regard to the conduct of league championship tournament or other tournaments as decided by the AC or scheduling of matches with the venues, shall be final and binding on all clubs.
7. LSC may suo-moto or on information take up any matter relating to the

conduct of the league championship or other tournaments as decided by the AC for discussion or enquiry subject to rules framed herein. On receipt of information LSC may initiate proceedings within 2 weeks from the date of information. The final action on the issue will be decided by the LSC as and when necessary, data are obtained and a final decision shall be taken before the end of that season. However, the final decision may also be taken as soon as the details are available. The teams concerned shall be intimated as soon as the decision is taken.

CHAPTER - III

QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

The qualification for registration of players in the League Championship Tournament shall be as follows:

1. Eligibility Criteria Applicable for a Local Player: A biological male who is an Indian Citizen or an Indian Passport holder with a minimum age of 13 years as on date of registration
 - (a) Birth: A cricketer who is born in the State of Tamil Nadu. Documents to be provided: Birth Certificate/Passport/any other proof of birth issued by a competent authority must be enclosed with the form.
 - (b) Domicile Category: A person who is a domicile of the state of Tamil Nadu and who has been permanent resident of the state of Tamil Nadu for a minimum of 7 years prior to their registration and he shall also continue to reside therein and thereafter.

Documents required for registration under this clause: Ration Card/Voter ID/Passport - anyone with issue date 7 years prior to registration date.

For students: School Bonafide Certificate/Mark Sheet for at least 7 completed years of schooling and/or parent's id proof as mentioned above and Self-Declaration to play for Tamil Nadu if selected and not to play for any other state during the entire season and NOC from other State Association, if applicable.

- (c) Education: A cricketer, to be eligible as a local player should be studying in the state of Tamil Nadu for two years as a regular student i.e., he should have been studying and residing atleast since 01.06.2023. However, students from Open University/School and in correspondence curriculum are not eligible.

Documents to be provided: School/College Mark Sheets for previous two academic years duly authenticated by the Principal and Bonafide Certificate signed by Principal and also last exam

(semester or university or school) held within 6 Months.

- (d) Employment: Players working in Govt., PSU and Companies should produce employer certificate along with 24 months' salary slip from 01.06.2023 and bank statement from 01.06.2023 showing the relevant salary credits and UAN of EPFO Account.
Wards of employees who have been transferred before 31st May 2023 whose age are below 18 years are eligible subject to prior intimation to the TNCA Office on or before 30th June 2025 for the 2025-26 season along with supporting documents.
- (e) Residential: Passport/Voter ID/Aadhaar Card - issued on or before 01.06.2023.

Residential: Passport copy/Voters ID copy/Copy of Aadhaar card with relevant address and should have been issued before 01.06.2023. In case of Aadhaar Card, the history should have the address change prior to 1st June 2023 within the jurisdiction of Tamil Nadu.

Aadhaar Card will be accepted as proof of residence to consider a cricketer as local subject to the following conditions:

- i. Aadhaar should be issued, on or before 01.06.2023 bearing address within jurisdiction of the state of Tamil Nadu that player intends to play for 2025-26 season.
- ii. The players will have to generate their Aadhaar card the history, simply by visiting the below link: <https://myaadhaar.uidai.gov.in/portal>.
Once you click the above link, click Login. In the next screen, please enter your 12- digit UID no. mentioned on the Aadhaar card and enter the displayed captcha code.
- iii. Click on the 'Login with OTP' button. You will then receive 6-digit OTP no. on your registered mobile no. Type the OTP received and click the "Login" button. It will take you to a page, where the history of your Aadhaar Card will be available.
- iv. Download the history of Aadhaar card and attach.

- (f) Players who have represented Tamil Nadu.

Any Player who has either represented Tamil Nadu in Senior team and/or U-16 and/or U-19 and/or U-23 tournament conducted by BCCI till March 2025 and who do not come under 1(a) or 1(b) above or any Player who has played at least 3 years in the final round robin selection matches for U-16, U-19 till March 2025 for being selected in the Tamil Nadu team and who do not come under 1(a) or 1(b) will be eligible to register as a local player.

Any player who after registering under this clause should be a resident of Tamil Nadu, and those players who move out of the state of Tamil Nadu during the season will lose their eligibility status as a local player under this clause. Continued residence therein and thereafter is essential to be eligible under this clause.

The LSC's decision regarding the eligibility will be final in each and every case under Rule 1(f) after scrutiny of the application forms received along with the relevant documents.

Proof: Proof of representing in the selection matches for 3 years in U-16 and/or U-19 matches and/or proof of representing Tamil Nadu in the BCCI Senior team and/or U-16 and/or U-19 tournaments and/or U-23 tournament should be attached.

- (g) Employees of Central Government/State Government/Government controlled Public Sector Units (PSU) playing for their clubs

Any player who is otherwise ineligible under clauses 1(a) to 1(f), but is employed by the Central Government, State Government, or a government-controlled Public Sector Unit (PSU), and is posted in Tamil Nadu due to transfer or posting, will be allowed to play in the League for his Club.

To be eligible, the player must provide documents of their posting and residence in Tamil Nadu on or before 1st June 2023. Document proof for residence will be same as per Clause 1(e). Further a player being registered in 1(g) should not have represented any other State

other than TNCA in the BCCI Domestic tournaments in the last 2 years and should not represent any other state other than Tamil Nadu during 2025-26 season.

A maximum of two such players can represent a Club each year under this category.

Note:

- i. Players born outside the state of Tamil Nadu under student/employment/resident/under rule 1(c), 1(d), 1(e), 1(f) of Chapter III - teams can register ONLY ONE (1) player in total, who satisfies any one of the above categories and whose age is Under-23 (born on or after 01.09.2002). Further, they can be registered along with an NOC from their home state association, if applicable.
- ii. Players already registered under rule 1(c), 1(d), 1(e), 1(f), 1(g) of this chapter during seasons 2021-22 &/or 2022-23, shall renew their registration every year along with required documents and with valid residence proof.
- iii. Documents to be submitted for residence proof: Ration Card/Voter ID/Passport/Registered Rental Deed/property document etc. Further, the player shall submit a self-declaration to play for Tamil Nadu, if selected and not to represent any other state during the entire BCCI season of 2025-26.
- iv. Player(s) already registered as local under 1(c), 1(d), 1(e), 1(f), 1(g) initially during 2021-22 (or) 2022-23 who had subsequently changed as guest player(s) will lose their local status permanently. Players registered under 1(f) in 2025-26 season who move out of the state of Tamil Nadu will also lose their local status permanently.
- v. Players registered in 1(b) and 1(g) above shall continue to be a resident in the state of Tamil Nadu. Any violation of a player violating his residence during the season registered shall be dealt strictly under Penal clauses.

