Wendouree Cricket Club

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

The Wendouree Cricket Club fully supports and endorses the Cricket Australia ‘Code of Behaviour for Players and Player Support Personnel’; in particular Article 2 – Code of Behaviour Offences sets out specific ‘offences’ that are prohibited.

In addition to the Cricket Australia Code of Behaviour, all players, coaches, team managers, support personnel and parents at the Wendouree Cricket Club are expected to abide by the following principles:

- At all times act within the laws of the game and within the ‘Spirit of Cricket’.
- Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treat each person as an individual.
- Show respect and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance exists) with people under the age of 18.
- Display appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
- Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.

Players

- Give your best at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Play by the rules and show respect for other players, coaches and officials.
Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager 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 are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in cricket;

Work equally hard for yourself and your teammates. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you;

Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition;

Treat all participants in cricket as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor;

Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition;

Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents, teachers or coaches;

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Coaches

Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun;

Respect the umpire’s decisions, do not argue with, verbally abuse or harass an umpire, any player, a coach, a volunteer of other parent/spectator and teach children to do likewise;

Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first;

Be reasonable in your demands on players’ time, energy and enthusiasm;

Operate within the rules and Spirit of Cricket and teach your players to do the same;

Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience;

Avoid overplaying the talented players - all young players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities;

Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players;

Display control and respect to all those involved in cricket. This includes opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same;

Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition;

Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest cricket coaching practices and principles of growth and development of young people;
Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player’s skill development;

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Officials

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- Ensure all players are included and can participate, regardless of their race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Be consistent, impartial and objective when making decisions.
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for other players and officials.

Administrators

- Ensure quality supervision and instruction for players.
- Support coaches and officials to improve their skills and competencies.
- Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
- Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
- Conduct club responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.

Parents

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket;
- Do not discipline or approach a child other than your own about any incident unless there is an immediate and serious risk to a person’s physical safety that requires immediate intervention – it is preferable to speak to the coach or the other parent about the incident in a calm and reasonable manner.
- Remember, 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 yell at a child for making a mistake, losing concentration or losing a game;
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful play by all participants;
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities;
• Respect the umpire’s decisions, do not argue with, verbally abuse or harass an umpire, any player, a coach, a volunteer of other parent/spectator and teach children to do likewise;

• Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials 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 or religion.

• Encourage your child to participate, do their best and have fun.

• Focus on your child's effort and performance, rather than winning or losing.

**Spectators**

• Respect the effort and performances of players and officials.

• Respect the umpire’s decisions, do not argue with, verbally abuse or harass an umpire, any player, a coach, a volunteer of other parent/spectator and teach children to do likewise;

• Reject the use of harassment, bullying or violence in any form, whether by other spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.