

Ainslie Park Cricket Club

Code of Conduct



General

- All matches shall be conducted in the true spirit of the game of cricket and club Officials, Coaches, Captains and Players are requested to adopt this code.
- No player or official shall, during any match, whether on or off the field of play, engage in conduct unbecoming to the game of cricket.
- Clubs shall place all teams under the control of a responsible person.
- No alcohol shall be consumed by players or match officials during the hours of play.
- Players shall maintain a standard of dress consistent with Association rules.
- Our club takes responsibility for the behaviour of its supporters and spectators.

Players

- Play by the rules – the rules of our club and the laws of the game.
- Never argue with an umpire or other official – without these people, you can't play cricket.
- Control your temper - verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games.
- Be a team player – it's a team game, treat it that way.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated – fairly.
- Co-operate with your coach, the umpires and teammates.
- When given out, move immediately from the field.
- Generally assist the umpire in carrying out his duties.
- Not indulge in "sledging" of opposition players.
- Play for your own enjoyment & to improve your skills.
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down yourself, your coach, teammates and family if you do.

Parents

- Encourage children to participate only if they are interested. If a child is not willing, please do not force them.

- Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the outcome of the game. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to their own ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a game and encourage your child to play by the rules.
- Remember your child should be involved for their involvement, not yours.
- Your child learns best by example. Applaud good play by both teams.
- If you disagree with an umpire or an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgment and honesty in public.
- Do not swear at or abuse umpires. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from junior sporting activities. Without umpires there would be no game for your child to be involved in and parents must set the right example.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child and deserve your support and appreciation.
- Support your club officials in maintaining the highest standards of behaviour both on and off the field. Offer your assistance to the team your child is playing in so that every opportunity is being provided for the best supervision and support. Your child will enjoy your involvement.
- Avoid confrontation if you are abused or feel threatened by other adults; report it immediately to your coach or team manager.
- Be at your child's match at least 20 minutes before play is due to begin to receive last minute information pertinent to the match and to allow your child warm up. Ensure that your child attends training regularly.
- Ensure that your child attends matches for which they are scheduled to participate in, (health permitting). If an absence is planned, communicate it.

Captains

- Instruct all players to avoid time wasting.
 - Incoming and outgoing batsmen are expected to pass on the field of play.
 - Instruct bowlers to return to the start of their run-up quickly and be ready to bowl without time wasting.
 - Instruct all fieldsmen to move quickly between overs and whenever required to change position, ie field setting and changes be undertaken without time wasting.
- Ensure that players conduct themselves in a manner that conforms to the traditional image of the game of cricket.

Coaches/Team Managers/Match Officials

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of their involvement in cricket, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.
- Abide by and teach the Laws of Cricket and the Rules of our Club and Association.
- Be reasonable in the demands they make on the time commitments of the players in their care, having due consideration for their health and well-being.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse or unnecessary physical contact with the players in their care and monitor safety always.
- Have due consideration for varying maturity and ability levels of their players when designing practice schedules, practice activities and involvement in competition.
- Endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development, and of factors relating to the welfare of their players.
- At all times display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practice fair play.
- Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.
- Ensure that players are involved in a positive environment where skill learning and development are priorities are not overshadowed by a desire to win.
- Reject the use of performance enhancing substances in sport and will abide by the guidelines set forth in the Cricket Victoria Ant-Doping Policy.
- Ensure that their actions serve the best interests of the players from both sides
- Ensure the match is conducted in manner that serves the best interests of Junior Cricket
- Instruct Members, Players, Officials, Parents and Spectators from their club, of their obligation to behave in a manner that serves the best interest of Cricket.
- Make every effort to remove Members, Players, Officials, Parents and Spectators from the venue of the match who are not behaving in a manner that serves the best interests of Cricket.

Policy Review

To ensure this policy continues to be relevant for club operation and that it reflects club and community expectations, the policy will be reviewed annually.

Signed: **The Ainslie Park Cricket Club Executive Committee**

Date: **21 September 2016**