- vi. Players registered under 1(c) i.e. student category, who wish to change to 1(d) category for the 2025 - 2026 season or during the season must have his eligibility continuously in the state of Tamil Nadu before registering himself as 1(d).
- vii. Any Player who is eligible under 1(a) or 1(b) or 1(c) or 1(d) or 1(e) or 1(f) or 1(g) and are presently registered with any other State Association other than Tamil Nadu for playing BCCI domestic games as a resident/local player shall lose his eligibility to play for the league. Any player who is eligible under 1(a) or 1(b) or 1(c) or 1(d) or 1(e) or 1(f) or 1(g) or 2 and are presently registered with a T20 or any other League in another Country other than in India, without the prior approval of BCCI and/or TNCA will lose his eligibility to play for the league. Any Player who is eligible under 1(a) or 1(b) or 1(c) or 1(d) or 1(e) or 1(f) or 1(g) or 2 and are registered with any other Country other than India in ICC matches will lose his eligibility to play for the league.

Any Player who is eligible under 1(a) or 1(b) or 1(c) or 1(d) or 1(e) or 1(f) or 1(g) and has represented any other state other than Tamil Nadu in the BCCI tournaments in the past can be registered after a period of 2 years from the receipt of NOC from the association which he has represented.

- viii. Any registered player who is not eligible to participate for Tamil Nadu in the BCCI tournaments for playing tournaments/leagues which are for retired cricketers that are not approved by BCCI shall not participate in the League. Examples of such tournaments are Legends league, Legends league 90, Celebrity Cricket League etc.
- ix. Any Player(s) who is eligible from 1(a) or 1(b) or 1(c) or 1(d) or 1(e) or 1(f) or 1(g) and are registered to play league/tournament in any other state other than Tamil Nadu will lose his eligibility to play in the league.
- x. Aadhaar card is mandatory for registration under all categories for player validation.

- xi. No change of category of a registered player is allowed from local player to guest player and vice versa, i.e. from guest to local player is not allowed during a season.
 - xii. Any new registration/re-register/transfer of a player can be made only till the end of the League Stage. For clarity, new registration/retain/re-register/transfer of a player will not be permitted for relegation play off/championship play off/Semi-finals/Finals/Champion of Champions (Tournament).
2. Eligibility Criteria for a Guest player (only applicable for 1st and 2nd Division teams)

No guest players shall be allowed for any competition/tournaments except for the 1st Division and 2nd Division League.

1st division clubs and 2nd division clubs shall be allowed to register a maximum of Two guest players (players who do not satisfy the criteria under 1(a)/1(b)/1(c)/1(d)/1(e)/1(f)/(1g) or players who are eligible under 1(a)/1(b)/1(c)/1(d)/1(e)/1(f)/1(g) but are representing other State Associations in BCCI domestic tournaments as a Local player) in their registered squad. Maximum of One guest player will be permitted to play in the playing XI.

Note:

- a. Cancellation of Registration/Transfer/Replacement is not allowed during the season for any reasons.
- b. All guest players should register/re-register on or before 30th June 2025.

Note: Any Player who after registering as Resident/Local Player in the TNCA League 2025-26 season, registers in another State for BCCI Domestic Season 2025-26 as Resident Player will lose his status as a Resident/Local Player in the TNCA League from his date of registration in BCCI for another State. Re-registration post disqualification of any player for the same season even as a Guest Player will not be allowed.

Note: No Guest Players will be allowed for the VAP trophy for 1st Division clubs and no Guest Players will be allowed for the Champions of Champions Tournament and for multi day format for the 2nd Division Clubs.

For the sake of clarity: Any Player who registers themselves as a Resident Player in the TNCA League 2025-26 season, may play for any other state other than Tamil Nadu as Guest player if he is not selected for Tamil Nadu.

3. The registration for the categories under rule 1(c), 1(d) 1(e) 1(f) and 1(g) above shall be renewed every year and no replacement/cancellation/transfer of players shall be allowed during the season.
4. PENAL PROVISIONS:

Penalty for infringement of the eligibility rules including NOC forgery, tampering documents, after hearing, will entitle, at the discretion of the League Sub-Committee, based on the severity of the offence committed:

- (a) Reprimand the Player and/or the Team and/or;
- (b) Debar player for a period of time and/or;
- (c) Award the match to the opponent and/or;
- (d) Any team/club found violating/transgressing any of the above-mentioned clauses for qualification for registration, may be debarred from the league championship of that season based on the severity of the offence committed and, in that event, shall be placed in the next lower division in the immediately succeeding season. All the matches played by them during the current season shall be considered null and void and the league championship shall be from amongst the remaining teams only. If more than 2 teams are thus relegated as per this provision, then an equal number of teams shall be promoted from the next lower division.

Any decision of the League Sub-Committee can be appealed to the Appellate Body.

CHAPTER - IV

REGISTRATION

1. Only registered players are eligible to take part in the TNCA league championship tournament.
2. A registered player is one who registers his name with TNCA through the club for which he intends to play in the TNCA league championship tournament.

Any player who has already played a match in the current season shall not be deleted. Only under exceptional circumstances LSC may do so.

Each club will be allowed to register online not more than 25 (Twenty Five) players during the season either by registration or by way of transfers and if any team desires to have additional player(s), they may do so by recommending the deletion of any other player(s) from the existing list, so as to keep the strength to a maximum of 25 at any given point of time. Such deletion/inclusion of player(s) shall be done with the consent of the player(s) concerned to the extent possible.

Note:

- a. A player so deleted will still have to get transfer, if he desires to play in the league tournament for any other club, provided he has not played any match(es) for his team in which he was originally registered during that season.
 - b. A player so deleted can also be reinstated by the originally registered team, duly deleting one other player from the list of 25 players, through a written intimation to TNCA, if the said player has not played for any other team on transfer, in the interim.
3. Each Player for the purpose of registration shall furnish all the particulars called for in the Registration Form along with relevant documents as proof.

4. The Secretary or the authorized representative of the club shall endorse and forward the registration/transfer form through online portal to the TNCA at least 2 clear working days prior to the commencement of the match.

If, for any reason, the registration/transfer form is submitted by the Secretary/authorised representative of a club less than 2 clear working days prior to the commencement of the match and employs the player concerned to play the match, their club runs the risk of being penalised, if the League Sub-Committee finds that the Registration/Transfer form is not in order in terms of the provisions of the Registration and Transfer rules under Chapters IV & V. This action by the League Sub-Committee can be taken suo-moto and no protest from the opponent or other teams is necessary.

