



CODE OF CONDUCT – PARENTS/GUARDIANS

This Code of Behaviour identifies a selection of key principles upon which parents and guardians 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.
- Do not force an unwilling child to participate.
- Remember, children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours;
- Encourage your child to play by the Rules and in the Spirit of Cricket;
- Focus on encouraging your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing;
- Never ridicule or yell at a child 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;
- Remember that children learn best by example. Acknowledge good performances and skilful play by all participants;
- Respect officials' decisions. Teach your child to do likewise;
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches and administrators. Without them your child could not participate;

- 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.

The Spirit of Cricket

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.

Parents, guardians and spectators should respect the nature of the game, and accept that it is the responsibility of umpires and the team captains to conduct a match in the appropriate manner.

1. The Spirit of Cricket includes RESPECT for:

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

2. It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- *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.*