



# CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

Cricket New South Wales recommends the adoption of these codes by associations, their clubs and schools and to distribute the codes to all appropriate groups at the commencement of the cricket season. They should apply in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, any other codes that a school, club or association may have in place.

## COACHES

- Remember that children participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not winning.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and Spirit of Cricket and teach your players and parents 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 involved in cricket including, 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.
- Physical contact with young people should be avoided, but if necessary it must 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.



## PLAYERS

- Cricket should be a fun and enjoyable game played because you want to.
- Remember to always play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- Don't be a bad sport by arguing with the umpires. If there is a problem ask your captain, coach or manager to approach the umpire in an appropriate manner during a break or after the game.
- Make sure you control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players is not acceptable behaviour in cricket.
- Put in for yourself but more importantly for your team mates. Your individual and team's performance will benefit.
- Be a good sport by acknowledging good play all round and sportsmanship by team mates and oppositions.
- Treat all participants in cricket as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Always cooperate and respect your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## PARENTS

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules and respect official's decisions.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the end result.
- 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.
- Show appreciation for all volunteers. Without them, junior sport does not exist.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.