

B.C.F. Disciplinary Panel, League Committee & Appeals Panel.

Immediately when the League Chairman receives any report, it becomes a 'confidential document'. It does not matter if it will be forwarded to the D.P. or the L.C. it is a confidential document and the only people that it can and should be sent to are the D.P. or L.C. members that have been assigned to that case. This includes any member of the BCFEC. Nobody should have access to any of the case documents. This also includes any further documents that are generated by the committee/panel members.

All reports are signed by either the Disciplinary Panel or the League Committee! No names are ever mentioned. This way nobody knows who sat on what case! This way the members of that panel or committee cannot be cornered after a game and asked: 'Why did you make that decision?' or 'Do you know that because of you; we lost all of our points' or 'Smith C.C. is taking you to court!'

Confidentially and Anonymity is your friend, if not then anarchy could ensue.

Any case file that is subsequently is sent to the Appeals Committee the same confidentiality exists, and the report is signed by the Appeals Committee. No names are ever mentioned.

The League Chairman with the help of the Disciplinary Panel and the League Committee, he will write up the changes to the BCF Rules and Regulations and the BCF Code of Conduct before the start of the season. They usually start after the ESM! They go through the BCF Rules & Regs one by one and page by page. These changes and updates are then sent to the BCFEC for approval. After they have been approved the BCF Rules and Regulations and the BCF Code of Conduct are sent to the clubs and published on the BCF web-pages. This should always be finished before the AGM.

History of The BCF Disciplinary Panel: The DP was first started by Jan Noppe the BCF League Chairman about 12 years ago.

It was made up from three experienced umpires and club members: Richard Eames (RBCC)(DP Chairman), Hector Doel & David Baker (12 Stars CC). They have been joined by other umpires and club members over the years but these three were the main stays. The other members were Andrew Scott (6 years) and Anthony Brand (2 years). You cannot sit on any panel for a game that your club played in. Andrew Scott and Hector Doel were available for every panel as they do not represent any club.

The League Chairman does not sit on the DP as he is the head of the League Committee and could have to sit on the appeals panel as well. Besides that, he will have enough on his plate as it is!

Breaches of the BCF Code of Conduct:

When the League Chairman receives a note on the bottom of the 'result sheet' from the umpires or anybody else to inform him that he is going to receive a report about a player(s), or a spectator, conduct that breaches the BCF Code of Conduct. He e-mails the DP Chairman and asks him to set up the DP. The DP Chairman will pick three of the five members that volunteer. The DP Chairman will contact the chairman, the both team captains and the League Representatives of the two clubs and ask them for a report on the game, including their opinions of what happened. The report can come from the club or if

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they do not back the player(s) involved in the incident, they must send in their own report. If the report is about an umpire it is sent to the BLACU Secretary.

The DP Chairman will send DP member the reports from the umpires and the clubs.

- ✚ The DP Chairman will contact the umpires and ask for their take on what happened and why the report was made.
- ✚ The DP Chairman will then forward all the reports to the members of the DP.
- ✚ Each member of the DP will write up what he thinks the punishment should be and why. (They do not see each other's report). They send it to the DP Chairman only, nobody else.
- ✚ If they all agree the DP Chairman will write a report and send it back to the DP members, to check the report has all the facts correct.
- ✚ If they do not agree the DP Chairman will phone the other two parties.
- ✚ If they still cannot agree they will meet face to face.
- ✚ For any breach of the Code of Conduct over Level 1, the DP will arrange a separate (the same day just at different times) meeting for all parties.
 - Umpires
 - Captains
 - Players
 - Witnesses
- ✚ When the report is finalised the DP Chairman will send the report back to the League Chairman.
- ✚ The League Chairman will send it to the BCF Office for distribution to the clubs.

For any report above a level 1, the club or person can appeal against the findings of the DP. They must send the written appeal to the League Chairman and the BCF Office within a certain time limit, they must also send money to the BCF account this also has a time limit.

The Appeals Committee: is made up from the League Chairman, unless he is not a valid member, one of the DP that has not sat on the original panel and one or two (if the LC is unavailable) other people that are either experience players or experienced umpires.

- ✚ The Appeals Committee will meet and read and talk through the DP report.
- ✚ They can then arrange a meeting and talk to the DP.
- ✚ The clubs and players concerned.
- ✚ Any other person that has sent in a report to the DP.
- ✚ The League Chairman will write up a report.
- ✚ Send the report to the General Manager to send to the clubs.
- ✚ The Appeals Committee decision is the end of the matter.
- ✚ No more appeals can be sent to the BCF.

History of The BCF League Committee: The LC was first started by Marc Vandereviere the BCF League Chairman about 10 years ago the other members were Pierre Etellin RBCC and Peter Whitten 12 Stars CC.

It is headed by the BCF League Chairman and three, four or more other experience players/umpires.

The League Chairman receives the result sheets and checks that everything is ok!

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- ✚ Checks that all of the players on the result sheet are registered in the BCF D'base.
 - No unregistered players are allowed to play.
 - Players should be registered eight days before the game is scheduled to start.
- ✚ Checks that all the names are spelled correctly.
- ✚ Checks that no juniors have played.
- ✚ All the fields are filled in correctly.
 - Date
 - The home team
 - The away team
 - Who batted 1st
 - Who batted 2nd
 - Who won the toss and what they are going to do; Bat or Bowl.
 - Division or group?
- ✚ All the columns and rows add up correctly.
 - Mark any player scoring over 50.
 - Mark any player taking over 3 wickets.
 - Mark any player taking over 3 catches.
- ✚ The result line is correct.
- ✚ Checks the result sheets for comments.
 - All the members arrived on time.
 - Both teams have a scorer.
 - The toss was done on time
 - The game started on time.
 - Two full teams played the game.
 - Two full teams were still there at the end of the game.
 - The captains signed the result sheet?
 - The Scorers signed the result sheet?
 - The Umpires signed the result sheet?
 - The ground was ready at the start of the game.
 - Crease markings correct.
 - Stumps, bails and chalk.
 - Inner and outer circles.
 - Boundary line / flags.
 - Sight Screens.
 - 6 spare balls (both teams)
 - Table & Chairs for the scorers.
 - Scoreboard.
 - Were there drinks (hot & cold)?
 - Was there a tea at the interval?
 - Was it 'Do It Yourself'?

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If there is anything wrong with the 'Results Sheet' or the BCF Rules and Regulations have been breached:

- ✚ The League Chairman contacts 'all' of the LC members and asks their opinion on the breach.
 - When he has received a majority.
- ✚ He writes up his report and sends it to the other members of the LC for their opinion.
- ✚ When the report is finished, he sends it to the General Manager to send to the clubs concerned.
- ✚ Updates the League or T/20 tables.
- ✚ This decision cannot normally be appealed, but if new evidence is produced to prove that the decision is/was incorrect. The LC can change their findings. (Brugge v Exiles 2013)

For reportable offences, the L.C. work exactly the same way as the D.P. does, three members are picked for each case. You cannot be on the committee if your team is involved or if you umpired the game.