

# MCC Laws of Cricket

## Law 42 - Guidance on the definitions of dissent for umpires, captains and players

Level	Description / Definition	Examples (must be taken in context)	Players Applicable to
1	<p><b>Dissent:</b></p> <p>An action or actions by a player or players which clearly demonstrates to observers (other players, spectators, etc) that the umpire has, in the player's view, made a mistake</p>	Failure to leave the crease or the field of play promptly	Batsman
		Raising or waving of the bat to suggest contact with the ball	Batsman
		Indicating a contact point on the body or equipment	Batsman
		Breaking the wicket with the bat or person	Batsman
		Throwing the ball to the ground	Fielding Side
		Audible statement(s) of dissent	Any Player
		Any gesture or animated behaviour which suggests umpire error	Any Player
		Any other conduct the umpire considers is equivalent to a Level 1 offence	Any Player
2	<p><b>Serious Dissent:</b></p> <p>A prolonged, repeated or aggressive action or actions by a player or players which clearly demonstrates to observers that the umpire has, in the player's view, made a mistake.</p>	Failure to leave the crease or the field of play within an extended timeframe which may require addition input from the umpire(s)	Batsman
		Aggressive breaking of the wicket with the bat or person	Batsman
		Throwing of the bat, gloves or helmet	Batsman
		Obscene language and/or highly audible statement(s) within an act of dissent	Any Player
		Advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive or animated manner in an act of showing dissent	Any Player
		Any aggressive, animated or sustained behaviour in an act of showing dissent	Any Player
		Any repetition or combination of Level 1 acts of dissent	Any Player
		A collective display of dissent by two or more fielders, which may include the bowler, in response to an umpire's decision	Any Player
		Any other conduct the umpire considers is equivalent to a Level 2 offence or a repeated Level 1 offence	Any Player