



DAPTO JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB (DJCC) – Code of Conduct/Behaviours

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.

Players Code of Conduct / Behaviours

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the umpire 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 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 young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

Parents/Carers Code of Conduct / Behaviours

- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- 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 plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
- Parents are to abide by Clubs/Associations/Councils child safety policies at Junior Cricket Matches.

Coaches Code of Conduct / behaviours

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy, and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the local 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.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; all young 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.
- Attempt to 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.

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
- Coaches are to abide by Clubs/Associations/Councils child safety Policies.

Umpires' Code of Conduct / behaviours

As most "umpires" in junior cricket are coaches / parents / carers, please attempt to follow the guidelines set out below:

- Place the safety and welfare of participants above all else.
- In accordance with Cricket Australia, CNSW and CI guidelines, modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective, and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself – actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest available resources for umpiring and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

CA, CNSW and DJCC Anti Bullying Policy

This policy applies to all members, committee, coaches, players, visitors and volunteers of the Dapto Junior Cricket Association.

Statement of Intent

DJCC is committed to providing a caring, friendly, and safe environment for all of our members so they can train and play in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at our club. If bullying does occur, it will be dealt with directly by the club promptly and effectively.

What is Bullying?

Bullying is the use of aggression with the intention of hurting another person. Bullying can be:

- Emotional: being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting (eg hiding kit, threatening gestures)

- Physical: pushing, kicking, hitting, punching or any use of violence
- Racist: racial taunts, graffiti, gestures
- Sexual: unwanted physical contact or sexually abusive comments.
- Homophobic: because of, or focusing on the issue of sexuality
- Verbal: name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing
- Social/Cyber: All areas of Internet, such as e-mail, Facebook, Instagram, or mobile threats by text messaging and calls.

Everybody has the right to be treated with respect. Members who are bullying need to learn different ways of behaving. All Cricket Clubs have a responsibility to respond promptly and effectively to issues of bullying.

Policy Objectives

- All club and association administrators, coaching staff, children and parents should have an understanding of what bullying is.
- All members should know what the club policy is on bullying, what they should do if bullying arises and follow the policy when bullying is reported.
- As a club we take bullying seriously. Members should be assured that they will be supported when bullying is reported.
- Bullying will not be tolerated.

Summary

- Anyone found to be in breach of the above Code of Conduct / Behaviours may be asked to sit in front of a panel of the greater committee to plead their case.
- If found to be in breach of the policy, the person/s involved may be granted a “good behaviour” term, or in the worst case, be asked to leave the club.