5.
 - (i) All players should be aware of their respective registration numbers and the registration numbers should be clearly entered in the players list before commencement of every match.
 - (ii) The registration of any player for a club shall remain valid unless the player desires to have a transfer.
6.
 - (i) No player registered to play for a club can represent another club during the same season in the League Championship Tournament without a valid transfer.
 - (ii) Only registered players of the Team can act as a substitute.
7. Any player who is found and/or proved to have violated clauses 6(i) & 6(ii) shall be debarred from taking part in the league championship tournament for a period of 2 years in addition to the season in which such violation takes place.
8. Any team which includes a player or players infringing clause 6(i) except by way of a legitimate transfer, shall be deemed to have lost the match.

9. Any team which includes a player who is not registered or includes a player who has lost his eligibility as per qualification rules in Chapter No. III, for a match in the playing XI or as a substitute will be deemed to have lost that particular match.

CHAPTER - V

TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION

1. Normally, the transfer of a player from one club to another will be permitted before the commencement of the season.
2. Application of transfer (as prescribed forms duly filled in), for the season commences online from 25th May 2025 for 1st & 2nd division and from 21st June 2025 for 3rd to 6th division. The last date of transfer for all divisions is 30th June 2025 (pre-season transfer).
3. During the season transfer:
 - (a) In the event of a bonafide employment, a player, if he has not played in the league championship tournament for the club for which he is registered, may opt for a transfer other club.
 - (b) A player who has not played in the playing XI for 30 days from the first round of matches or in the first two league matches for all divisions, whichever is earlier, has the option to have his registration transferred to play for another club.
 - (c) No Player shall be permitted to seek transfer to a club in a lower division after the completion of the 7th match of the transferee club, provided that player has not been a part of playing XI in any match.
4. Where a player has filed a transfer application with the TNCA after the commencement of the season as per clause 3(b), the LSC will normally approve the transfer within fifteen days of the receipt of his application or before the commencement of the third match of the transferee club.

In case of a transfer filed as per clause 3(c), the LSC shall normally approve the transfer within fifteen days of the receipt of his application or before the commencement of the eighth match of the transferee club.

5. Any player violating clause 3 above shall have their registration cancelled forthwith.

CHAPTER - VI

GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL DIVISIONS

1. The league championship tournament will be conducted among 132 teams divided in to five divisions in the following manner:

Division	Zone	No of Teams
First		12
Second		12
Third	A	12
	B	12
Fourth	A	12
	B	12
	C	12
Fifth	A	12
	B	12
	C	12
	D	12
TOTAL		132

Apart from the above, the sixth division will have nineteen teams divided into two zones as follows:

Division	Zone	No. of Teams
Sixth	A	10
	B	09

2. In the first and second divisions, each team will play 11 matches in the league phase. In the third to fifth divisions, each team will play 11 matches against teams in the same zone in the league phase. In the sixth division, each team will normally play 9 and 8 matches in each 'A' and 'B' Zones respectively on 30 overs basis in league format against the teams in the same zone in the league phase.

In addition to the league for 2nd Division, TNCA shall conduct a 2-day Tournament for the 2nd Division Clubs with having 2 groups picked by lots by the LSC. The results of the 2-day tournament will not affect the

promotion or relegation for the 2nd Division clubs.

3.

(a) All entries to the league championship tournament shall be in the prescribed form and shall be filed with the TNCA before 06.00 p.m. on or before 24th May 2025 for the 1st & 2nd divisions and before 06.00 p.m. on or before 20th June 2025 for 3rd to 6th divisions. The form should be accompanied with appropriate entrance fees as may be applicable to the respective divisions.

(b) Entries received after the stipulated time and date will not be accepted.

(c) Any club which is in arrears of any dues to TNCA shall not be allowed to participate in the league tournament.

4. Matches shall be played on the grounds fixed by the LSC.

5. Minimum Standards for clubs having Home Grounds:

- Minimum of 65 yards boundary from the center of the match pitch
- Must have boundary ropes
- Atleast it must have 3 turf wickets in the center
- Must have basic ground equipment such as 2 rollers in different weight categories for each match
- Have adequate manpower/markers to be available at the ground during the game
- Have 2 player change/dressing rooms with washrooms
- Sightcreens to be provided at both ends
- Adequate covers for all Pitches and bowlers run-up area
- Hand mower machine/GR 1000

6. No Home Ground will be accorded to teams/clubs for fourth division, fifth division and sixth division.

7.

(a) In the case of clubs having home ground, their matches will be played on their home grounds. The Hon. Secretary of the home ground shall give a letter in writing by nominating their teams' home ground by 16th June 2025 along with relevant documents as per rule 8(e) of the

Chapter No. VI. Home ground status will be provided to clubs provided all of the facilities mentioned in 5 are met to the satisfaction of the LSC.

- (b) In the event of two clubs having home grounds and meeting for the first time, the match will be played first in the home ground of the senior club with reference to possession of home ground. From then on, the grounds will be alternated, whenever and in whichever division or zone the clubs may meet.
- (c) In case of any ground not meeting the Minimum Standards as per clause 5 above, shall at the discretion of the LSC after hearing, shall lose its Home Ground status.
- (d) The umpires will send a report to the TNCA in case manpower is not adequate and/or not cooperating with umpires anytime during the match. In such a scenario, the LSC based on the severity of the matter, may at its discretion, remove the Home Ground status for the club.

8.

- (a) In the event of a home ground not being available for any league match, only the Secretary/authorized representative of the club, shall intimate the TNCA at least six clear days prior to the date of the match scheduled to be played on that ground and acknowledgement obtained. Such authorised person's name shall be intimated to the TNCA in writing at the time of claiming home ground status.
- (b) In the circumstances specified in sub clause (a) of this clause, the LSC shall have the right to post the match on any other ground. Further, the said club shall lose the order of rotation in the next season.
- (c) Failure to intimate the TNCA about the non-availability of the home ground as per 8(a) of this Rule shall be tantamount to the club losing the particular match. No more than 3 teams can nominate the same ground as home ground. The ground authorities shall give order of priority for 3 teams for which the said Ground is being nominated as

their home ground.

For the sake of clarity: only the first priority team will be given full home ground status and LSC may post matches for 2nd and 3rd priority teams at other venues also.

Same ground cannot be nominated for 2 clubs in the same division. Similarly, in the 3rd division, the same ground cannot be designated as a home ground for 2 clubs in the same zone.

- (d) No more than one team in a division/zone, where applicable, can have same home ground.
- (e) The club secretary should furnish the consent letter from the ground authorities and lease holders permitting the ground to be utilized by the club(s) for the 2025 - 2026 season.

9.

- (a) Intimation regarding venues of scheduled matches/postponed matches shall be given at least four days clear notice before the scheduled date of the match. However, intimation regarding change of venues of scheduled/postponed matches shall be given at least one day clear notice before the date of the respective match.
- (b) An intimation specifying the date of the scheduled and postponed match by e-mail to the Secretary/authorised representative of the club shall be sufficient evidence of proof of the intimation mentioned in sub clause (a) of this clause.
- (c) In the event of non-receipt of intimation due to which a club is unable to participate in its full strength, the said club may appeal to the LSC for a replay. The decision on such appeal by the LSC shall be final.

