



# CODE OF CONDUCT

As of June 2021

The Oakleigh Cricket Club aims to develop and promote sport/cricket in the City of Monash and surrounding areas by providing safe, fun & inclusive environment, and providing the coaching, facilities & opportunities for all players to develop their skills.

The Club strives to field competitive junior and senior teams that play within the spirit of the game, and improve the overall standards of sport/cricket and the playing and social environment.

## THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it is expected to be played not only within its laws, but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself and the standing of the Club within the wider community.

The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your team
- The umpires
- The game's traditional values

It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- To question an umpire's decision by word or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any unsportsmanlike practice, e.g.
  - Appealing, knowing that the batsman is not out
  - Advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
  - Seeking to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of your side.

There is no place for any act of violence on or off the field of play. Our club prides itself on playing competitive cricket within the rules and Spirit of the Game.

## CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

It is the expectation of all coaches, officials, players, spectators, and parents/guardians to adhere to a code of behaviour.

Breaches of the 'Code of Behaviour', 'Spirit of Cricket', or ISEC Parent or Player Code of Behaviour are taken seriously & may be subject to disciplinary action including fines, suspension and/or de-registration of either parties involved.

As a member of the Oakleigh Cricket Club, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct in any role(s) or during any activity held or sanctioned by Cricket Victoria, a member association or an affiliated club:

- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others
- Conduct yourself at all matches involving the club with an open and mature mind
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example
- Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible
- Refrain from any form of harassment of others



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- Refrain from any behaviour that may bring the Oakleigh Cricket Club into disrepute
- Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured
- Remember junior sport is not for your satisfaction but that of your child.

## PLAYER CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Play by the rules;
- 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.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN & SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket;
- 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 or losing a game;
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful play by all participants;
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities;
- Respect officials' decisions. 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.
- No alcohol is to be consumed during any junior cricket matches.
- Do not smoke near players or spectators or within 10 metres of a council managed building.

## BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Any incident may be referred to the Board for investigation and subsequent action; but in the first instance will be referred to the President and the relevant Captain or Coach.

In all instances:

1. The Captain or Coach/Team Manager (in the case of Junior Teams) shall, at the first available opportunity, discuss the matter with the player or person concerned. At this point, the player or person will be reminded of the correct behaviour and asked to act within the Code.



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- a. If no further action is needed – the matter is finished.
  - b. If further action is required – the matter may require a meeting with the President.
2. In the one season, should the same player or person offend again, then for the consideration of any penalty, the matter must be brought to the attention of either:
  - a. The Match Committee (if the matter relates to an incident on the cricket field) and/or
  - b. The Board, in all other cases.
3. The Board has the power to suspend or expel members in accordance with the Rules and Bylaws of the Oakleigh Cricket Club.