

# TANUNDA CRICKET CLUB

## CODE OF CONDUCT



Please note that any policies published by the International Cricket Council (ICC) or Cricket Australia (CA) will take precedence over those published by Tanunda Cricket Club (TCC) should differences between the two arise, or should they be detrimental to the rights of any member of the Club.

Any person, who has an affiliation with the Tanunda Cricket Club, be it a player, coach, parent, spectator, volunteer or other, must abide by this policy.

Any breaches of this policy will elicit appropriate consequences at the discretion of the Tanunda Cricket Club Committee.

The Tanunda Cricket Club will make all reasonable efforts to ensure that all persons involved at the club are aware of this policy.

### **Cricket Australia Rules and Regulations**

We strongly encourage all players, coaches, spectators and parents to read the relevant Cricket Australia policies and rules of cricket at the following link: <http://www.cricketaustralia.com.au/cricket/rules-and-regulations>

Please take special note of the Cricket Australia Code of Behaviour policy linked from that page.

### **Coaches**

- 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
- All junior players should obtain equal coaching, match time, attention and opportunities irrespective of their abilities
- Ensure that all junior players have the opportunity to test their skills against better players to give them the opportunity to grow their knowledge and experience.
- 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 involved in cricket. This includes opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same. Remember that you are a role model for a large number of impressionable children
- Encourage children to develop their skills across all facets of the game and avoid specialising in any one role
- Encourage children to participate in all aspects of the game and also the club. These children are the future of the club
- 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

## **Umpires**

- 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 – 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.

## **Parents**

- 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 skilful play by all participants
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Respect officials' decisions. Teach children to do likewise
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate
- Applaud good plays by all teams
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## **Spectators**

- No spectator, during any match shall engage in conduct unbecoming to the game of cricket.
- Spectators shall:
- Respect the umpire.
- Not verbally or physically abuse any umpire.
- Not dispute the umpire's decision nor react in a threatening or disapproving manner.
- Not verbally or physically abuse any players or officials.
- Excessive consumption of alcohol or any banned substance will see the spectator ejected from the ground, and possibly banned from attending any future matches

## **Players**

All matches shall be conducted in the true spirit of the game of cricket and club Officials, Coaches, Captains and Players are requested to adopt this code.

No player or official shall, during any match, whether on or off the field of play, engage in conduct unbecoming to the game of cricket.

### *Players shall:*

- Respect the umpire.
- Not verbally or physically abuse any umpire.
- Not dispute the umpire's decision nor react in a threatening or disapproving manner.
- When given out, move immediately from the field.
- Generally assist the umpire in carrying out his duties.
- Not verbally or physically abuse opposition players or officials.
- Do their best to attend training sessions, notifying captains and/or coaches when they can't
- Notify captains, coaches or selection panel of their availability to play each week in a reasonable timeframe prior to upcoming matches
- Attend and participate in club run events and volunteer where possible
- Not consume alcohol or any banned substances during the hours of play.
- Maintain a standard of dress consistent with the laws of cricket.

### *Captains shall:*

- Instruct all players to avoid time wasting. Incoming and outgoing batsmen are expected to pass on the field of play.
- Instruct bowlers to return to the start of their run-up quickly and be ready to bowl without time wasting.
- Instruct all fieldsmen to move quickly between overs and whenever required to change position, ie field setting and changes be undertaken without time wasting.
- Ensure that players conduct themselves in a manner that conforms to the traditional image of the game of cricket.

## **Racial and Religious Vilification Code**

Cricket Australia's Racial and Religious Vilification Code applies for all national competitions. The code states that a player will not engage in any conduct, 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.

For more details on the code, please visit the Cricket Australia Rules and Regulations page linked above.

## **Policy Review**

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