10. The official scorer of the match shall collect the players list, umpires' and both captain's report and hand over them along with the score sheet to the TNCA within three days of the completion of the match along with brief score sheet of the match.

11. Captains of teams may also write reports about the pitch, ground, umpires and other general conditions to TNCA in their "Captain's Report" available with the scorers to enable the latter to take appropriate corrective action, wherever necessary and possible.

12. The umpires shall report to the TNCA within 72 hours (3 working days) of the conclusion of the match regarding:

- Abnormal ground conditions
- Any untoward incident(s) that bring(s) the game into disrepute or affect(s) the match
- Misconduct of player(s)
- If, in their opinion, the match was not played in true spirit

The LSC may call for detailed reports from umpires within 7 days of the conclusion of any match, should there be any complaint made by any affected club.

13.

(a) The LSC shall advance or re-schedule any of the matches to ensure smooth and early completion of the league tournament.

(b) The League Sub-Committee shall not alter the date of any scheduled match other than for unforeseen/unavoidable reasons or extraordinary circumstances - in keeping with guidelines laid down by the Apex Council.

(c) Postponement of the scheduled matches shall be granted on a case to case basis depending on the circumstances of such requests from the clubs.

14. Whenever possible, postponed matches will be reposted before the next scheduled match of the clubs concerned.

15. The LSC shall post last rounds of Matches of all the teams in the same division or zone, where applicable, to be played on the same day. The LSC may also use their best endeavor to post penultimate rounds of the teams in the list division/zone, where applicable, on the same day.

CHAPTER - VII

PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

1. Teams will be promoted or relegated on the basis of the rules framed herein. A table will be prepared at the end of the league championship tournament for each zone or division as the case may be based on number of points obtained by each team in that zone or division and ranking them in the order of points obtained for the purpose of promotion and relegation on the basis of the respective division rules given respective chapters.

2.
 - (a) The last two teams in first division will be relegated to second division.

 - (b) The first two teams in second division will be promoted to first division.

3.
 - (a) The last two teams in second division will be relegated to third division.

 - (b) The first placed team in each of the A & B zones of third division will be promoted to second division.

4.
 - (a) The last team in each of the A and B zones of third division and one more team from among the two teams placed in the last-but-one position in each of the two zones of third division will be relegated to fourth division.

 - (b) The third team for the purpose of sub clause (a) this clause shall be decided by a match played on knockout basis as laid down in Chapter No. XIII.

 - (c) The first placed team in each of the A, B & C zones of fourth division will be promoted to third division.

5.
 - (a) The last team in each of the A, B and C zones of fourth division and one more team from among the three teams placed in the last but one position in each of the three zones of fourth division will be relegated to fifth division.
 - (b) The fourth team for the purpose of sub-clause (a) of this clause shall be decided by a match played on knock-out basis as laid down in Chapter No. XIII.
 - (c) The first placed team in each of the A, B, C & D zones of the fifth division will be promoted to fourth division.

6.
 - (a) The last team in each of the A, B, C and D zones of fifth division will be relegated to sixth division.

 - (b) The vacancies caused by the outgoing four teams in A, B, C and D zones of fifth division shall be filled up by promoting the four teams which finish in the top two positions in A and B zones of sixth division.

7. The four teams which were relegated from A, B, C and D zones of fifth division will be placed in the sixth division to play the sixth division championship tournament.

8. In the event of a tie on total points in respect of teams referred to under clauses 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6(a) of this chapter, for promotion and relegation, as the case may be, in all six divisions, shall be decided as per the provisions laid down in clause 1 of this chapter.

9.
 - (a) Any vacancy arising in any division by reason of teams not opting to take part in the league tournament shall be filled only by promoting the teams standing in the order of placement from the next lower division as finally allocated by LSC at the beginning of every season.

 - (b) In the event of the number of teams under sub clause (b) of this clause exceeding the number of vacancies, the same shall be filled by

ballot in the presence of secretaries of the clubs concerned.

10. In case, more number of teams than the number of teams prescribed above are being relegated from one division to lower division due to disqualification of a team(s), such number of teams will be promoted from lower division.
11. In case, one or more teams are disqualified and are thus relegated, then the balance number of teams to be relegated as per the provision above will be decided as per the league standings from the Zone/Division.

CHAPTER - VIII

CHAMPIONS OF DIVISIONS AND WINNERS OF ZONES

1.
 - (a) The top four teams in the table of points in the first division shall play for championship among themselves on basis on Qualifier and Eliminator concept as follows:

QUALIFIER 1	:	1 st and 2 nd placed team in the league phase
ELIMINATOR	:	3 rd and 4 th placed team in the league phase
QUALIFIER 2	:	Looser of Qualifier 1 against Winner of Eliminator
CHAMPIONS	:	Winner of Qualifier 1 against Winner of Qualifier 2
 - (b) The teams which obtain the maximum number of points in second division and each zone in third, fourth, fifth and sixth division shall be declared the winners of the respective zones.
2. The winners of each zone in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth divisions respectively shall play each other on a knock-out basis as laid down in chapter XIII and the winners shall be declared the champions of the respective divisions.
3.
 - (a) The RAJA OF PALAYAMPATTI SHIELD shall be awarded to the winner of the first division.
 - (b) The S.R.JAGANNATHAN TROPHY shall be awarded to the runner up of the first division.
 - (c) VAP TROPHY shall be awarded to the winner of the first division one day tournament.
4. The C.P.JOHNSTONE SHIELD instituted by Mr.V.Pattabhiraman shall be awarded to the winner of the second division.
5. The C.R.PATTABHIRAMAN SHIELD instituted by Mr.V.Pattabhiraman shall be awarded to the winner of the third Division.

6. The BISHOP WALLER SHIELD instituted by Mr.S.Kannan shall be awarded to the winner of the fourth division.
7. Dr.P.SUBBARAYAN SHIELD instituted by Dr.Subbarayan shall be awarded to the winner of the fifth division.
8. Dr. P.V.H. BABU SHIELD shall be awarded to the winner of the sixth division.
9. The winners of the respective zones from the III to VI division shall be awarded Shields as under:
 - (i) C.R.RANGACHARI SHIELD for winners of 'A' Zone of III Division.
 - (ii) G.PARTHASARATHY SHIELD for winners of 'B' Zone of III Division.
 - (iii) N.KANNAYIRAM SHIELD for winners of 'A' Zone of IV Division.
 - (iv) A.G.KRIPAL SINGH SHIELD for winners of 'B' Zone of IV Division.
 - (v) K.S.KANNAN SHIELD for winners of 'C' Zone of IV Division.
 - (vi) P.ANANDARAU SHIELD for winners of 'A' Zone of V Division.
 - (vii) V.P.RAGHAVAN SHIELD for winners of 'B' Zone of V Division.
 - (viii) M.V.KASTURI RANGAN SHIELD for winners of 'C' Zone of V Division.
 - (ix) S.ANNADORAI SHIELD for winners of 'D' Zone of V Division.
 - (x) T.K.N. BABU SHIELD for winners of 'A' Zone of VI Division.
 - (xi) P.C. RAMUDU SHIELD for winners of 'B' Zone of VI Division.

