



# Juniors Code of Conduct

## Elsternwick Cricket Club Inc.

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### **Introduction**

The reputation of the Elsternwick Cricket Club is vital to its ongoing success and reflects the Club's standing in the Cricket and wider communities.

The club's Juniors Code of Conduct details the standard of behaviour expected of all players, coaches, managers, parents and supporters when involved in Club activities.

### **Managers' and Coaches' Code of Conduct**

Managers and Coaches must always attempt to model the following behaviours: -

- Remember that children play cricket for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Give all players equal opportunities to participate (refer Junior Fair Go Policy).
- Avoid overplaying the more talented players.
- Emphasise fair play rather than winning at all costs.
- Celebrate appropriate behaviour and skill development.
- Do not overemphasise awards based on ability only.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for participants.
- Ensure behaviour and comments are positive and supportive.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake.
- Demonstrate respect all involved in the game including opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators.
- Make it clear that abusing people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Ensure that training schedules and activities are designed to suit the age, ability and maturity level of the players.
- Ensure demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm are reasonable.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Involve players in planning, leadership and decision making related to the activity.
- Create pathways for young people to participate in sport not just as a player but as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- 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.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Ensure all parents, spectators and players are aware of the code of conduct and encourage them to follow it.



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### **Parents' and Spectators' Code of Conduct**

Parents and Spectators must always attempt to model the following behaviours: -

- Remember that children participate in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate. Do not force them.
- Encourage children to play according to the Laws and Spirit of Cricket.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and both teams.
- Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake.
- Show appreciation for coaches, officials, administrators and other volunteers.
- Avoid consumption of alcohol while at junior training or matches.
- Show respect for opponents.
- Refrain from using foul language and condemn violence in any form.
- Refrain from abusing or harassing opposition players and spectators, coaches or officials.

### **Players' Code of Conduct**

Players must always attempt to model the following behaviours: -

- Play within the Laws and Spirit of Cricket.
- Respect teammates, opposition players and officials.
- Show appreciation for coaches, umpires, administrators and other volunteers.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from teammates and opposition players.
- Settle any disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Respect fellow players regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Refrain from using foul language.
- Refrain from sledging, abusing or harassing opposition players, coaches or officials.

### **Code Compliance**

Serious and / or repeated breaches of the Juniors Code of Conduct should be reported to the Juniors Portfolio Manager.

### **Code Promotion**

The Executive Committee will promote the Juniors Code of Conduct by: -

- Publishing the code on the club website.
- Including the code in Team Manager and Coach manuals.

### **Code Review**

The Juniors Code of Conduct will be reviewed by the Executive Committee annually.

John Dunnachie  
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