



### **CODE OF CONDUCT – COACHES**

This Code of Behaviour identifies a selection of key principles upon which Coaches 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.
- Operate within the Rules and in the Spirit of Cricket and teach your players to do the same.
- Avoid overplaying talented players – all junior players need and deserve equal opportunity.
- Ensure all equipment and facilities are safe.
- Display control and respect to all involved in cricket – including opponents, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players.
- Keep up to date with coaching practices and principles.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Be a good role model.
- Remember you are a representative of North Alphington CC.

- Respect officials' decisions. Teach your players to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteers and administrators.
- 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.*

*Coaches 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.*