Runner-up trophies for the second placed team in all the zones/divisions shall be awarded for second to sixth division.

CHAPTER - IX

PENAL PROVISIONS

1. Any team that concedes/walk over/deliberately lose to the opponent team with a view to help or prevent, as the case may be, to any other team to win championship or promotion or to avoid relegation, shall at the discretion of the LSC, invite penalties including but not limited to reprimand and/or negative points and/or be debarring the team from taking part in the league tournament for a period of one year in addition to the season in which such infringement has taken place. The re-entry of the team after serving the ban shall be in the next lower division. This penalty is also applicable to the team which is benefitted by such unfair play.
2. Any team that concedes/walk over/deliberately lose to the opponent team during the course of the League for reasons other than Chapter IX (1) above shall at the discretion of the LSC, in addition to losing that particular game and awarding the points for the match to the opponent shall be penalised with a negative points of maximum of 2 match winning points during the League.
3. In the event of a club being debarred from taking part in the league championship tournament in the midst of a season, points accrued to the teams that have already played matches earlier against the debarred team shall be deleted in its entirety so as to maintain parity among other teams in the zone/division
4. For any said violation not listed in this chapter, the LSC may inform the AC for appropriate action.

CHAPTER - X

THE PROTESTS

1. Protest can be lodged by a club with TNCA on any completed match on the interpretation of any rule framed herein.
2. All protests shall be lodged in writing with TNCA within seventy-two hours of the completion of the match in question.
3. The protest giving the grounds of protest in detail should be duly signed by the Secretary or the authorized representative of the club.
4.
 - (a) Each protest shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs.50/- by cash/demand draft/online payment.
 - (b) In the event of the protest being dismissed, the fee will be forfeited. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded.
 - (c) Protest unaccompanied by protest fee will not be considered.
5.
 - (a) The LSC shall hear such protests and give its findings.
 - (b) In the absence of the Chairman, the LSC shall nominate one among its members as Chairman.
 - (c) No member of the LSC shall either take part or vote at the hearing of the protest in which he is a registered player/office-bearer/Apex Council Member of a club which is concerned as a party.
6.
 - (a) On receipt of the protest the TNCA shall forward a copy of the protest to the club/clubs under email/registered post with acknowledgement due/or by courier against whom the protest is made.
 - (b) The club to whom a copy of the protest has been served shall submit a written statement to the TNCA within seven days with reference to the protest.
 - (c) In the event of non-receipt of a written statement as required under

sub clause (b) of this clause, it will be presumed that the club/clubs have nothing to say against the protest.

- (d) The TNCA shall arrange to convene a meeting of the LSC as early as practicable and the parties to the protest will be required to be present.
 - (e) The TNCA shall also send copies of protest to the umpires wherever required and members of the LSC.
 - (f) The LSC shall have the powers to summon such person or persons as it may deem fit to record their evidence for proper disposal of the protest.
 - (g) The LSC may call for such reports as it may require from the concerned persons as it may deem necessary for the purpose of disposal of the protest.
 - (h) If there is a protest regarding the residential status or employment status of any player: the player/club shall prove to the satisfaction of the LSC the bonafide of such a status.
7. The LSC shall give its findings normally within three weeks from the date of conclusion of the hearing of the protest.
8. The appeal against the decision of LSC shall lie with an Appellate body constituted by TNCA.
9. Any club aggrieved by the decision of LSC on a protest may appeal to the Appellate body within three days on receipt of the decision of LSC.
- 10.
- (a) Any appeal shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs.100/- by cash/demand draft/online payment, which shall not be refundable under any circumstances.
 - (b) An appeal without payment of the fee will not be entertained.
11. The Appellate body may call at their discretion any concerned parties for the hearing.
12. The Appellate body shall have power to call for any record, document, and register as it may deem fit for the purposes of hearing the appeal.

13. After an appeal has been received and proper notification given to the concerned parties, the TNCA shall arrange a hearing as soon as possible and practicable. However, a hearing once fixed may be held as scheduled, even if one of the persons who is the subject of the appeal fails to report for the hearing and a decision rendered *ex parte*.
14. The Appellate body shall pass the orders within three weeks from the date of conclusion of the hearing and communicate the same to the AC.

CHAPTER - XI
APPLICATION, INTERPRETATION AND
ENFORCEMENT OF PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. CODE OF CONDUCT

- (i) The Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the laws/playing conditions.
- (ii) Players and team officials shall not at any time engage in conduct which could bring them or the game into disrepute.
- (iii) Players and team officials must at all times accept the umpires' decision. Players must not show dissent at the umpire's decision.
- (iv) Players, team officials and spectators shall not intimidate, assault or attempt to intimidate or assault an umpire or another player.
- (v) Players and team officials shall not use crude or abusive language nor make offensive gestures and indulge in violence.
- (vi) Players and team officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution of illegal drugs.
- (vii) Players and team officials shall not use or in any way be concerned in the use or distribution or be under the influence of alcoholic drinks.
- (viii) Players and team officials shall not abuse/break any cricket equipment and other equipment in the ground/premises.
- (ix) Players and team officials shall not make any public pronouncement or media comment which is detrimental to the spirit of the game in general and to the game that is taking place.

- (x) Players and team officials shall not disclose or comment upon any alleged breach of the code or upon any hearings, report or decision arising from such breach.
- (xi) Unless called for, NO PLAYER/SUPPORT STAFF other than the players in the field of play shall enter the field of play when play is in progress for any sort of clarification or otherwise which will be viewed as deliberate attempt to delay the game and penal action will be initiated as per the relevant penal provisions
- (xii) Law 41 of MCC will be applicable for any unfair play.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT - OFFENCES

The conduct described in Articles 2.1 - 2.21 if committed by a Player or Player Support Personnel shall amount to an offence by such Player or Player Support Personnel under the Code of Conduct.

Comment: Where considered helpful, guidance notes have been provided in text boxes beneath the description of a particular offence. Such notes are intended only to provide guidance as to the nature and examples of certain conduct that might be prohibited by a particular Article and should not be read as an exhaustive or limiting list of conduct prohibited by such Article.

