



- GUIDELINES FOR OFFENCES AND PENALTIES -

This form is *primarily* to be used as a point of reference for investigating on-field incidents.

Definitions and clarifications are listed at the end of this document.

LEVEL 1

The penalty for a Level 1 offence shall be an official reprimand and/or a suspension of the individual for a minimum of one match.

Examples of behaviour which may result in a Level 1 penalty:

- Verbal abuse or hostility towards another participant, person, or any other member of the public.
- Disputing / protesting, reacting in a provocative or disapproving manner in an inappropriate way toward any decision made by an umpire or official.
- Charging or advancing towards an umpire or technical official in an aggressive manner when appealing.
- Excessive appealing of an umpire's decision.
- Throwing an object at or near a spectator, player, umpire or official in an inappropriate and / or dangerous manner.
- Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between players in the course of play.
- Using rude or abusive language, gestures or hand signals gestures which are obscene, offensive or insulting.
- Abuse/damage of GHA equipment or clothing, venue equipment or fixtures and fittings.
- Making public statements which are not fair, constructive, or reasonable and involve a personal attack on another player, umpire, appointed official or administrator

LEVEL 2

The penalty for a Level 2 offence shall be a suspension of the individual for a minimum of two matches.

Examples of behaviour which may result in a Level 2 penalty:

- Threat of assault on an umpire.
- Physical assault, without injury, of another player, umpire, official or spectator.
- Any act of violence on the field of play.
- Using language or gestures which seriously offends, insults, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, gender, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.
- Recurrent breaches of Level 1 behaviour

LEVEL 3

The penalty for a Level 3 offence shall be a suspension of the individual for a minimum of four matches.

Examples of behaviour which may result in a Level 3 penalty:

- Physical assault causing bodily injury to another player, umpire, official or spectator.
- Recurrent breaches of Level 2 behaviour

Definitions

Within the context of this document, terms and phrases are interpreted below. The GHA Board reserves the right to interpret all terms and phrases further to this should the need arise to do so.

Act of violence - aggressive conduct, physical or otherwise, not appropriate for a public, family environment.

Injury - visible marks, bleeding, deliberate contact likely to cause bruising.

Recurrent breach - the same level offence of the same or similar nature, within the same season.

Verbal abuse / abusive language - language not appropriate for a public, family environment.