



CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

This Code of Conduct has been adapted from codes of conduct provided by Play by the Rules; a unique partnership between the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Human Rights Commission, all state and territory sport and recreation and anti-discrimination agencies and the NSW Commission for Children and Young People.

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Preamble – The Spirit of Cricket

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it is to be played not only within its Laws, but also within the spirit of the game. Any action seen as abusing this spirit causes injury to the game itself.

Embracing the spirit of the game means participating, either as a player, official or spectator, fairly and exhibiting respect for other players, officials and spectators, as well as the games traditional values such as graciousness in defeat and humility in victory.

Cricket has a distinct place in Australian society and history. As an element in Australia's national identity, cricket plays a significant role. This status brings with it particular responsibilities for players, officials and spectators to conform to the high standards of fair play and personal behaviour on and off the field.

This Code of Behaviour is intended to be the minimum standard of behaviour for all members, coaches and supporters of Golden Grove Cricket Club ("the Club").

Players

- Play within the Spirit of Cricket.
- Abide by the By-Laws of the Associations the Club is affiliated with and the policies of the Club.
- Give your best at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Support and encourage team members.

- Accept the decisions of umpires. If you disagree with a decision, inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the completion of play.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Show respect for Club and public property and equipment.
- Follow the directions from the captain of the team during a match, on and off the field.
- Wear proper kit during practices and matches.
- Be on time for practices and matches; advise captain and/or coach when this is not possible.
- Respect all people involved in cricket including, but not limited to, team mates, coaches, opposition players, umpires, administrators and spectators.
- Reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.
- Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Do not tolerate harmful or abusive actions.
- Accept the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee.
- Report damage (accidental or otherwise) to equipment or the facility to a member of the Committee.

Coaches

- Place the safety and welfare of players above all else.
- 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.
- Abide by the By-Laws of the Associations the Club is affiliated with and the policies of the Club.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Show respect for Club and public property and equipment.
- Give your best at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit while remembering that a coach's primary responsibility is to develop and improve players' skills.
- Respect all people involved in cricket including, but not limited to, team mates, coaches, opposition players, umpires, administrators and spectators.
- Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Do not tolerate harmful or abusive actions.
- Reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.
- Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.
- Accept the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee.
- Report damage (accidental or otherwise) to equipment or the facility to a member of the Committee.

Administrators

- Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests for the Club and cricket as a whole.
- Ensure that any information acquired, or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.

- Conduct your responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.
- Do not allow prejudice, conflict of interest or bias to affect your objectivity.
- Accept the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee.
- Reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.
- Report damage (accidental or otherwise) to equipment or the facility to a member of the Committee.

Parents/Guardians

- Encourage children to participate and have fun.
- Focus on the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.
- Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Accept the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee.
- Report damage (accidental or otherwise) to equipment or the facility to a member of the Committee.

Spectators

- Respect the performances and efforts of all people.
- Reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.
- Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Accept the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee.
- Report damage (accidental or otherwise) to equipment or the facility to a member of the Committee.

Acceptance of the Code of Behaviour

By registering with Golden Grove Cricket Club, you are deemed to have accepted the Code of Conduct. In the case of members under the age of 18, this Code of Conduct also applies to the member's parent or guardian.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to Club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

Approved by Golden Grove Cricket Club Committee: January 2024

Next review date: January 2025