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NOTICE

Re: Rule Change Regarding Cricket Balls Leaving the Playing Field (effective from June 29, 2019)

As we need to take precaution to keep cricket safe & playable at the YC&AC, there were local ground rules that were put in place which penalized the player and team.

Despite these ground rules, we still find that balls are leaving the playing field at a regular pace. Due to this, the Club has updated its ground rules in this regard as every ball that leaves the playing field has the potential to cause serious, possibly life-threatening, damage.

Please find the updated ground rule regarding balls leaving the playing field below:

Player Penalties re: hit ball which leaves the playing field over any of the protective fencing:

The first penalty in a match will now be:

Player out, -10 runs, and a further one match ban for the player AND the captain of the team.

If the offending player is the captain, then the rule will be:

Player out; -10 runs; and a further TWO match ban for the captain.

****Note:** Penalties will carry over into the playoffs/next season where applicable.

A second offence by the same player, will constitute a:

Season ban of 5 matches, whether playoffs or regular season matches, PLUS the captain will receive a multiple match ban.

****Note:** The number of matches for the captain's ban will depend on how many team offenses have previously occurred that season.

Team Penalties (clarified, but in conjunction with the Player Penalties):

First team offense (as above):

Player out, -10 runs, and a further one match ban for the player AND the captain of the team.

Second team offense (first for the offending player):

-20 runs and a further one match ban for that player, and a TWO match ban for the captain (THREE if one of the previous offenders was the captain).

Third team offense:

-40 runs and a current season ban for the captain (includes playoffs, but not next season)

The Club reserves the right to review each and every case on its merits, and levy penalties (bans at any level, and even stopping matches/compulsory forfeiture for the infringing team) as it sees fit.

The aim is not to damage the sport, especially given the YC&AC's long history with cricket in Japan, it is to prevent the sport from being forcibly ended at the Club due to injury, or worse.

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