2.1	Excessive appealing during a Match
Note:	For the purpose of Article 2.1, 'excessive' may include (a) repeated appealing of the same decision; (b) repeating appealing of different decisions when the bowler/fielder knows the batter is not out with the intention of placing the Umpire under pressure; (c) charging or advancing towards the Umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing; or (d) celebrating a dismissal without appealing to the Umpire when a decision is required. It is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing.
Level 1	✓

Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.2	Abuse of cricketing equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and during a Match.
Note:	Article 2.2 includes any action(s) outside the course of normal cricket actions, such as hitting or kicking the wickets any action(s) which deliberately (i.e. intentionally), recklessly or negligently (in either case even if accidental) results in damage to the advertising boards, boundary fences, dressing rooms, mirrors, windows and other fixtures and fitting. For example, this offence maybe committed, without limitation, when a Player swings his bat vigorously in frustration and causes damage to an advertising board.
Level 1	✓
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.3	Use of audible obscenity during the match
Note:	Article 2.3 covers the use of words commonly knows and understood to be offensive, obscene and/or profane (in any language) and which can be heard by either umpire/observer (if posted). This conduct may include, for example, swearing in frustration at one's own play or fortune.
Level 1	✓
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.4	Disobeying an Umpire's instruction during a Match
Note:	Article 2.4 includes any repeated failure to comply with the instruction or directive of an Umpire during a match.
Level 1	✓
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.5	Using language, actions or gestures which disparage or which could provoke an aggressive reaction from a batter upon their dismissal during a Match.
Note:	<p>Article 2.5 includes any language, action or gesture used by a Player and directed towards a batter upon his dismissal which has the potential to provoke an aggressive reaction from the dismissed batter, whether or not any reaction results, or which could be disparage or demean the dismissed batter, regardless of whether the batter himself feels disparaged or demeaned (in other words, 'send-off'). Without limitation, Article 2.5 includes: (a) excessive celebration directed at and in close proximity to the dismissed batter; (b) verbally abusing the dismissed batter; and (c) pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion.</p> <p>Nothing in this article 2.5 is, however, intended to stop Players celebrating, in an appropriate fashion, the dismissal of the opposing Team's batter.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.6	Using a gesture that is obscene, offensive or insulting during a Match.
Note:	<p>Article 2.6 includes, without limitation, obscene gestures which are not directed at another person.</p> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) shall be taken into account: (i) the context of the particular situation; and (ii) whether the gesture is likely intended to: (a) be regarded as obscene; (b) give offence; or (c) insult another person.</p> <p>This offence is not intended to cover any use of gestures that are likely to offend another person on the basis of their race, religion, gender, colour, descent, national or ethnic origin.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.7	Public criticism of, or inappropriate comment in relation to an incident occurring in a Match or any player, Team Official, Match Official or Team participating in any Match, irrespective of when such criticism or inappropriate comment is made.
Note:	Without limitation, Players and Team officials will breach Article 2.7 if they publicly criticise the Match Officials or denigrate a Player or Team against which they have played in relation to incidents which occurred in a Match. When assessing the seriousness of the breach, without limitation, the context which the comments have been made and the gravity of the offending comments must be taken into account.

	For the avoidance of doubt, any posting by a Player or Team Officials of comments on social media platform (including, without limitation, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Youtube, Whatsapp and LinkedIn) shall be deemed to be ‘public’ for the purpose of this offence. Consequently a Player or Team Official may breach Article 2.7 where they criticise or make an inappropriate comment in relation to an incident occurring in Match or any Player, Team Official or Team participating in any match in any posting they make on a social media platform.
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.8	Showing dissent at an Umpire’s decision during a match
Note:	<p>Without limitation, Article 2.8 includes: (a) excessive, obvious disappointment with an Umpire’s decision; (b) an obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket; (c) shaking the head; (d) pointing or looking at the inside edge when given out LBW; (e) pointing to the pad or rubbing the shoulder when caught behind; (f) snatching the cap from the Umpire; (g) requesting a referral to the TV umpire (other than in the context of a legitimate request for a referral as may be permitted in the match); and (h) arguing or entering into a prolonged discussion with the Umpire about his/her decision.</p> <p>This offence is not intended to punish a batter showing his instinctive disappointment at his dismissal.</p> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) should be</p>

	<p>considered: (i) whether the conduct contains an element of anger or abuse which is directed at the Umpire or the Umpire's decision; (ii) whether there is excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket; (iii) whether there is persistent re-reference to incident over time.</p> <p>It shall not be a defence to any charge brought under this Article to show that the Umpire might have, or in fact did, get any decision wrong.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.9	<p>Throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment such as a water bottle) at or near a Player, Team Official, Umpire, Match Observer or any other third person in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner during a Match.</p>
Note:	<p>This offence will not prohibit a fielder or bowler from returning the ball to the stumps in the normal fashion, or from throwing the ball at the stumps or to a Teammate when attempting a run.</p> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the following factors (without limitation) shall be taken into account: (i) the context of the particular situation, including, without limitation, whether the action was deliberate, reckless, negligent, and/or avoidable; (ii) whether the ball/object struck the other person; (iii) the speed at which the ball/object was thrown; (iv) the distance which the ball/object was thrown.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.10	<p>Any of the following conduct which constitutes ‘unfair play’ under clause 39 of the TNCA Match Playing Conditions:</p> <p>2.10.1 deliberate attempt to distract striker 2.10.2 deliberate distraction, deception or obstruction of batter 2.10.3 bowling of dangerous and unfair short pitched deliveries 2.10.4 bowling of dangerous and unfair non-pitching deliveries 2.10.5 bowling of deliberate non-pitching deliveries 2.10.6 bowling of deliberate front foot no-balls 2.10.7 time wasting by any Player or Team 2.10.8 fielder causing deliberate or avoidable damage to the pitch 2.10.9 bowler running on protected area 2.10.10 batter causing deliberate or avoidable damage to pitch 2.10.11 striker in the protected area 2.10.12 batter stealing a run 2.10.13 unfair actions not covered elsewhere in clause 39 of the TNCA Match Playing Conditions</p>
Note:	The offence supplements and does not replace the TNCA Match Playing Conditions clauses 39.1 to 39.18
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.11	Any attempt to manipulate a Match for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons.
Note:	Article 2.11 is intended to prevent the manipulation of Matches for inappropriate strategic or tactical reasons

	<p>(such as when a team deliberately loses a Match in order to affect the standings of other Teams in the League). It might also apply to inappropriate manipulation of a net run rate or accumulation of bonus points or otherwise.</p> <p>Article 2.11 is not intended to cover any corrupt or fraudulent acts (including any use of inside information and/or related betting activity). Such conduct is prohibited under the TNCA's Anti Corruption Code and must be dealt with according to the procedures set out therein.</p> <p>The Team Captain of any Team guilty of such conduct shall be held responsible (and subject to sanction) for any offence found to be have been committed under this Article.</p>
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	✓
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	Not applicable

