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Five players penalised under ECB Discipline Code

The ECB Cricket Discipline Commission (CDC) today confirmed that five players have received penalties under the ECB's Fixed Penalty Directives in the closing weeks of the season.

Ben Brown was reported by umpires Richard Kettleborough and Ian Blackwell during Sussex's Specsavers County Championship match against Northamptonshire on 5th – 8th September 2017. The Cricket Liaison Officer, Tony Pigott, determined that Brown had committed a Level One breach of the code (showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action).

Jonathan Trott was reported by umpires Richard Kettleborough and Ian Blackwell during Warwickshire's Specsavers County Championship match against Hampshire on 25th – 28th September 2017. The Cricket Liaison Officer, Lloyd Tennant, determined that Trott had committed a Level One breach of the code (using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or making an obscene gesture).

Brown and Trott had both previously received a reprimand following a Level One breach within the last 24 months. The penalty for a subsequent breach at Level One within 24 months is three penalty points. Each player has therefore received three penalty points.

Ian Bell was reported by umpires Richard Kettleborough and Mike Burns during Warwickshire's Specsavers County Championship match against Yorkshire on 19th – 22nd September 2017. The Cricket Liaison Officer, Wayne Noon, determined that Bell had committed a Level One breach of the code (showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action).

Riki Wessels was reported by umpires Martin Saggars and Billy Taylor during Nottinghamshire's Specsavers County Championship match against Sussex on 25th – 28th September 2017. The Cricket Liaison Officer, Tim Boon, determined that Wessels had committed a Level One breach of the code (showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action).

Stuart Whittingham was reported by the umpires during the same game. The Cricket Liaison Officer determined that Whittingham had committed a Level One breach of the code (showing dissent at an umpire's decision by word or action).

The penalty for each of these breaches is a reprimand.

Wessels was also reported by the umpires during the same game for a second incident which the Cricket Liaison Officer determined did not constitute a breach of the fixed penalty directives.

These penalties will remain on their records for a period of two years and the accumulation of nine or more penalty points in any two year period will result in an automatic suspension.

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