Cricket Ipswich Inc



CODE OF CONDUCT

"It is the responsibility of all those that play the game (the custodians) to leave the game in a better state than when they first became involved" – Sir Donald Bradman

This Code applies to the conduct on the field of play and off the field of play in respect of any match under the umbrella of Cricket Ipswich. It applies in addition to and not in substitution for the ICC Code of Conduct and the Cricket Australia Code of Behaviour, Racial and Religious Vilification Code and the Anti-Harassment Policy.

PLAYERS

- Play for fun and not just to please Parents and Coaches
- Play by the rules: they are for the good of all
- Never argue with an official if you disagree have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately provoking an opponent or throwing equipment is not acceptable
- Be a team player Work hard, respect and co-operate with your coach and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you
- Be a good sport. Cheer (applaud) good play whether be your team or the other team
- Encourage and praise your fellow team members and be enthusiastic
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. If problems arise consult your captain, coach or higher body.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates, officials and opponents. Without them there would be no game
- Show respect for your opponents and their skills
- Be willing to train and prepare for the game. Preparation helps prevent injury, helps your team's performance, and increases your level of enjoyment
- Play only when you are fully fit. To play with an injury will handicap your team and may expose you to the risk of serious, life-long injury
- The use of alcohol and non-prescribed drugs in not permitted. Illegal behaviour will be referred to the police.
- It is the responsible for all Players to adopt and enhance the value of the Association. Do not engage in conduct detrimental to the game.

COACHES

- Familiarise yourself with the rules and laws of cricket, in particular LBW rulings
- Make a personal commitment to keep informed of sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children
- Teach your players that rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break and are designed to maximise enjoyment and safety
- Avoid over playing the talented players: the 'just average' players need and deserve equal time
- Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation. Encourage and praise your players at every opportunity and be enthusiastic.
- It is the responsible for all Coaches to adopt and enhance the values of the Association. Do not engage in conduct detrimental to the game.



PARENTS

- If children are interested, encourage them to play. However, do not force an unwilling child to participate
- Encourage children to always play according to the rules
- Encourage your child to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship by supporting their team both at practice sessions and games
- Focus upon the Child's effort and performance rather than the overall outcome of the game. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to ability, by reducing the emphasis on winning
- Never ridicule mistakes, failures, or losses
- Remember children are involved for their enjoyment, not yours
- Do not forget that children learn best by example: applaud good play by both teams
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your total support
- Demonstrate exemplary social behaviour at all times by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches or officials
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement
- It is the responsible for all Parents to adopt this Code of Conduct and to enhance it and the values of the Association. Do not engage in conduct detrimental to the game.

LOOKING AFTER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

All persons must:

- ensure all Children and Young People participating in cricket feel safe, included, encouraged, and supported
- use positive guidance strategies to ensure that Children and Young People are respected and treated fairly, giving positive and constructive feedback rather than negative criticism. If an individual is required to discipline a Child or Young Person, they must ensure that appropriate techniques are used with the safety and wellbeing of the Child or Young Person being considered.
- put the welfare of Children and Young People first by encouraging a constructive environment where healthy competition, skill development, fun and achievement are promoted.
- promote good sportsmanship by encouraging Children and Young People to be considerate of players, officials, and volunteers.
- ensure that physical contact with a Child or Young Person is appropriate for delivery of the program or services such as skill development or correction, fitting equipment or to provide comfort or support.
- use appropriate language and communication techniques when dealing with Children and Young People, providing clear direction, guidance and avoiding language that is:
 - o discriminatory, racist, or sexist
 - o derogatory, belittling, negative, sexual, profane, or offensive; or
 - o intended to threaten or be harmful to the Child or Young Person.
- avoid one-on-one unsupervised contact with Children and Young People at all times
- ensure change room and accommodation arrangements are appropriately considered to allow for suitable supervision whilst recognising the privacy of Children and Young People
- not take photos, videos or other recordings of Children and Young People without the prior consent of their parent or guardian. Any photos, videos or other recordings must be in connection with the Child or Young Person's participation in our sport



 not seek to or contact Children or Young People outside contact that is required as part of the scope of the individual's role in our sport

• not engage in inappropriate conversations in the presence of Children and Young People, including communication on social media, email, or mobile phone.

• not supply alcohol or drugs to Children or Young People or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs when in the presence of Children and Young People.

Penalties may be handed out to any player, coach, parent/spectator of Cricket Ipswich who is deemed to be in breach of the Code of Conduct.