

Gold Coast District Cricket Club

Code of Behaviour



This Code of Behaviour applies to all members, management committee, coaches, players, visitors and volunteers of the Gold Coast District Cricket Club. This policy is a by-law in the context of The Constitution of the Gold Coast District Cricket Club.

1. Code of Behaviour

- a) Act within the rules and the Spirit of Cricket.
- b) Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- c) Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- d) Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of our game.
- e) Treat each person as an individual.
- f) Show respect and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- g) Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- h) Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.
- i) Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance exists) with people under the age of 18.
- j) Display appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- k) Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- l) Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- m) Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
- n) Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
- o) Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.

2. Players

- a) Give your best at all times.
- b) Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- c) Play by the rules and show respect for other players, coaches and officials.

3. Coaches

- a) Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
- b) Help each person (player, official, etc.) to reach their potential. Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback.
- c) Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.
- d) Ensure that any physical contact with another person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.

4. Officials

- a) Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.

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- b) Ensure all players are included and can participate, regardless of their race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- c) Be consistent, impartial and objective when making decisions.
- d) Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for other players and officials.

5. Administrators

- a) Ensure quality supervision and instruction for players.
- b) Support coaches and officials to improve their skills and competencies.
- c) Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
- d) Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
- e) Conduct club responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.

6. Parents

- a) Encourage your child to participate, do their best and have fun.
- b) Focus on your child's effort and performance, rather than winning or losing.
- c) Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- d) Help out the coach or officials at training and games, where possible.
- e) Model appropriate behaviour, including respect for other players and officials.

7. Spectators

- a) Respect the effort and performances of players and officials.
- b) Reject the use of harassment, bullying or violence in any form, whether by other spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.

8. Code Review

This Code of Conduct will be reviewed six months after its introduction and then on an annual basis thereafter. This will ensure that the Code remains current and practical. Adult players, coaches and club members are expected to set appropriate examples and act as role models for junior club members. The Gold Coast District Cricket Club will make information available to club members and families to promote appropriate behaviour. Anyone wishing to discuss any aspect of this Code is invited to contact any of the members of the Management Committee.

Thank you for your cooperation

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