



Code of Conduct for Players and Parents Guidance

Code of Conduct for Players

Players Must ...

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Cooperate with their coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Treat all participants in cricket as they would like to be treated.
- Show good sportsmanship. Applaud all good play whether that of your team or the opposition.
- Control temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable.
- Play by the rules.

Players Must Not ...

- Leave the sports/residential grounds without the organisers/coaches permission.
- Cause damage or deface any piece of furniture or equipment that is not that of the person/s involved unless proved accidental.
- Verbally abuse any participant, coach or any facility-centre-staff member.
- Physically abuse any participant or any other person at or around the facility.
- Take any form of alcohol or illegal substances.
- Break any rules that are set by the coaches/organisers.
- Break the rules set out by the facility.
- Argue with an umpire.
- Bully or take unfair advantage of other competitors.

A break of the above will be deemed serious and will be dealt with appropriately.

Breakdown of procedure:

- Coaches will discuss the incident.
- Parent will be contacted regarding their child's behaviour and given an opportunity to attend a meeting or have an independent representative present.
- Coaches' representatives to meet with player/s and have independent representation or parent present in a neutral location.
- Coaches meet to action procedures.
- Participant and parent informed of outcome of meeting.

Parents Guidance

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket.
- Remember that children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or shout at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example.
- Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to exclude verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect official's decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your children could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.