2.12	Inappropriate physical contact with a Player, Team Official, Umpire, Match Observer/Referee or any other person (including a spectator) during a Match.
Note:	<p>Any form of inappropriate physical contact is prohibited in cricket. Without limitation, Players will breach this regulation if they deliberately, recklessly, and/or negligently walk or run into or shoulder another Player or Umpire.</p> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) shall be taken into account: (i) the context of the particular situation, including, without limitation, whether the contact was deliberate (i.e. intentional), reckless, negligent, and/or avoidable; (ii) the force of the contact; (iii) any</p>

	resulting injury to the person with whom contact was made; and (iv) the person with whom contact was made.
Level 1	✓ (Level 1 is applicable only in the case of contact with Players, Team Officials or any other person).
Level 2	✓ (Level 2 is applicable only in the case of contact with Players, Team Officials or any other person).
Level 3	✓ (Level 3 is applicable only in the case of contact with Umpires or Match Observer/ Referee).
Level 4	✓ (Level 4 is applicable only in the case of contact with Umpires or Match Observer/ Referee).

2.13	Personal abuse of a Player. Team Official, Umpire or Match Observer/Referee during a Match.
Note:	<p>Article 2.13 is intended to cover a Player or Team Officials is directing language of personal, insulting, obscene and/or offensive nature at any Player, Team Official, Umpire or Match Observer/Referee during a Match. It is also intended to cover language of a personal, insulting, obscene and/or offensive nature relating to a family member of the Player, Team Official, Umpire or Match Observer/Referee at whom it is directed.</p> <p>When considering the seriousness of the breach, the following factors (without limitation) shall be considered: (i) whether such language was excessive and/or orchestrated; and (ii) the person at whom the language was directed, i.e.: whether they were a Player, Team Official, Umpire, Match Observer/Referee or other person.</p> <p>This offence is not intended to cover any use of language that is likely to offend another person on the basis of their race, religion, gender, colour, descent, national or ethnic origin.</p>
Level 1	Not applicable

Level 2	✓ (Level 2 is not available in the case of personal abuse of an Umpire or Match Observer/Referee)
Level 3	✓ (Level 3 is available in all cases)
Level 4	Not applicable

2.14	Changing the condition of the ball in breach of clause 39.3 of the TNCA Match Playing Conditions.
Note:	<p>This offence supplements and does not replace TNCA Match Playing Conditions clause 39.3.</p> <p>Any action(s) likely to alter the condition of the ball which are not specifically permitted under clause 39.3.2 may be regarded as 'unfair'. The following actions shall, therefore, not be permitted (this list of actions is not exhaustive but included for illustrative purpose(s)): (a) deliberately throwing the ball into the ground for the purpose of roughening it up; (b) applying any artificial substance or saliva to the ball; and applying any non-artificial substance for any purpose other than to polish the ball; (c) lifting or otherwise interfering with any of the seams of the ball; and (d) scratching the surface of the ball with finger or thumb nails or any implement.</p> <p>The umpire shall use their judgment to apply the principle that actions taken to maintain and enhance the condition of the ball, provided no artificial substances are used, shall be permitted. Any actions taken with the purpose of damaging the condition of the ball or accelerating the deterioration of the condition of the ball shall not be permitted.</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	Not applicable

2.15	Attempting to gain an unfair advantage during a Match.
Note:	Article 2.15 is intended to cover any attempt to cheat

	<p>or gain an unfair advantage during a Match (other than the conduct prohibited under Articles 2.11 or 2.14 of the Code of Conduct or the TNCA Anti - Corruption Code). It includes, without limitation: (a) deliberate attempts to deceive an Umpire (for example by claiming a catch when the player concerned knew that he had not caught the ball cleanly); (b) any attempts by a player on the field of play to seek assistance from any person off the field of play in order to decide whether to request a referral to the TV Umpire; or (c) taking a foreign object onto the field whose most likely reason for being there is to change the condition of the ball.</p> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the breach, consideration should be given to whether the conduct was deliberate, reckless and/or negligent on the part of the relevant Player or Team Official.</p>
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	✓
Level 4	Not applicable

2.16	Intimidation of an Umpire or Match Observer/Referee whether by language or conduct (including gestures) during a Match.
Note:	Article 2.16 is intended to cover any form or intimidation of an Umpire or Match Referee. It includes, without limitation: (a) any form of continual verbal or physical harassment; (b) any form of intentional behavior that would cause the person at whom it is directed to fear injury or harm; and (c) attempts to impede or block movement.
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	✓
Level 4	Not applicable

2.17	Threat or assault on another Player, Team Official, Umpire or Match Observer/Referee or any other person (including a Spectator) during a Match.
Note:	Without limitation, Players or Team Officials will breach this article 2.17 if they do or say anything which would cause the Player, Team Officials, Umpire, Match Observer/Referee or other person to whom such action was directed to fear harmful or offensive contact, for example and without limitation, threatening to hit the relevant individual while at the same time raising a fist, or threatening to physically harm another Player's family.
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	✓ (Level 3 is available in the case of threat of assault on anyone other than an Umpire or Match Observer/Referee)
Level 4	✓ (Level 4 is available in the case of threat of assault on Umpires and Match Observers/Referees only. Not available in the case of threat of assault on any Player, Team Officials' Team or other person)

2.18	Physical assault of another Player, Team Official, Umpire, Match Observer/Referee or any other person (including a Spectator) during a Match.
Note:	Without limitation, Players or Team Officials will breach this article 2.18 if they intentionally or recklessly cause the Player, Team Officials, Umpire, Match Observer/Referee or other person bodily harm or injury.
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable

Level 4	✓
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2.19	Any act of violence on the field of play during a Match.
Note:	Without limitation, Players or Team Officials will breach this article 2.19 if they kick or punch or fight another Player, Team Officials, Umpire, Match Observer/Referee or any other person (including a spectator).
Level 1	Not applicable
Level 2	Not applicable
Level 3	Not applicable
Level 4	✓

2.20	Conduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game.
Note:	<p>Article 2.20 is intended to cover all types of conduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game and which is specifically and adequately covered by the specific offences set out elsewhere in the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>By way of example, Article 2.20 may (depending upon the seriousness and the context of the breach) prohibit, without limitation, the following: (a) the use of an illegal bat or illegal wicket-keeping gloves; and (b) failure to comply with the provisions of the clause 6.3 of the TNCA Match Playing Conditions.</p> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the context of the particular situation, and whether it was deliberate, reckless, negligent, avoidable and/or accidental, shall be considered. Further, the person lodging the Report shall determine where on the range of severity the conduct lays (with the range of severity starting at conduct of a minor nature (and hence a Level 1 Offence) up to conduct of an extremely serious nature (and hence a Level 4 Offence)).</p>
Level 1	✓

Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓

2.21	Conduct that brings game into disrepute.
Note:	<p>Article 2.21 is intended to cover all types of conduct that bring the game into disrepute and which are not specifically and adequately covered by the specific offences set out elsewhere in the Code of Conduct, including Article 2.20.</p> <p>By way of example, Article 2.21 may (depending upon the seriousness and the context of the breach) prohibit, without limitation, the following: (a) public acts of misconduct; (b) unruly public behaviour; and (c) inappropriate comments which are detrimental to the interests of the game.</p> <p>When assessing the seriousness of the offence, the context of the particular situation, and whether it was deliberate, reckless, negligent, avoidable and/or accidental, shall be considered. Further, the person lodging the Report shall determine where on the range of severity the conduct lays (with the range of severity starting at conduct of a minor nature (and hence a Level 1 Offence) up to conduct of an extremely serious nature (and hence a Level 4 Offence)).</p>
Level 1	✓
Level 2	✓
Level 3	✓
Level 4	✓

3. Eligibility to lodge a Report for any breach of the Code of other offence, based in the clause 1 and clause 2 above, can be by:-
- (i) The umpires,
 - (ii) The Team manager/Secretary/authorized representative of a club,
 - (iii) Any of the LSC or Umpires Committee members or any of the office bearers or any member of the AC of the TNCA.

4. Submission of Report

- (i) On-Field Report: Should an umpire (or umpires), team manager/Secretary/authorized representative or anyone eligible to lodge a report decide to report a player for an alleged breach of the code or other offence on the field, he must report the matter to the Hon. Secretary, TNCA in writing super scribing on the cover “Confidential”, not later than 72 hours after the close of the day’s play clearly mentioning the offences committed along with the Level of Offences as per clause 2 above. Alternately, the report can also be submitted by any other written form of communication.
- (ii) Off-field Report: Should an umpire, team manager/Secretary/authorized representative or any other person eligible to lodge a report decide to report a person for an alleged breach of code or other offence which occurs off the field but within the precincts of the ground, he must report the matter to the Hon. Secretary, the TNCA in writing super scribing on the cover “Confidential” as soon as possible but not later than 72 hours after the close of day’s play clearly mentioning the offences committed along with the Level of Offences as per clause 2 above. Alternately, the report can also be submitted by any other written form of communication.
- (iii) Any eligible member mentioned in the sub clause (iii) of clause 3 of this chapter may file a report within 5 days of the conclusion of the match.

5. In the event of a bowler being found guilty of gross misbehavior or of using offensive comments or abusive language on the field such as:

- (i) Swearing at the umpire(s), a batsman or any other player or a spectator.
- (ii) Showing public dissent at the umpires’ decision.
- (iii) Manhandling an umpire, a batsman or a spectator.
- (iv) Kicking the stumps and indulging in any ungentlemanly and unsporting conduct which might bring the game into disrepute.

Then the umpire concerned shall call and signal “dead ball” and not allow the bowler to bowl further in that innings. The umpire concerned will

allow another bowler to complete the over from the same end, provided this bowler shall not bowl two overs or part thereof consecutively in that innings.

6. In the event of a fielder other than the bowler indulging in such acts as stated in sub clauses (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of clause 4 of this chapter, then the umpire concerned shall direct the captain of the fielding team to send the fielder concerned out of the field for that session and no substitute shall be allowed for their absence.
7. In the event of a batsman being found guilty of gross misbehavior or of using offensive comments or abusive language on the field such as:
 - (i) Swearing at the umpires, bowler or any other player or a spectator.
 - (ii) Showing public dissent at the umpire's decision.
 - (iii) Manhandling an umpire, the bowler, a fielder or a spectator.
 - (iv) Kicking the stumps or hitting the stumps with the bat when given out or indulging in any ungentlemanly and unsporting conduct which might bring the game into disrepute.

The umpire concerned shall not allow the batsman to take further part in the match.

8. In addition to taking action as stated in clauses 5, 6 and 7 of above, the umpires together shall report the occurrence to the captain of the batting side as soon as the players leave the field for an interval. The umpires together shall also report to TNCA to take any action against the concerned player clearly mentioning the Level of offence as per clause 2 above.
9. Penalties:
 - (i) The penalty to be imposed may be by way of reprimand and/or suspension of the player for one or more league matches.
 - (ii) For a serious breach of conduct, the player may be suspended from taking part in any representative match of TNCA including league matches for the rest of the season.
 - (iii) In the event of the serious breach occurring in the later part of the season, the player may be suspended for the immediate next season

in addition to the rest of the current season.

- (iv) Should the breach of conduct be of a serious nature, the match may be awarded to the opponent team if the team, whose player or players are the subject of report, has won the match in which the alleged breach has occurred.
- (v) In the event of sub clause (iv) of this clause, the team, where the alleged breach of conduct has occurred, may be suspended from taking part in one or more league matches following the match in which the alleged breach has occurred or the entire season as deemed fit and necessary.

10. In the event of a breach of conduct occurring in a team playing on their home ground, LSC may not post one or more matches on the home ground of the team whose player or players are the subject of the report.

11. Procedure for dealing with disciplinary matters

- (i) Breaches of code of conduct and other offenses listed in this chapter shall be dealt with by the LSC.
- (ii) After a report has been received and proper notification given, the Hon. Secretary/Hon. Jt. Secretary shall arrange a hearing as soon as possible and practicable but not later than 72 hours after the receipt of the report.
- (iii) The League Sub-Committee presided over by the Chairman shall conduct the hearing.
- (iv) The Hearing shall be attended by the person who is the subject of the Report, their captain and team manager/Secretary and the initiator of the report, none of whom can be denied the right to appear at the hearing. However, a hearing may go ahead if the person who is the subject of the report fails to attend and decision rendered *ex parte*.
- (v) Such *ex parte* decision shall be final and not be re-opened.
- (vi) The initiator of the report can, at his discretion, call such witnesses as he may deem necessary.
- (vii) The League Sub-Committee must hear details of the alleged breach of code or other offence and give the decision within 72 hours of the hearing in accordance with the guidelines provided herein.
- (viii) No request for postponement or adjournment of the hearing shall be

entertained.

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- (a) The appeal against the decision of LSC shall lie with the Appellate Body constituted under these rules by the A.C. at the beginning of the season.
- (b) The appeal to the Appellate Body shall be made within 24 hours or the first working day thereafter on receipt of the decision of the LSC.
- (c) The decision of the Appellate Body on all matters referred to it is final. The entire process shall normally be completed within 3 weeks.