

Perth Cricket Club

Coaches Code of Behaviour

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Our Commitment to Young Athletes

As coaches, we prioritise the well-being and development of our young athletes. We foster a positive and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and safe.

- Prioritise enjoyment and learning:** We remember that young people participate in sports for fun and personal growth. Winning is only one aspect of the experience. We never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes; instead, we offer constructive feedback and encouragement.
- Set reasonable expectations:** We understand that our players have other commitments and responsibilities. We are mindful of their time, energy, and enthusiasm, and we set expectations that are both challenging and achievable.
- Uphold the spirit of the game:** We adhere to the rules and promote fair play. We teach our players to do the same, emphasising the importance of sportsmanship and respect for opponents, officials, and teammates.
- Create a positive and inclusive environment:** We ensure that every player feels valued and included, regardless of their ability or background. We provide equal attention and opportunities for all, fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie.
- Prioritise safety:** We ensure that all equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate for the age and ability of our players. We take all necessary precautions to prevent injuries and ensure a safe environment for everyone.
- Demonstrate respect and professionalism:** We treat everyone involved in the sport with respect, including opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, parents, spectators, and the media. We encourage our players to do the same, modelling positive behaviour both on and off the field.
- Prioritise the well-being of players:** We show concern for sick and injured players, erring on the side of caution. We follow the advice of medical professionals when determining whether a player is ready to return to training or competition.
- Maintain professional standards:** We obtain appropriate qualifications and stay up-to-date with the latest coaching practices and principles of child development. We strive to provide the best possible coaching experience for our players.
- Maintain appropriate boundaries:** Any physical contact with players is appropriate to the situation and necessary for skill development. We respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every young person and parent, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
- Foster respect on game days:** We greet umpires, opposition coaches, and players with respect, setting a positive tone for the game.

By adhering to this code of behaviour, we create a supportive and enriching environment where young athletes can thrive both on and off the field.