



WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

The Code of Behaviour is a document setting out the club's expectations for all players and representatives of the club to adhere to. The Code of Behaviour applies to all playing and non-playing members of the club in the areas of training, match day and social requirements.

As a representative of Wanderers Cricket Club, it is expected that a level of sportsmanship and common courtesy is maintained at all times. By agreeing to play or volunteer for the club, you understand, accept and will adhere to this document.

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WHOLE OF CLUB CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- All playing and non-playing members of our club should ensure they act in a respectful and mature manner when attending the club; at an opposition premises; or at any engagement where they are representing the club (including social functions and Townsville Cricket Incorporated (TCI) meetings) - this applies to situations both on and off the pitch.
- Promote the reputation of the club.
- Any activity that would be damaging to the reputation of the club shall be considered a breach of this Code of Behaviour.
- Behave in a sports-person like manner and promote the ***spirit of cricket***.
- Player's behaviour shall be in accordance with the TCI Code of Behaviour and TCI Spirit of Cricket documents.
- Respect all club mates, volunteers, supporters, umpires and the opposition.
- Do not assault cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.
- Do not make use of any crude, racist or abusive language in conduct commonly known as "sledging". Inappropriate language will not be tolerated. Players are reminded of the TCI Racial and Religious Vilification Code, and TCI Anti-Harassment Policy at all times.
- Do not use crude or abusive hand signals.
- Do not make public, social media or media comment that is detrimental to the interests of the game or brings our club into disrepute.

- If 18 years or over, consume alcohol responsibly and in moderation. No alcohol is to be consumed by players prior to, and during games or training. Please refer to the [TCI Intoxicated Player Policy](#)
- Adhere to the laws relating to child protection as set out in the club's [Member Protection Policy](#).

PLAYER CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the umpire at the end of the days play.
- 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 and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

COACH CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- Place the safety and welfare of players above all else.
- Help each person to achieve their potential. Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person.
- Provide encouragement and positive feedback.
- Maintain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices.
- Ensure that any physical contact with another person is appropriate to the situation and is necessary for the persons' skill development.
- Ensure all players are included and can participate, regardless of their race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Be consistent, impartial and objective when making decisions.
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for other players and officials.

PARENT CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- If children are interested, encourage them to play sport. However, if a child is not willing to play, do not force him/her.
- Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always play according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember, children are involved in organised sport for THEIR enjoyment, not yours.
- Remember, that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by both teams.

- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels, rather than question the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children, and they deserve your support.

SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Children play organised sport for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
- Applaud good performance and efforts by your team AND the opponents.
- Congratulate both teams for their performance, regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the official's decision. If there is disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision, and teach the children to do likewise.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during competition. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Encourage players to play according to the rules, and the official's decision.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, or harassing players, coaches or officials.
- Please remember that our umpires must learn their skills on organised games.
- Our club has a zero tolerance for anyone criticising umpires.
- One type of child abuse is Emotional Abuse, which includes threatening language, bullying, ridicule, personal abuse and comments designed to demean and humiliate.

ADMINISTRATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

In addition to Cricket Australia's General Code of Behaviour, you must meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of Cricket Australia, Member Organisations or Affiliates in your role as an administrator.

- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for your actions. Your language, presentation, manners and punctuality should reflect high standards.
- Resolve conflicts fairly and promptly through established procedures.
- Maintain strict impartiality.
- Be aware of your legal responsibilities.
- Develop a positive sport environment by allowing for the special needs of the players (especially children), by emphasising enjoyment and by providing appropriate development and competitive experiences.
- Involve players in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision-making relating to the activity.
- Ensure activities, equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the ability level of participating players. Activities, rules, equipment, lengths of games and training schedules should take into consideration the age, ability and maturity level of participating players.
- Ensure that everyone administrators, coaches, players, umpires, parents, spectators, sponsors emphasise fair play in cricket activities and games
- Where appropriate, distribute a Code of Behaviour sheet to coaches, players, umpires, parents, spectators and the media.

FEES

- In order for a cricketer (junior or senior) to be eligible for selection and to play, annual fees MUST be paid in full before taking the field unless a payment plan is committed to and authorised by a member of the Wanderers Executive.
- If fees are not paid by the due date, selection may be withheld until the fees are cleared.

SELECTION & AVAILABILITY

- Senior team selections will take place the Thursday afternoon prior to the commencement of a game.
- Selectors will first select the A grade team and filter down to 4th Grade. This ensures the club is putting our best team forward on the day.
- Players accept moving from different grades based on performance and ability is a consequence of a selection process.
- There is NO automatic selection.
- By all means, feel free to query your position – however, the decision of the selection panel is final.
- You should be respectful and professional when you have been selected for a specific team – regardless of your own thoughts on the matter.
- Should you feel aggrieved at a selection decision, please contact the relevant captain directly.
- It is your responsibility to communicate if you are unavailable for selection to the Club Captain.
- It is NOT acceptable to become unavailable after selection if you do not like where you are playing.

PRE & POST GAME COVERS

From time to time, teams playing on turf may be required to put covers on either before or after games. Players are expected to assist with these duties where possible.

TRAINING & ATTENDANCE

- All cricketers are expected to attend regular training sessions (work, home-life and fitness permitting).
- The club wishes to compete at the highest standard possible. Each cricketer should make every effort to attend training.
- Repeated missed training will affect selection (Seniors). If you cannot attend a training session, you must let your captain / club captain know in advance or as soon as possible.
- To be clear: if someone is not at training AND does not let their captain or club captain know then it will be assumed that they are unavailable for the weekend.
- The club understands not everyone can make training every week, but training is mandatory without a valid reason not to be there. Training is important not just at the start of the season, but all the way through.
- To ensure the club is successful throughout the season all players must maintain high standards throughout the year.

GAME DAY

- All selected players are to arrive early to the match. This is generally to warm up, stretch and co-ordinate game plans and strategies.
- The minimum arrival shall be 45 minutes (seniors) and 30 minutes (juniors) before start of play.

- Players are encouraged to wear club colours at club training, prior to and following matches, and, at other club events.

VOLUNTEERING/FUNDRAISING

- Our club is a not for profit organisation which relies on your membership fees and the income generated from our clubhouse facility to ensure the viability and longevity of the club.
- We request that all club members:
 - ❖ Endeavour to support/assist official Wanderers social and fundraising events.
 - ❖ Endeavour to volunteer time to work behind the bar for a function being held at the clubhouse (where volunteers are required).
 - ❖ Endeavour to attend the AGM and other club meetings.
- Team Captains (seniors) are to attend the monthly club meetings. Where the Captain is unavailable, someone from each team is to attend the monthly club meetings.
- Monthly club meetings are held on the **fourth Monday of each month**.

FEEDBACK & GRIEVANCES

- If you have a feedback and/or grievance with regards to a fellow cricketer (home or away), official, member of the club or supporter, please consult the club captain or club executive as soon as possible. They will advise as to how to proceed whether that be mediating or reporting to the club committee or TCI.
- If you feel aggrieved by an umpiring decision, place a complaint with your captain and/or club captain. As necessary, they may lodge a complaint on your behalf in accordance to TCI policy.
- No player shall question the umpire, either on the field of play or after the game regarding a decision.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- Disciplinary actions will be determined by the Club Committee or TCI Committee as appropriate.
- Sanctions will be imposed in accordance with the provision of the relevant committee.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Policies relating to TCI can be found at <http://www.townsvillecricket.com/rules>
- Policies relating to Cricket Australia can be found at <http://www.cricketaustralia.com.au/cricket/rules-and-regulations>

Trust, Respect, Humility