

Mulgrave Combined Cricket Association Incorporated

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

Inappropriate Behaviour will not be tolerated

Examples of inappropriate behaviour that is unacceptable includes:

- Players having or consuming alcohol immediately prior to or during a game.
- Having or using illegal drugs or substances.
- Junior players smoking.
- Sexual harassment.
- Vandalism or other criminal offences.
- Swearing or abusing others.
- Physical violence towards others.
- Harassment or vilification of others.
- Refusing to comply with instructions.
- Poor sportsmanship or cheating.

General Code of Conduct

- Foster a club culture of inclusion, good sportsmanship, courteous behaviour and enjoyment of the sport.
- Refrain from making negative comments as it can have a detrimental impact on those around you.
- Do not speak out about concerns in front of players, parents and spectators.
- Bring concerns to senior club officials.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- Support the policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment at junior matches and training.

Players' Code of Behaviour

- Be a good sport.
- Play for enjoyment.
- Strive for personal excellence
- Work hard for your team as well as yourself.
- Treat all team mates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself.
- Play by the rules.
- Cooperate with team and game officials.
- Control your behaviour on and off the field.
- Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement.

Team Managements' Code of Behaviour

- Set a good example for your players.
- Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual skills.

- Teach a wide range of team skills.
- Ensure that the sport is appropriate for the age group and the skill development level of the players involved.
- Teach your players to be friendly towards officials and opponents.
- Give all interested people a chance to participate in training and in games.
- Remove from the field of play any of your players whose behaviour is not acceptable.
- Keep your own knowledge of coaching and the developments of the game up to date.
- Support the policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment at junior matches and training.
- No official of the opposite gender should enter the team change rooms until all team members have completed changing.
- It is most unwise for any team official to be in a situation where the official is alone with a team member without the knowledge of the team management.

Parents' Code of Behaviour

- Encourage participation by your children.
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
- Be courteous in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sport administrators.
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions.

Spectators' Code of Behaviour

- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour.
- Remember players play for enjoyment.
- Don't let your behaviour detract from the players' enjoyment.
- Let game officials conduct events without interference.
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause.
- Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.

Administrators' and Officials' Code of Behaviour

- Ensure all communications with other clubs, their officials and the media are respectful and humble.
- Ensure rules, equipment, training schedules and games are safe and match the needs and skill level of those involved.
- Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in the sport are available for **all**.
- Involve the players in planning, evaluation and decision making.
- Ensure everyone involved, including parents, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play and appropriate behaviour.
- Encourage a positive attitude towards children's sport
 - i) emphasise fun and enjoyment
 - ii) encourage both teams
 - iii) set a good example
 - iv) encourage the pursuit of personal excellence
- Be consistent, courteous and helpful toward all players.
- Use common sense to ensure that the 'spirit of the game' for children is not lost by overcalling violations.
- Ensure that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique, and that these officials are given the opportunity to improve their coaching and officiating.

- Remember that children play for enjoyment, downplay the importance of rewards.
- Avoid allowing children's sports programs to become primarily spectator entertainment. Focus on the needs of the players rather than the enjoyment of the spectators.
- Distribute a Code of Behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and take other positive steps to ensure people understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in children's sport.

Media Code of Behaviour

- Provide coverage of children's sport as well as reporting adult sport.
- Be aware of the difference between adult's sports programs and children's sports programs.
- Children are not miniature professionals and adults should not place unfair expectations upon them.
- Place in proper perspective the isolated incidents of unsportsmanlike behaviour rather than make such incidents the "highlight" of the event.
- Focus upon children's fair play and their honest effort.
- Identify and report on the benefits of children participating in sport.
- Be aware of the difference between the goals of amateur sports and those of professional sports. Make the readers, viewers and listeners aware of these differences. Make it clear that the professional is an entertainer and wage earner and this, on occasions, may be reflected in the professional athlete's behaviour.