



CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

Maribyrnong Park St Mary's Cricket Club is working very hard to develop a positive club experience for all our junior members. In doing so we have adopted the following **Codes of Behaviour** developed and promoted by Cricket Australia.

A great club like Maribyrnong Park - St Mary's Cricket Club needs everyone committed to ensuring that we provide a fun, safe and nurturing cricket environment. Please read through the codes of behaviour below and sign in the area provided.

Coaches' code of behaviour

- 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 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 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.
- 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 person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Parents' code of behaviour

- 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. 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.

Players' code of behaviour

- Play by the rules;
- Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, ask your coach to 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
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents, teachers or coaches;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

I, _____ have read and understand the codes of behaviour above and agree to abide by the codes of behaviour at all times when representing Maribyrnong Park St Mary's Cricket Club. I understand failure to comply will lead to suspension or even expulsion from the club.

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Secretary's Signature: _____ Date: _____