

# **Baulkham Hills Cricket Club**

## **Codes of Behaviour**

### ***Introduction***

This booklet has been produced in order to convey to all Club officials (administration, team managers, coaches and captains), players and spectators the code of behaviour our Club expects from each and everyone in order not to bring disrepute on the Baulkham Hills Cricket Club and its members.

The Parramatta District Cricket Association has a Code of Behaviour and Dress Rules in their Book of Rules that must be adhered to, a copy of which is at the back of this booklet.

Any breach of the PDCA Code of Behaviour is subject to discipline by the PDCA Disputes Committee and will also be handled by our Cricket Management Committee, as will any breaches of our own Code of Behaviour.

Although the Codes of Behaviour seem heavily weighted towards Junior teams, they should also be interpreted (where applicable) for Senior teams.

Remember, just because "they" do it, doesn't make it right!

Let Baulko set the example for others to follow.

### ***Coaches***

1. Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on young player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
4. Teach your players to follow the rules.
5. Whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable chance of success.
6. Avoid overplaying the talented players. The just-average need and deserve equal time.
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
8. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
9. Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
10. Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of children.

### ***Players***

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable in any sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether they are by your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
7. Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Play for the fun of it, and, in the case of juniors, not just to please parents or coaches.

## ***Parents***

1. Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect official's decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.

## ***Spectators***

1. Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Applaud good performances and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
3. Respect official's decisions and teach children to do the same.
4. Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
6. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
7. Encourage player's to follow the rules and the official's decisions.
8. Do not use foul language or harass players, coaches or officials.

# Parramatta District Cricket Association

## *Code of Behaviour*

1. All matches shall be conducted in the true spirit of the game of cricket and Club Officials, Team Managers, Coaches, Captains and players shall adopt this policy.
2. No player whilst in attendance at any match, whether on or off the field of play, shall engage in conduct unbecoming to the game of cricket.
3. Players shall;
  - (a) Respect the umpire
  - (b) Comply with the umpires instructions
  - (c) Not verbally or physically abuse any umpire
  - (d) Not dispute the umpires decision nor react in a threatening or disapproving manner
  - (e) When given out, move off immediately and not indulge in tantrums
  - (f) Generally assist the umpire in carrying out his duties
  - (g) Not indulge in "sledging" opposition players, ie by word or action either directly or indirectly try to intimidate or upset a player
  - (h) Not verbally or physically abuse any player or official
4. The Captains, Boys Team Managers and Coaches shall be responsible for their team's behaviour. They shall;
  - (a) Control their players. If any incident is brought to their attention and they do nothing to prevent its recurrence they may be liable to discipline
  - (b) Ensure players do not waste time – incoming and outgoing batsmen should pass inside the boundary line and fieldsmen should move quickly to position
  - (c) Brief players on the behaviour requirements and ensure that their players conduct themselves in a manner that conforms to the traditional image of the game of cricket
  - (d) 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.
5. No alcohol shall be consumed by a player or team official on or off the ground during any match.
6. Players shall maintain a standard of dress consistent with that required by Association rules.

Should any breach of this code occur or any action deemed to be detrimental to the game of cricket take place, the matter shall be reported to the Association in accordance with Association rules.