



Coaches Code of Behavior

- Remember that young people 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 coming first;
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm;
- Operate within the rules and Spirit of Cricket and teach your players 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 those involved in cricket. This includes 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;
- Any physical contact with a young person should 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.
- In cases where the behavior of players under the age of 18 is disruptive or inappropriate, the parent of the child should be informed and a plan to deal with the behavior discussed and implemented. If unsuccessful, then the Head Coach or Club Secretary should be informed and a more formal approach taken. This should include making the child aware of appropriate behavior and where age-appropriate a copy of the Players Code of Conduct provided.
- Parents must be fully informed of start and end times for all official activities and ensure they have contact details for every child's parents.
- No child will be left alone at any time prior to, during or following official events.
- Should there be an issue with the collection of a child, then the coach should make immediate contact with a club official.
- Under no circumstances should coaches engage in inappropriate contact with children under the age of 18 via social media.
- Where change rooms are available at grounds or training, coaches should ensure that;
 - They announce their intention to enter a change room before they enter;
 - There should be other people in the change rooms ie coaches should not be in a change room with a child without another person present.
- Where a parent or other spectator's behavior is inappropriate as outlined above, the coach or a club official has the right to ask the person concerned to leave the immediate playing area until such time as the behavior ceases. All such instances must be reported to the Management Committee of the club.
- Smoking is not permitted within 50metres of all cricket facilities.