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## Mitchell Claydon suspended by Cricket Discipline Commission Panel

- Sussex seamer Mitchell Claydon suspended for nine matches after admitting to a charge relating to altering the condition of the ball
- ECB investigated an incident during Sussex CCC's Bob Willis Trophy match against Middlesex CCC on 23 August
- A Cricket Discipline Commission Panel handed down the sanction which takes into account the six-match playing suspension previously imposed by Sussex CCC (which included a combination of Vitality Blast games and a Bob Willis Trophy match); as such Claydon is unable to play for an additional three



**matches**

- **The CDC Panel confirm the additional three matches include a combination of Vitality Blast, 50-over or four-day matches (and incorporates Thursday's Vitality Blast quarter-final)**
- **Sussex CCC has also been charged in relation to this incident and will face a CDC Hearing Panel in due course**

A Cricket Discipline Commission (CDC) Panel has suspended Mitchell Claydon for nine matches after the Sussex player admitted to a charge relating to altering the condition of the ball.

Following an ECB investigation into an incident during Sussex CCC's Bob Willis Trophy match against Middlesex on 23 August, Claydon was charged with a breach of ECB Directives 3.3 and 3.7 which state:

*3.3 No Participant may conduct themselves in a manner or do any act or omission at any time which is improper or which may be prejudicial to the interests of cricket or which may bring the ECB, the game of cricket or any cricketer or group of cricketers into disrepute.*

*3.7 Contravention of the Bob Willis Trophy Playing Conditions 5 or 41.2 ... shall be regarded as (i) unfair and improper conduct; and (ii) conduct prejudicial to the interests of cricket and likely to bring the game into disrepute.*

After Claydon admitted to the charge a CDC Panel, chaired by Mark Milliken-Smith QC, met on Wednesday 30 September and imposed a nine-match playing suspension.

The sanction took into account a six-match playing suspension imposed on Claydon by Sussex CCC, which the player has already served. As such the remainder of the player's suspension is three matches across all formats and included Thursday's Vitality Blast quarter-final against Lancashire at the 1<sup>st</sup> Central County Ground in Hove.

The ECB will publish the full CDC decision in due course.

In relation to this incident, Sussex CCC have also been charged with a breach of ECB Directives 3.3 and 3.7. A CDC Disciplinary Hearing Panel will hear this



case in due course.

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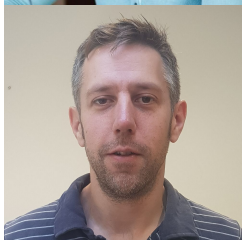
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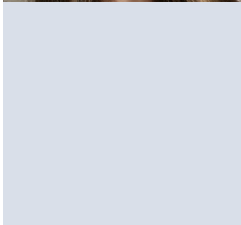
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