

OFFICIAL DIRECTIVE

Subject: Directive on Ground Conduct, Cleanliness Compliance, and Enforcement Measures

Date: 21-May-2025

To: All Club Executives, Umpires, Captains, and Registered Members

From: EDCL Executive Committee

The Edmonton & District Cricket League (EDCL) has recently come under fire through targeted online hate campaigns and racially charged attacks on social media. While we firmly condemn these malicious efforts to discredit our league, we must also confront the internal issues that have made us vulnerable to public criticism.

Despite many noise complaints being exaggerated or baseless, recurring concerns about **littering, public urination, and neglect of shared facilities are legitimate and unacceptable**. These behaviors damage our reputation, strain our relationship with the community, and weaken our ability to defend the league against false narratives.

This directive outlines mandatory standards of conduct, monitoring procedures, and disciplinary measures that all teams must follow – effective immediately.

1. Waste Management and Cleanliness Obligation

All member teams are **mandated** to uphold civic and environmental responsibility at every match venue. Specifically:

- Teams must bring their own **garbage bags**. Do not depend on city-provided bins, especially at **TAWA, Castledowns**, and similar grounds where access is limited.
- All post-match waste must be collected and **disposed, if necessary, of off-site**.
- Each team shall appoint one individual per match to oversee clean-up responsibilities.
- Teams providing food (e.g., catered meals or packaged lunches) must account for the volume of waste in advance.

2. Public Decency Enforcement

Acts of **public urination** or other forms of indecent conduct near or around match venues are strictly prohibited. Any such act will be treated as **gross misconduct** and subject to immediate disciplinary sanctions under the EDCL Code of Conduct.

3. Post-Match Clean-Up Verification

Effective immediately:

- At the conclusion of every match, the **team captain must report to the officiating umpire** that the dugout and surrounding area are clean.
- The **umpire must visually verify** and confirm this before leaving the ground.
- Umpires are required to submit a report of compliance or non-compliance to the league.

4. Mandatory Pre-Match Check-In for Afternoon Matches

All teams **scheduled to play in the afternoon** must **report to the umpire immediately upon arrival** at the ground. The umpire shall **capture and send photos or video of the pre-match field and team area** to the EDCL Executive Committee.

Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the **forfeiture of any immunity**, and the team will be **presumed in breach** should any complaint arise. Disciplinary action will proceed accordingly.

5. Monitoring and Random Inspection

- EDCL Executives, Directors-at-Large, and other designated officials will conduct **random inspections** across match venues.
- Community members and umpires have been requested to submit **photo/video evidence** of any observed violations.
- League officials and umpires are authorized and expected to document all infractions.

6. Sanctions for Non-Compliance

Penalties for violations of the above protocols are as follows:

- **First Offense (with evidence):**

Three (3) match suspension for the player(s) involved and the team captain.

- **Second Offense within 12 months:**

Five (5) match suspension for the entire team.

- **Umpire Failure to Perform Clean-Up Verification:**

Suspension of up to three (3) months from officiating duties.

7. Optional Self-Reporting Protocol

Teams may submit a short (20-30 second) video of the post-match clean-up, send to the Director-at-Large at **204 720 5853**, as a safeguard against false allegations or unverified complaints.

This directive is effective immediately and enforceable across all EDCL divisions. All club executives, captains, players, and officials are expected to comply fully.

The Edmonton & District Cricket League remains committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and community-integrated cricketing environment. The conduct of every member reflects on the league as a whole.

By Order of:

EDCL Executive Committee

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Supplementary Directive

To: All League Participants, Team Captains, and Club Officials

From: EDCL Executive Committee

Date: 21 - May -2025

Subject: Reckless Driving, Unauthorized Parking, and Ground Misuse - Zero Tolerance Policy

The Edmonton & District Cricket League (EDCL) has been notified of several serious violations concerning **reckless vehicle operation, unauthorized parking, and ground misuse** at various league venues. These incidents not only threaten public safety but also put our continued access to key facilities at risk.

1. Victoria Park - Reckless Driving Incident

It has been officially reported that an individual associated with the league drove recklessly in the **Victoria Park parking lot**, resulting in a near-miss incident that has been escalated to city officials. While vehicle operation is the personal responsibility of the driver, **EDCL will not condone or tolerate such reprehensible behavior** under any circumstances.

Any individual found responsible will face immediate disciplinary action, including a lifetime ban from league participation.

Such behavior jeopardizes our reputation and our league's **privileged access** to Victoria Park. Reckless driving incidents, especially in areas under **City of Edmonton or Golf Management**, may result in the loss of field permits for all clubs.

2. PUSHA Ground - Unauthorized Roadside Parking

The PUSHA facility management has issued multiple warnings regarding vehicles parked along the roadside adjacent to the ground's fencing. This practice is **strictly prohibited**.

Any player or team official found guilty will face an immediate suspension. Repeat or habitual offenders risk receiving a **formal trespass notice** from PUSHA management.

All players are further reminded that **off-hour parking is not permitted**. Everyone must **vacate the facility immediately following their match**, particularly after afternoon games. If a vehicle remains after gate closure,

EDCL and PUSHA management bear no responsibility, and access will only be possible the following day when the facility reopens.

3. St. Albert Rugby Grounds - Emergency Access Violation

The **St. Albert Rugby Association (SARA)** reported that on the **past weekend**, four vehicles linked to the cricket event were found **blocking the emergency access route**. This is a serious safety violation and a direct breach of our facility agreement.

- **Any player and team captain identified will receive a three (3) match suspension.**
- **The RCMP may issue citations** independently if contacted or during patrol.

4. Millwoods Ground - Driving on Green Space

The league has been informed that a known individual has been repeatedly **driving and parking on the grass** at the Millwoods ground.

Loading or unloading on the grass without a written permit is strictly prohibited and will be reported to **law enforcement** and facility operators.

Final Reminder

All league members are expected to exercise **civic responsibility** and **respect facility regulations** at all times. These spaces are made available through formal partnerships and public trust. Misuse by even one individual risks access for the entire league.

This notice serves as an official warning. Any future violations will result in immediate disciplinary action without exception.

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