

# **SOUTH METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

## **SMCA PROTEST AND RESULTS TRIBUNAL**



### **SMCA Protest & Disputes Committee – Outcome Summary**

#### **Summary**

##### **East Fremantle versus Armadale - ODB**

The Protests and Disputes Panel convened to consider allegations arising from the East Fremantle versus Armadale match. Numerous allegations were made, but the matter in question centred on a series of no-ball incidents, including a significant delivery that struck a batsman on the shoulder and caused injury, contributing to heightened tensions throughout the match.

In the second innings, Armadale submitted that the umpire (MC) involved was excessively loud and behaved aggressively following the conclusion of play. A request to replace the umpire during the match was denied, and subsequent interactions further escalated the situation. East Fremantle did not attend the hearing, constituting a breach of the competition by-laws, although a written response from the umpire was reviewed by the panel.

Following deliberation, the panel determined that the conduct met the threshold for a Level 2 offence involving threatening or intimidating behaviour. While the offence ordinarily attracts a minimum six-week suspension, the panel imposed a four-week suspension with an additional two weeks suspended for twelve months, reflecting both the seriousness of the incident and proportionality considerations. A fine was also imposed on East Fremantle Cricket Club for failing to attend the hearing.

#### **Protests & Disputes Hearing**

**Date:** 17 December 2025

#### **Match Details**

**East Fremantle versus Armadale – ODB - 13 December 2025**

**Player:** Michael Carmody (MC)

**Charge:** To be determined

**Allegation:** Various

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#### **Attendees**

## Panel / Officials

- **Jacob Landsmeer (JL)** – SMCA
- **Norm Harris (NH)** – Umpire Advisor
- **Shamez Salim (SS)** – SMCA
- **Joe Covic (JC)** – SMCA
- **Jeremy Dowsett (JD)** – Phoenix

## Armadale Representatives

- **Harikrishnan Remeshan (HR)** – Vice Captain
  - **Shanab Valappil (SV)** – Captain
  - **Shameem Chatittammal (SC)**
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## Armadale Allegations (read by JL)

- The allegations submitted by Armadale were **read in full by JL**.

## Armadale Submissions

- **HR advised** that the incident stemmed from a **no-ball decision at 31.4**, followed by a **second significant no-ball** that struck the batsman on the shoulder, causing injury.
- It was stated that **MC was very loud throughout the match**.
- Upon the change of innings, with MC officiating as umpire, Armadale requested that MC be replaced as umpire.
  - This request was **denied**.
  - Armadale advised **six other individuals were available to umpire**.
  - It was also stated that **the ability to request a change of umpire is no longer addressed within the by-laws**.
- At the conclusion of the match, **Kalis did not shake hands (due to feeling uncomfortable)**, which was said to have **irritated MC**.
- Armadale alleged that **MC displayed aggressive behaviour after the game**.

## East Fremantle Submissions

- **No representative from East Fremantle attended the hearing**, constituting a **contravention of By-Law 64(c)**.
- MC's written response to the allegations was **reviewed both prior to and during the hearing**.

## Panel Deliberation and Findings

- The panel determined that MC's conduct constituted a **Level 2 offence**:  
**"Threatening or intimidating behaviour towards an umpire, official or player."**
- The applicable penalty range for this offence is a **minimum of six (6) weeks and a maximum of twelve (12) weeks**.

- In determining sanction, the panel placed significant weight on the **second no-ball incident (31.4)**, which resulted in the batsman being struck on the shoulder and sustaining injury.

### Penalty Imposed

- **Suspension:**
  - Four (4) weeks immediate suspension
  - Plus two (2) weeks suspended for a period of twelve (12) months
- **Additional Sanction:**
  - East Fremantle Cricket Club fined under **By-Law 63(c)** for failing to attend the Protests and Disputes hearing.  
The club was fined \$500 dollars for not attending the P&D, plus \$100 fine for the level 2 offence.