



Muddies Cricket Club Codes of Behaviour

Welcome to Muddies Cricket Club, where our commitment to safe, professional conduct is embedded in our Codes of Behaviour.

These guidelines aim to uphold the spirit of cricket and ensure a positive experience for all members, including Junior Players, Junior Parents, Senior Players, and Supporters.

Spirit of Cricket - The Preamble

Cricket's unique appeal lies not only in its Laws but also in the Spirit of the Game. This spirit, crucial for fair play, is primarily the responsibility of captains. Two Laws emphasize this, holding captains accountable for their team's conduct.

1. **Responsibility of Captains:**
 - Captains ensure play aligns with the Spirit of the Game and Laws.
 - Umpires report any misconduct to captains for necessary action.
2. **Fair and Unfair Play:**
 - Umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play.
 - Captains must intervene where required.
3. **Umpire Intervention:**
 - Umpires can intervene in cases like time-wasting, damaging the pitch, dangerous bowling, ball tampering, or any unfair action.
4. **Respect in the Spirit of the Game:**
 - Respect opponents, your team, umpires, and the game's values.
 - It is against the Spirit of the Game to dispute decisions, use abusive language, or indulge in cheating.
5. **Violence:**
 - Violence has no place on the field.
6. **Players:**
 - Captains and umpires set the tone; every player contributes.
 - Players adhere to the Laws, control temper, and avoid unsportsmanlike behaviors.



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Players (Junior and Senior):

- Play by the Laws.
- Avoid arguing with officials; address concerns through captains or coaches.
- Control temper; verbal abuse and sledging are unacceptable.
- Work for the team's benefit and be a good sport.
- Applaud good plays, regardless of the team.
- Treat all participants with respect.
- Cooperate with coaches, teammates, opponents, and umpires.
- Participate for enjoyment.
- Respect the rights of all participants.

Parents and Supporters:

- Encourage participation for children's enjoyment.
- Focus on effort, not just winning.
- Encourage fair play and conflict resolution.
- Avoid ridicule or hostility toward children.
- Lead by example; appreciate good performances.
- Support the removal of abuse from sports.
- Respect officials' decisions and show appreciation for all involved.

Coaches and Managers:

- Prioritise pleasure over winning.
- Avoid ridicule or excessive demands on players.
- Operate within Laws and the Spirit of the Game.
- Ensure a positive experience for all players.
- Avoid favoring talented players excessively.
- Ensure safety standards for equipment and facilities.
- Display control, respect, and professionalism.
- Show concern for injured players.
- Stay updated on coaching practices.
- Use appropriate physical contact for skill development.
- Respect the rights of every participant.

At Muddies Cricket Club, we fully endorse the Australian Sports Commission Codes of Behaviour for Junior Sport. Let's uphold these principles and continue to enjoy the spirit of cricket together!