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The image and reputation of the Altona Cricket Club is vital to its ongoing success and reflects the Club's standing in the community. Our "Codes of Conduct" sets the standard of conduct required of our club's players both Junior and Senior, Parents, Supporters and officials as representatives of the Altona Cricket Club.

All Club members and officials are expected to abide by our Codes of Conduct. These standards are guidelines only and a Disciplinary Committee of Altona Cricket Club reserves the right to charge a member or official for conduct they believe is outside the spirit of these guidelines - whether it is explicitly covered in the Member/Player Codes of Conduct or not

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.



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PARENTS CODE OF BEHAVIOR

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket;
- Remember, children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours;
- Encourage your child to play by the rules;
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing;
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game;
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful play by all participants;
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities;
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise;
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

PLAYERS CODE OF BEHAVIOR

- Play by the rules;
- Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the umpire in an appropriate manner during a break or after the game;
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in cricket;
- Work equally hard for yourself and your teammates. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you;
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition;
- Treat all participants in cricket as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor;
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition;
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents, teachers or coaches;



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UMPIRES CODE OF BEHAVIOR

- In accordance with Cricket Australia guidelines, modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people;
- Compliment and encourage all participants;
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions;
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all participants;
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors;
- Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable;
- Be a good sport yourself - actions speak louder than words;
- Keep up-to-date with the latest available resources for umpiring and the principles of growth and development of young people;
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive;
- Place the safety and welfare of participants above all else;
- Give all people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION CODE OF BEHAVIOR

Cricket Australia has adopted a Racial and Religious Vilification Code which has been adopted for all national competitions.

The code states that a player will not engage in any conduct or act towards or speak to any other player in a manner which offends, insults, humiliates, intimidates, threatens, disparages or vilifies the other player on the basis of that player's race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.

Guidelines exist for breaches of the code e.g. In some instances it may result in the withdrawal of coaching accreditation.

Circumstances where adults are involved with a breach of the code should be dealt with seriously and remedial action should be a mandatory requirement by clubs and associations.



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In more serious cases, a conciliation procedure should be considered and conducted by a representative of the Equal Opportunity Commission in the state/territory where the breach has purportedly occurred.

The conciliation should involve the complainant, umpire/officials who initiate the complaint, the respondent, and supporting documentation.

A complaint should:

- Be in writing;
- Outline the circumstances of the allegations made; and
- If possible, be accompanied by any supporting documentation including witness statements or video evidence.

In the instance where players are in breach of the code, an emphasis to educate the player to understand the code should be paramount and remedial or punishable action should be appropriate to the age and understanding of the player in question.

THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET

Australians are justifiably proud of the place sport has in their daily lives. However, what is equally important to all of us involved in cricket is the way the game is played and the manner in which all participants conduct themselves.

The “Spirit of Cricket” is fostered by the values that you (as a volunteer administrator, coach, teacher, parent, or player) bring to your team, club, and the game itself.

Cricket can be a highly competitive game. The Australian team leads by example by playing the game hard but fair. However it is important to play within the Laws and the spirit of the game. The following key elements provide a guide to help those involved in cricket apply the spirit of the game and foster a healthy and effective development of the spirit within your cricket community.

Fair Play

According to the Laws of Cricket, umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain or coach to take action where required.

The captain and coach are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game and within the Laws.



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Captains, coaches and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to play the game in good spirit and fairness.

Where a player fails to comply with the instructions of the umpire - criticising by word or action the decisions of an umpire, showing dissent or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute - the umpire concerned should, in the first place, report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain or coach, and instruct the captain or coach to take appropriate action.

Umpires – managing the match

The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:

- Time wasting;
- Damaging the pitch;
- Dangerous or unfair bowling;
- Tampering with the ball;
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair.

Respect

The spirit of the game involves respect for:

- Your opponents;
- Your captain, coach and team;
- The role of the umpires;

The traditional values of cricket

Against the spirit

It is against the spirit of the game to:

- Dispute an umpire's decision by word, act or gesture;
- Direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire;
- Indulge in cheating. Such instance may include:
 - Appealing when knowing the batter is not out;
 - Advancing towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing;
 - Seeking to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.



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