



CODE OF CONDUCT - PLAYERS

This Code of Behaviour identifies a selection of key principles upon which players should base their cricket involvement.

The code ensures that participants develop good sporting behaviours and an inherently positive cricket experience, which encourages them to remain involved in the great game of cricket throughout their lives.

The Code of Behaviour is derived from Cricket Australia, and the Australian Sports Commission. It reflects the Spirit of Cricket.

- Our club's focus is on enjoyment, participation and respect.
- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the umpire in an appropriate manner during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent (whether you are on the field or on the sidelines) is not acceptable.
- Be a good sport. Applaud good play by your opposition.
- Never ridicule another player for making a mistake;
- Any noise from the sidelines (other than appropriate recognition of good performance or effort) or any signals or form of communication to players are not in the best interests of the game;
- Show appreciation for club volunteers and administrators. Without them you could not participate;

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game.

Any action considered to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself.

The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains; but as a player for North Alphington CC you are required to observe the following code of conduct reflecting the Spirit of Cricket.

1. You agree to RESPECT:

- *Your opponents*
- *Your own captain and team*
- *The role of the umpires*
- *The game and its traditional values*

2. You agree It is against the Spirit of the Game and this code of conduct:

- *To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture*
- *To direct abusive or derogatory language towards an opponent or umpire*
- *To cheat, for instance:*
 - (a) *to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out;*
 - (b) *to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing;*
 - (c) *to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.*

3. Violence

You agree there is no place for any act of violence on the field of play or at the venue.

4. No Vilification

You agree to respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, or religion.

5. Disciplinary action

You agree disciplinary action may occur in the event of any breach of this code of conduct. Such disciplinary action could involve temporary suspension or in the most serious of incidents, or for repeated misconduct, permanent expulsion.