

## **Junior Code of Conduct**

Our Junior Code of Conduct is in place to establish and document the standards of behaviour that are expected from all players, parents, supporters and officials. It is the responsibility of everyone involved with our club to ensure these principles are upheld and maintained. These codes of behaviour extend to social networking sites including, however not limited to, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

### ***Players Code of Conduct***

1. Play for fun and enjoyment and to improve your skills.
2. Play by the rules of your club, the laws of the game and within the Spirit of Cricket that reflect the unique appeal of the game of cricket (as defined in the Preamble to The Laws of Cricket).
3. Never argue with an umpire or other official – without these people, you can't play cricket.
4. Control your temper – verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games.
5. Be a team player – it's a team game, treat it that way. This includes when your team is batting, that you sit with your team and support your team mates in the middle – except where directed otherwise by your coach or team manager.
6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated – fairly - always be a good sport – appreciate all good play whether they are made by your team or the opposition –never ridicule another player's mistake or performance.
7. Cooperate with your coach, the umpires and team-mates.
8. Don't use inappropriate remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you will let down your coach, team-mates and family.
9. Do not abuse equipment that belongs to you, another player or MCC.
10. Be punctual to all matches, training and functions.
11. Wear appropriate training and match day attire.
12. It is your responsibility to declare if you are unavailable for any match.

### ***Coaches Code of Conduct***

1. Remember that players participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
4. Operate within the rules and Spirit of the Game, and teach your players to do the same.
5. Ensure that the time that players spend with you is a positive experience.
6. All players are deserving of equal attention.
7. Apply the Club's Junior Player Participation Policy.
8. Do not use bad language or harass players, officials, spectators or other coaches.
9. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved in the sport including opponents, other coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators - encourage your players to do the same.
10. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players and follow the advice of a physician or their parent when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
11. Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### ***Parents & Supporters Code of Conduct***

1. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment – not yours.
2. Encourage participation, but don't force it.
3. Focus on efforts and performance of the players and not on winning or losing.
4. Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support, not downgrade.
5. Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
6. Encourage children to always play according to the rules.
7. Recognize and respect all club officials and volunteers who give up their valuable time to make it possible – without them your child could not participate in this sport.
8. Never publicly criticize umpires – raise any personal concerns with club officials, in private.
9. Don't use inappropriate remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you will let down your child and family.
10. Do not make any direct contact with the ISEC executive or any ISEC official – if you would like an issue raised with the ISEC please speak to the Junior Coordinator.

Remember that you are playing for and are a member of the Murrumbeena Cricket Club. So enjoy the game and accept wins and losses equally gracefully and remember that without opposition, match officials or volunteers of your club, you would not even have a game to play. The Club will take any necessary disciplinary action for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Conduct.

For potential breaches of the Junior Code of Conduct that are of a minor nature, the relevant party will be spoken to by an MCC official – team coach, team manager or member of the Junior Executive. For potential breaches that are of a major nature, these must be reported to the Junior Coordinator who will discuss the matter with the relevant parties and if required take to the Junior Executive and Club General Committee for consideration and potential consequences. Potential breaches can be reported by any party.

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