

## **LDCC Code of Conduct**

Lindfield District Cricket Club has adopted the following Codes of Conduct for all its stakeholders. Please make yourself familiar with the Code as it applies to you:

### **Players:**

- I will always play by the rules and the *Spirit of the Game*.
- I will never argue with an Official. If I disagree with a decision I will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the competition.
- I will control my temper. I understand that verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players, and deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable behaviour in any sport. Abuse of equipment or displays of bad temper is not acceptable or permitted.
- I will work equally hard for myself and my team.
- I will be a good sport and applaud all good play whether they are made by my team or the opposition.
- I will treat all players in my sport as I like to be treated. I will not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- I will wear proper and approved cricket attire and required safety equipment at all times on the field of play.
- I will cooperate with my coach, team members and opponents.
- I will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- I will thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game.

### **Parents:**

- I won't pressure my child in any way – I know that this is their game not mine!
- I will never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game – before, during or after the game. I realise that good fun is more important than a good win.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- I will encourage my child to play within the rules and *Spirit of the Game*, and respect officials' and coaches' decisions – no matter what.
- I will teach my child to respect the efforts of their opponents.
- I will remember that children learn best by example, so I will applaud good play by both my child's team and their opponents.
- I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will focus on my child's and their team's efforts and performance – not the score.
- I will thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the game for my child.
- I will volunteer my services and help when asked by a coach or official.
- I will not arrive at the field intoxicated or drink alcohol to excess at junior games.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.

## **Coaches:**

- I will remember that players participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
- I will never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning.
- I will be reasonable in my demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- I will operate within the rules and *Spirit of the Game*, and teach my players to do the same.
- I will ensure that the time that players spend with me is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- I will avoid overplaying the talented players and understand that average players need and deserve playing time.
- I will not use bad language nor will I harass players, officials, spectators or other coaches.
- I will ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- I will display control, respect and professionalism to all involved in the sport including opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. I will encourage my players to do the same.
- I will show concern and caution towards sick and injured players and follow the advice of a physician or their parent when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- I will obtain appropriate training or qualifications, and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.
- I will not arrive at the field intoxicated or drink alcohol to excess at junior games.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.

## **Umpires & Officials:**

- I will place the safety and welfare of players above all else.
- I will show concern and caution towards sick and injured players.
- I will give all players a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- I will be impartial, consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- I will accept responsibility for my actions and decisions.
- I will condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for the individuality of players.
- I will avoid situations which may lead to or be construed as a conflict of interest.
- I will be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance and ensure my comments are positive and supportive.
- I will be a good sport as I understand that actions speak louder than words.
- I will always respect, remain loyal to, and support other officials.
- I will keep up to date with the latest Laws of Cricket and NSJCA Rules, trends and principles of their application.
- I will emphasise the *Spirit of the Game* rather than the errors.
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players, parents or other officials.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.

LDCC reserves the right to amend this Code of Conduct at any time without notice. Any player, parent, coach or official who breaches this Code of Conduct may be subject to warning, counselling, suspension or expulsion from LDCC activities or venues at the discretion of the Committee.

The above Code of Conduct has been adapted from the NSW Sport & Recreation's sport rage program.

## **The Spirit of Cricket**

(from Laws of Cricket, 2000, MCC)

*Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.*

1. There are two Laws which place the responsibility for the team's conduct firmly on the captain.

### **Responsibility of captains**

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the Spirit of the Game as well as within the Laws.

### **Player's conduct**

In the event of a player failing to comply with instructions by an umpire, or criticising by word or action the decisions of an umpire, or showing dissent, or generally behaving in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute, the umpire concerned shall in the first place report the matter to the other umpire and to the player's captain, and instruct the latter to take action.

### **2. Fair and unfair play**

According to the Laws the umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play. The umpires may intervene at any time and it is the responsibility of the captain to take action where required.

### **3. The umpires are authorised to intervene in cases of:**

- Time wasting
- Damaging the pitch
- Dangerous or unfair bowling
- Tampering with the ball
- Any other action that they consider to be unfair

### **4. The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:**

- Your opponents
- Your own captain and team
- The role of the umpires
- The game's traditional values

### **5. It is against the Spirit of the Game:**

- To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance:
  - (a) to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out
  - (b) to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
  - (c) to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side

### **6. Violence**

There is no place for any act of violence on the field of play.

### **7. Players**

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.