

MAROOCHYDORE CRICKET CLUB

GENERAL CODE OF BEHAVIOR

PURPOSE OF OUR CODE

The main objective of our Code of Behaviour is to maintain responsible and respectful behaviour.

It complements our commitment to a person's right to be treated with respect and dignity, and to be safe and protected from discrimination, harassment and abuse as well as our commitment to safeguarding children and young people.

Our code informs everyone involved in our club of the standards of behaviour that are expected of them.



CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

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RESPECT ALL PARTICIPANTS AND DECISIONS

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ENCOURAGE EVERYONE THIS IS AMATEUR SPORT

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SPORTSMANSHIP NO ABUSE WILL BE TOLERATED

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PLAY FOR ENJOYMENT

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EDUCATE AND ASSIST OTHERS WE ARE HERE FOR ALL TO IMPROVE

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CONDUCT YOURSELF COURTEOUSLY

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TREAT EVERYONE HOW YOU WOULD WISH TO BE TREATED

Our Code is underpinned by the 'Spirit of Cricket'

Fair Play

According to the Laws of Cricket, umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain or coach to take action where required.

The captain and coach are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game and within the Laws.

Captains, coaches and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to play the game in good spirit and fairness.

Where a player fails to comply with the instructions of the umpire - criticising by word or action the decisions of an umpire, showing dissent or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute - the umpire concerned should, in the first place, report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain or coach, and instruct the captain or coach to take appropriate action.

Umpires – managing the match

The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- *Time wasting;*
- *Damaging the pitch;*
- *Dangerous or unfair bowling;*
- *Tampering with the ball;*
- *Any other action that they consider to be unfair.*

Respect

The spirit of the game involves respect for:

- *Your opponents;*
- *Your captain, coach and team;*
- *The role of the umpires;*
- *The traditional values of cricket*

Against the spirit

It is against the spirit of the game to:

- *Dispute an umpire's decision by word, act or gesture;*
- *Direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire;*
- *Indulge in cheating. Such instance may include:*
 - *Appealing when knowing the batter 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 one's own side.*

WHO OUR CODE APPLIES TO

This code applies to everyone involved in the activities of our club whether they are in a paid or unpaid/voluntary capacity and including:

- club committee members, administrators and other club officials
- coaches, assistant coaches, managers
- personnel participating in events and activities, including camps and training sessions
- players
- parents
- spectators

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Everyone associated with our club must:

- make themselves aware of the contents of this code.
- treat other people with respect.
- always place the safety and welfare of children above other considerations.
- be responsible and accountable for their behaviour.
- follow the guidelines outlined in this code if they wish to make a complaint or report a concern about possible child abuse, discrimination, harassment, bullying or other inappropriate behaviour.
- comply with any decisions and/or disciplinary measures imposed under this code.

INDIVIDUALS SHALL:

- Be ethical, fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others by respecting the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons less than 18 years of age.
- Always place the safety and welfare of children above other considerations.
- Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons less than 18 years of age, wherever possible.
- Refrain from any behaviour that may bring the club into disrepute.
- Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the activity.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players and follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Be responsible and accountable for your conduct.

PLAYER CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Know the rules. Play by the rules. Participate fairly and safely.
2. Co-operate with your coach and other players.
3. Abide by decisions, without argument or bad temper.
4. Arguing with an umpire is not permitted. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the umpire respectfully during the break or after the game.
5. Control your temper. Any abuse of officials, other players or spectators is not permitted.
6. Deliberately provoking an opponent is not permitted.
7. Throwing or damaging equipment is not permitted.
8. Treat all players as you would like to be treated:
 - Be a patient and enthusiastic supporter of fellow players.
 - Applaud all good play, by your own team and opponents.
 - Encourage and assist all players.
9. Cooperate with your coach. Attend all training sessions where possible and notify coach or manager if unable to attend.
10. Endeavour to bring the appropriate uniform and equipment to training and matches.
11. Respect and acknowledge the contribution of those who create the opportunity for you to play – volunteers including scorers, coaches, and umpires.

Player Declaration

As a playing member at the Maroochydore Cricket Club I agree to abide by these codes of behaviour. I understand the Club will take any necessary disciplinary actions, including suspension or banning, where warranted for breaches of the Code of Behaviour.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket. Children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment not yours.
2. Focus upon your child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of a game. This assists your child in setting realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
3. Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
4. Encourage your child to play according to the rules and in the Spirit of Cricket.
5. Any abuse of officials, players or spectators is not permitted.
6. Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by all players.
7. Respect, appreciate and support the contribution of those who create the opportunity for your child to play including volunteer scorers, coaches, and umpires.
8. Be courteous in communication with administrators, coaches, players and umpires.
9. Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.

Parent/Guardian Declaration

As a parent or guardian of a junior player at the Maroochydore Cricket Club I/we agree to abide by these principles. I/we support the Club in its undertakings and encourage the Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning where warranted of any players, parents or spectators for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Behaviour. I/we acknowledge that it is our responsibility to ensure that family or friends attending games are made aware and adhere to this Code of Behaviour.

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COACH CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. Operate within the rules and spirit of cricket, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.
2. Provide opportunities and support for all players to learn appropriate behaviour and skills and support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport. Help each player reach their potential – respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback.
3. Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
4. Respect the decisions of umpires, officials and administrators in the conduct of the sport.
5. Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people less than the age of 18 years. Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
6. Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions. Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
7. Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
8. Act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
9. Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
10. Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment.
11. Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviour.
12. Show concern and caution towards sick or injured players. Follow the advice of the player's physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.

Coach Declaration

As a volunteer coach at the Maroochydore Cricket Club I agree to abide by these principles. I support the Club in its undertakings and encourage the Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions including the suspension and banning where warranted of any players, coaches, parents or spectators for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Behaviour.