

SOUTH METROPOLITAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION

PROTESTS & DISPUTES TRIBUNAL - MEETING MINUTES

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Attendees	
Panel / Official	Champion Lakes Representatives
David King (DK) – SMCA	Kamalpreet Anand (KA) – Player
Mark Iannello (MI) – SMCA	Sachin Jassal – Captain
Joe Covic (JC) – SMCA	Thanigachalah Nataratan – Club Official
Matt Watson (MW) – CCC	

Case 1 - Disputing an Umpiring Decision & Offensive Language

Executive Summary
<p>On 11 February 2026, the SMCA Protests & Disputes Tribunal considered a referral under By-Law 64(g) concerning Kamalpreet Anand (Champion Lakes CC) following SMCA's decision to reject an umpire-issued Caution for disputing an umpiring decision and use of offensive language during the ODB match between Champion Lakes and Armadale.</p> <p>After reviewing the umpire's report and hearing submissions from the player and club representatives, the Tribunal determined that while the conduct was inappropriate, it did not exceed the threshold warranting escalation beyond a Caution. The original Caution was therefore upheld as proportionate; however, it will remain active on the player's record for a period of two (2) years.</p>
Background
<p>The appointed match umpire issued a Caution to Kamalpreet Anand for disputing an umpiring decision and use of offensive language.</p> <p>Pursuant to By-Law 64(g), the SMCA exercised its authority to review the adequacy of the Caution and determined that the matter should be referred to the Protests & Disputes Tribunal.</p>
Panel Disclosure
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The umpire's written statement was read aloud by DK.• It was confirmed that SMCA had rejected the adequacy of the Caution and referred the matter to Tribunal.• KA entered a plea of Not Guilty to disputing the umpire's decision.• The umpire statement recorded that profanity was used and directed toward the umpire.• DK reminded attendees that when an official umpire gives a decision, that decision is final.
Champion Lakes Submission
<p>KA submitted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The comment was made in the heat of the moment.• The language was directed toward the opposition fielder, not the umpire.• Opposition players were allegedly vindictive due to a previous match.• He denied intentionally disputing the umpire and said when the umpire made the decision HE did not dispute it

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KA expressed regret for the incident.

Panel Deliberation

The Panel considered:

- The umpire's report.
- The player's explanation.
- The match context.
- The proportionality of the original Caution.

The Panel determined:

- The umpire was entitled to issue a Caution.
- It was reasonably possible that the profanity was directed toward the fielder rather than the umpire.
- The incident did not escalate beyond verbal exchange.
- The conduct, while inappropriate, remained within the threshold capable of being dealt with by way of Caution.

Determination – Case 1

The Tribunal resolved:

- The original Caution issued by the umpire is upheld.
- The Caution shall remain on record for a period of two (2) years.

Case Closed