



# CODE OF CONDUCT

## **INTRODUCTION**

Cricket has traditionally been one sport to maintain and promote the highest levels of conduct and sportsmanship. We are all familiar with the saying “It isn’t cricket” which implies that a certain type of behaviour is unacceptable. This document is a set of guidelines to provide all members with an understanding of the expectations the club has of each and every player and member. These guidelines are relevant during match days (on and off the field), training, club functions, when using social media that involves or represents the Club, and at any other time when representing Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club.

The guidelines form part of the Players’ Code of Conduct (Sydney Cricket Association) and will be enforced by the management committee of the Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club, and/or by the Judiciary Committee of the Sydney Cricket Association. Players and spectators in breach of these guidelines can expect to receive penalties varying from a caution through to suspension, depending on the severity and the nature of the breach.

## **OBJECTIVE**

Our objective is to ensure that all players, when representing Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club, play cricket in the true spirit and traditions of the game so that the game can be enjoyed by all, including spectators, opposing players and umpires.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT AND PLAYER EXPECTATIONS**

(Incorporating the By-Laws of the Sydney Cricket Association)

No person bound by this Code of Conduct shall engage in disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour. Disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour includes, but is not restricted to, a person:

- Assaulting or attempting to assault, or abusing, either orally or physically, an umpire, player or spectator
- Disputing, as distinct from questioning, an umpire’s decision, or reacting in an obviously provocative manner towards and umpire
- Using crude or abusive language, or hand signals or other gestures
- Engaging in any form of conduct or behaviour detrimental to the spirit of the game or likely to bring the game into disrepute
- Refusing to supply that person’s name and that person’s address when required by another person who is lodging a report
- The captain of a team shall ensure that the players (including the person acting as 12th man) comply with the Code of Conduct. The captain of a team breaches the Code of Conduct if a player in that team engages in continuing disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour.

Additionally, all players of the Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club must:

- Act legally and lawfully at all times in carrying out Club activities
- Carry out all Club activities honestly and in good faith
- Act with the utmost level of care, skill and diligence in carrying out Club activities
- Consider both the short term and long term interests of the Club
- Consider the interests of the members of the Club as a whole, and not anyone member or group of members
- Avoid actual or potential conflicts of interest – that is, put the Club’s interests ahead of own personal interests
- Declare to the Management Committee any personal interests that may give rise to a conflict
- 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, team-mates 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 young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Player dress requirements – players are to wear at training, when travelling to and from a match and during a game the following:

**I. Training** – current season club training apparel (and/or close equivalent) is to be worn at training. No club ‘truckers hats’ are to be worn during training.

**II. Travelling to and from matches** – club training shirt or club polo/dress shirts are to be worn travelling to the ground on match day.

**III. SCA matches** – on the field players are to wear the current season club playing shirts, cream pants, spikes or any of the following – English style woollen cap (not baseball cap), ‘blue’ helmet, floppy hat, club jumper.

### **THE PREAMBLE – THE SPIRIT OF CRICKET**

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.

#### **RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION CODE**

No person who is participating in a match under the jurisdiction or auspices of the NSW Cricket Association or its affiliates shall engage in any conduct, act towards or speak to any other person in a manner which offends, insults, humiliates or vilifies such person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or ethnic origin.

The captain of a team shall ensure that the players (including the person acting as 12th man) comply with the Racial and Religious Vilification Code.

#### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

This Code of Conduct doesn't just stop at this document. Other supporting documents that are relevant to the players and members of Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club include:

1. *Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club Constitution* Clause 16 Disciplining Members

All members of the club are bound and must comply with the club constitution. Failure to do so will result in the Club taking action.

2. *Sydney Cricket Association Code of Conduct*

All players who play within and are registered with Sydney Grade Cricket are bound by this Code of Conduct. Failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in action being taken by the SCA.

3. *Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club Senior Club Selection Policy*

A club policy which outlines in detail the guidelines and criteria for player selection.

4. *Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club Social Media Policy*

A club policy which outlines in detail the guidelines and usage of social media and when engaging with the Club's social media platforms