

# Mornington Cricket Club Inc

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## Code of Conduct

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The Mornington Cricket Club Inc ('the Club') has adopted these Codes of Behaviour in order to set out the Club's expectations for all players, parents, representatives and officials of the Club to adhere to.

The Codes of Behaviour apply to all playing and non-playing members of the Club in the areas of training, match day and social events. As a representative of the Club, it is expected that a level of sportspersonship, respect and common courtesy is maintained at all times.

By agreeing to play, volunteer or attend the Club, you understand, accept and will adhere to this document.

### Whole of Club Code of Behaviour

- All playing and non-playing members of the Club should ensure they act in a respectful and appropriate manner when attending the Club; an opposition club, or at any engagement where they are representing the club (including social functions and Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association ['MPCA'] events).
- Positively promote the reputation of the club.
- Any activity or behaviour that would reasonably be considered as damaging to the reputation of the Club shall be considered a breach of these Codes of Behaviour.
- Behave in a sportsperson like manner and promote the spirit of cricket.
- Demonstrate respectful behaviour toward all club members, volunteers, supporters, umpires and the opposition.
- Do not damage or inappropriately use cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings.
- Do not make crude, racist or abusive comments when referring to opposition players during on field discussions. Players are reminded of the MPCA's Member Protection By-Laws.
- Do not use crude or abusive hand signals.
- Do not make public comments, including via social media or other information technology means, that is detrimental to the interests of the game or brings the Club into disrepute.
- If 18 years or over, consume alcohol responsibly. No alcohol is to be consumed by players prior to, and during games or training.

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- Adhere to the laws relating to child protection as set out in the Club's Member Protection Policy.

## Parent's Code of Behaviour

When assisting and supporting at the Club's games, parents must ensure they model the behaviour expected of players. This can be achieved by following the Club's Codes of Behaviour for parents.

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket.
- Remember, children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful play by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## Coach's Code of Behaviour

The environment created by a coach is integral to the overall experience of all players involved within your cricket club. When assisting and supporting the Club by providing coaching, coaches must ensure they model the behaviour expected of players. This can be achieved by following the Club's Codes of Behaviour for coaches.

- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm based on the age and level they are playing at.
- Operate within the rules and Spirit of Cricket and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience.

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- Avoid overplaying the talented players - all players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control and respect to all those involved in cricket. This includes opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest cricket coaching practices and principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development and within the guidelines of Child Safety.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## Player's Code of Behaviour

Players have a responsibility to uphold the integrity of the game whilst they are training, competing on the field or representing Club. Please refer to the Club's Codes of Behaviour for Players.

### General Conduct

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the umpire in an appropriate manner during a break or after the game.
- 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 player, either in your team or in the competitor's team.

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- 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 spectators, family members or coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- If you have feedback or a problem in relation to treatment from another player, teammate, coach, parent or spectator, come forward to a trusted adult, club member or official with the support of your guardian so we can support you.

## Registration 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 or participating in training unless a payment plan is committed to and authorised by a member of the Club's Executive.
- If fees are not paid by the due date, selection will be withheld until the fees are cleared.

## Selection & Availability – Senior Teams

- Senior team selections will take place on the Tuesday afternoon prior to the commencement of a game.
- Selectors will first select the 1<sup>st</sup> Eleven team and filter down to 5<sup>th</sup> Eleven team. 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.

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- It is NOT acceptable to become unavailable after selection if you do not like where you are playing.

## **Selection & Availability – Junior Teams**

- Refer to the Junior Team Allocation regarding Selection and Grading. [Link here]
- Additional References: In addition to this Code of Conduct, we are bound by the By-laws and Policies of the MPCA
- [View MPCA By-Laws & Policies Here](#)