



Code of Conduct

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The following Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Omega Cricket Club for all concerned. Whether you are an official, player, coach, team manager, parent or spectator, you are expected to abide by this Code and not bring the Omega Cricket Club into disrepute.

The objective is to ensure that all people, when representing the Omega Cricket Club, do so in the true spirit and traditions of the game. In doing this the game can be enjoyed by all including spectators, other clubs and umpires.

This document is a set of guidelines to provide all members with the understanding of the expectations the club has in regards to acceptable behaviour. These guidelines form part of the player's code of conduct (Cricket Victoria) and will be enforced by the Executive Committee of the Omega Cricket Club.

Players and any other members 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.

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1. Junior Players

1.1 Abide by the rules of the game and rules imposed by your coach/team manager and Omega Cricket Club.

1.2 Control your temper. Never argue with an official or umpire. If you disagree, have your captain/coach/team manager approach the official during a break or after the game has concluded.

1.3 Verbal or physical abuse of officials, umpires, spectators or other players, including deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.

1.4 Avoid the use of derogatory language based on gender, race or religion.

1.5 Abuse of equipment is not acceptable behaviour. Do not use or take another player's equipment without their prior permission.

1.6 Ensure proper care is taken with all Club equipment.

1.7 Ensure sporting behaviour at all times.

1.8 Work hard for your team and yourself. Respect the rights of your team mates.

1.9 Do not bring the Omega Cricket Club into disrepute.

1.10 Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.

1.11 Co-operate with your Coaches, Team Managers and all others administrating junior cricket. Respect the ability of your opponent and applaud all good players whether team mates or opposition.

1.12 Playing of Ball games within the Pavilion at Bricker Reserve is prohibited. These rooms are to be treated with respect at all times. Please ensure all opposition players respect these rules.

1.13 Smoking and/or consuming alcohol is strictly forbidden by juniors at all times at the Omega Cricket Club.

2. Parents of Junior Players

2.1 Encourage children to participate if they are willing. Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.

2.2 Focus upon the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing.

2.3 Encourage self respect in players for their personal achievements in cricket.

2.4 Encourage your child to always play by the rules.

2.5 Do not ridicule, humiliate, embarrass or threaten a player.

2.6 Control your temper. Verbal abuse, inappropriate language and physical aggression is not acceptable behaviour.

2.7 Lead by example as Children learn by example. Applaud good play by both your team and that of the opposition.

2.8 Do not bring the Omega Cricket Club into disrepute.

2.9 Respect the umpire's/official's decision and teach children to do likewise.

2.10 Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.

3. Junior Coaches

- 3.1 Remember that children participate for enjoyment and that winning is only part of the fun.
- 3.2 Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
- 3.3 Teach your players to follow the rules of Cricket and operate within the rules of the game and Spirit of Cricket.
- 3.4 Be reasonable in your demands on young player's time, energy and enthusiasm
- 3.5 Avoid overplaying talented players. All players deserve to get equal attention and opportunities.
- 3.6 Avoid the use of derogatory language based on gender, race or religion.
- 3.7 Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- 3.8 Never use bad language nor harass players, officials, spectators or other coaches.
- 3.9 Try to keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of children.
- 3.10 Follow the advice of a physician or parent when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.

4. Responsibility of Senior 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. Captains are responsible for their team's behaviour and shall;

4.1 Control their players. Players should be warned of their behaviour by their captain if it is considered not in the Spirit of the Game and Laws of cricket. Failure to warn a player about their unacceptable behaviour or should that player continue to display unacceptable behaviour and the captain does nothing to prevent its recurrence, may result in the captain breaching the Code of Conduct and liable to discipline.

4.2 Ensure players do not waste time. Incoming batsmen should pass inside the boundary line and fieldsmen should move quickly into position.

4.3 Brief players on behaviour requirements when needed as depicted under Senior Players section in the Code of Conduct. Players are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that conforms to the traditional image of the game of cricket.

4.4 Ensure the maximum amount of play occurs in a game. When called upon to decide if play should cease or continue, they shall use common sense, fair play and not be influenced by the state of the game.

4.5 Report any player to the Executive Committee who seriously breaches the Code of Conduct, bringing the Omega Cricket Club into disrepute. Examples could include but not limited to; Assaulting or attempting to assault players, umpires or spectators, racial remarks, general demeanour that would be considered detrimental to the image of the Omega Cricket Club and the game of cricket.

4.6 Ensure all players maintain a standard of dress consistent with that required by Association rules.

4.7 Ensure that at the conclusion of any game, players conduct themselves in a manner that promotes good sportsmanship.

4.8 Ensure that no participating player is consuming alcohol while a game is in progress.

5. Senior Players, Members and Spectators

Traditionally, cricket has been one sport to maintain and exhibit the highest levels of conduct and sportsmanship. While always a most competitive game, the continued strength of the sport has relied upon the acceptance of the umpire's decision and the preparedness to play within the "spirit of the game".

The areas of concern which are unacceptable to the Omega Cricket Club are as follows:

5.1 Assaulting or attempting to assault, or abuse, either orally or physically, an umpire, player or spectator.

5.2 Disputing, as distinct from questioning, an umpire's decision, or reacting in an obviously provocative manner towards an umpire

5.3 Excessive number of frivolous and ridiculous appeals primarily aimed at pressuring and intimidating an umpire into giving a favourable decision.

5.4 Send offs by bowlers or fieldsman should be discouraged and refrained upon.

5.5 Use of offensive or abusive language, hand signals or other gestures

5.6 Use of derogatory language based on gender, race or religion.

5.7 No player is to consume alcohol while a game is in progress.

5.8 Ensuring a standard of dress consistent with that required by Association rules is adhered to.

5.9 The use of Ball games within the Pavilion at Bricker Reserve is prohibited. These rooms are to be treated with respect at all times and deliberate damage to club property will not be tolerated. Please ensure all opposition players respect these rules.

5.10 Smoking is not permitted inside the Pavilion of the Omega Cricket Club at anytime. This applies to everyone and is a legal requirement.

5.11 Batsmen engaging in behaviour deemed unacceptable upon being dismissed. Examples could include but not limited to; Damaging club equipment or pavilion, throwing of equipment or use of inappropriate /offensive language.

5.12. All players are expected to notify their captains of their unavailability as early as possible prior to the following week's game. It is unfair to provide captains with little or no notice of your availability, placing pressure on the club and other team mates.

5.13 Deliberately not supporting your captain during a game and causing friction and dissent among other players.

5.14 Engaging in any form of conduct or behaviour detrimental to the spirit of the game or likely to bring the Omega Cricket Club into disrepute.

6. Players and Umpiring

6.1 In games where players officiate as umpires, these players must be given the respect and courtesy that would be given to a professional umpire whilst they are umpiring. This is whether the umpiring occurs at square leg only, or when players fill both the central and square leg umpiring roles.

6.2 Any player who is umpiring and feels that the laws of cricket have been breached may make a report to stop that breach. In reporting the breach the player must, in the first instance, go and discuss the breach with the other umpire. After both umpires confer they may make a report to the captain of the breach. It is then up to the captain to inform the player/s of the breach and to take responsibility for ensuring that no further breaches occur.

6.3 Players who umpire should only take on umpiring duties where their knowledge and experience is suitable. It is expected that every player who umpires understands and can apply the laws of cricket objectively.

6.4 Where only players umpire in games an official report of a player/s can still be made. If there is a serious or continual breach of the laws during a game, and a player who was umpiring feels a report should be made, they should raise the matter with the club secretary who will report it to the executive committee for assessment and follow up as needed.