

CODES APPLICABLE TO PARRAMATTA DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

THE LAWS OF CRICKET 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. Participants found to be in breach of the following codes will be subject to discipline as determined by the Board.

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 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.

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4A RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION CODE

4A.1 Background

Cricket is a game where polite interaction between participants and with spectators has always been an essential component.

It is part of each captain's role to ensure that the behaviour of players in a team meet the expectations of the community generally and the cricket community in particular.

The cricket community is anxious to ensure that people of all ethnic and religious backgrounds enjoy playing and watching the game of cricket.

To facilitate this endeavour and to demonstrate that cricket is in tune with the wider community in opposing racial and religious vilification in all its forms, Cricket New South Wales (CNSW) introduces this Code.

4A.2 Purpose of Code

The purpose of this Code is to:

- i) recognise the commitment of CNSW to the avoidance and elimination of racial and religious vilification;
- ii) foster an environment where captains, in appropriate circumstances, deal with any alleged breach of this Code, and
- iii) establish a framework for dealing with alleged breaches of this Code where action taken to resolve such matters has not been to the satisfaction of those concerned.

4A.3 Conduct Covered by the Code

No person who is participating in a match under the jurisdiction or auspices of CNSW or its affiliates will 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.

4A.4 The Relationship Between This Code and Other Rules and Regulations

This Code does not restrict any other action which may be taken in relation to the conduct covered by the Code under the Australian Cricket Board Code of Conduct.

4A.5 Procedures Following Allegations

Any allegation of a breach of this Code against a player should be directed, either verbally or in writing, to the captain of the team who shall:

- a) immediately request the player involved to apologise appropriately to the complainant, or
- b) if the allegation is not admitted, undertake an investigation of the matter at the conclusion of the match.

Any person found to be in breach of this Code as a result of an investigation by the captain, shall be required to apologise appropriately to the complainant before being permitted to play in any future match.

Where the allegation of a breach of this Code is against the captain of a team who admits such behaviour, the captain shall apologise appropriately to the complainant before being permitted to play in any future match.

4A.6 Procedure Where Allegation Not Resolved to Satisfaction of Complainant

Where a complainant who had directed an alleged breach of this Code to the captain of a team is not satisfied with the outcome, the complainant is entitled to lodge a complaint with the Association governing the competition in which the team participates (the Association)

4A.7 Continuous Breaches of the Code

Where a breach of this Code is alleged against a player who has previously breached the Code, the captain shall again attempt to resolve the matter. However, if the captain regards the allegation to be more serious than the earlier occasion, the captain shall refer the matter to the Association for appropriate action.

4A.8 Reporting

Any allegation of a breach of this Code and the action taken to resolve it, shall be recorded by the captain.

4A.9 Continuous Education

CNSW will prepare, maintain and make available to all member clubs and affiliates a booklet covering issues relating to racial and religious vilification. The Code will be included along with references illustrating examples of racial and religious vilification identified in other sports. Where any difficulty is experienced or is expected in implementing the principles of this Code, application should be made to CNSW for assistance.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION - CODE OF CONDUCT

All matches will be conducted in the true spirit of the game of Cricket. All Club participants, being Officials, Umpires, Team Managers, Coaches, Captains, players, spectators and others will adopt this policy. Clubs will engage with all participants to ensure that they are aware of and acknowledge their responsibilities under the Code.

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Zero Tolerance: Players should be aware that Zero Tolerance to misconduct or behaviour referred to in the Code of Conduct will be exercised in the Parramatta District CA. This means that players will be reported for Breaches of The Code of Conduct without any warning being given and if found guilty of an offence will be suspended and the players team penalised 5 competition points.

2 No participant will, whether on or off the field of play, engage in conduct unbecoming to the game of cricket, as defined in this code. This includes in the use of social media where related to cricket or to PDCA activities. (Social Media means any online media that allows a participant to create, share, broadcast, participate, interact, or exchange information, ideas, and pictures/videos in virtual communities and networks.)

3 ***Participants will***

- a) respect the Umpire
- b) generally, assist the Umpire in the carrying out of his duties
- c) not verbally abuse any Umpire
- d) not physically abuse any Umpire
- e) comply with the Umpire's decision, and in so doing when dismissed, move off without reaction, including a disapproving or threatening manner, argument or dissent

4 ***Participants will not***

- a) verbally abuse any other participant
- b) physically abuse any other participant
- c) indulge in sledging opposition players, that is, by word or action, either directly or indirectly, try to intimidate or upset a player
- d) indulge in loud unseemly behaviour, **which will includes swearing which can be heard by those off the field.**

5 Captains, Team Managers and Coaches will be responsible for their team's behaviour. ***They will***

- a) ensure participants are aware of their responsibilities under this code
- b) brief participants on the behaviour requirements and ensure participants conduct conforms to the traditional image of the game
- c) control their players. If an incident is brought to their attention and they do nothing to prevent its reoccurrence, they may be liable to discipline.
- d) ensure players avoid wasting time. Incoming and outgoing batsmen should pass inside the boundary line and at over change fieldsmen should move quickly into position.

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

6 *Junior Cricket non-playing participants; coaches, managers, parents and spectators.*

I acknowledge that junior cricket is provided solely for the benefit and enjoyment of the child players, not the other participants.

I will not attempt to influence the conduct or result of the match by word or action, as follows;

- a) No yelling from the boundary except for applause or compliments, quiet talking only.
- b) No on-field coaching is permitted for both Stages 2 & 3.
- c) Coaching is restricted to breaks between innings and other scheduled breaks or, when dangerous situations become apparent. Off field coaching is allowed provided it does not interfere with the game. For example; quietly talking to fielders on the boundary is okay, but no yelling from the boundary, passing messages through fielding substitutes.
- d) Umpires are not permitted to stand at the bowlers end whilst their own son or daughter is batting or bowling. At a minimum umpires must swap with the other umpire and exchange ends, but preferably, they are not on the field.
- e) That part outside the boundary 10 metres either side of the line of the stumps at both ends of the field is to be marked and kept clear of spectators. Non-playing participants and spectators may not be in these areas while play is occurring.

7 Participants found in Breach of this Code of Conduct, the Racial and Religious Vilification Code, and/or The Spirit of Cricket shall be subject to discipline as determined by the Board.