

POLICY ON GAMBLING

Preamble

This policy applies to all members of all clubs competing under the auspices of the Northern Cricket Union. It will also apply to all members of all clubs under the auspices of the Northern Cricket Union competing in competitions governed by any other governing body including, but not limited to, Cricket Ireland.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the integrity of the game of cricket and not to penalise the traditional “sweep” often seen at local cricket games occurring between spectators at any given match. Unless there is evidence that there is an attempt to compromise any game or competition no action will be taken in relation to such activities. In any event players participating in any given game are strongly advised not to enter such traditional “sweeps”.

Betting

It will be an offence for the persons outlined in the preamble hereto, if a player (which includes twelfth men) is involved in:

1. Placing, accepting, laying or otherwise entering into any bet with any other party (whether individual, company or otherwise) in relation to the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any match or competition in which the player is participating.
2. Soliciting, inducing, enticing, instructing, persuading, encouraging, facilitating or authorising any other party to enter into a bet in relation to the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any match or competition in which the player is participating.
3. Ensuring the occurrence of a particular incident in a match or competition which occurrence is to the player’s knowledge the subject of a bet.

Level of Offence

In general terms, the level of offence will be considered on a sliding scale from level 1 to level 3.

- L1 - Placing a bet or having a bet placed in relation to a match in which the player placing a bet or having a bet placed is competing;
- L2 - Placing a bet or having a bet placed in relation to the player’s own performance in a match in which a player’s team is competing;
- L3 - Placing a bet or having a bet placed in relation to a match in which a player’s team is competing AND attempting to, or in fact, negatively influencing the result of said match or an event therein.

Standard of Proof

For L1 and L2 complaints, the standard of proof that an offence has occurred will be on the balance of probabilities.

For a L3 complaint, the standard of proof will be that there is “a very strong likelihood” that the offence did in fact occur.

Penalty

The disciplinary committee upon hearing a complaint and making a finding that a breach has occurred will, having considered all the relevant matters, decide the appropriate penalty ranging from a formal warning as to future conduct to suspension for a period of at least 12 months for the most serious of offences.