



Code of Conduct

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Introduction

We all play cricket for many reasons, including for the enjoyment of the game. This document is set as a guide to ensure all members and those associated with a member, have an understanding of the club's expectations of everyone involved. These guidelines are implemented whenever the club is represented through match days, training, club functions and any other occasion organised by the club.

The committee, whom will deliver any penalties that may apply, will investigate any breach of these guidelines. These penalties may include warning, suspension or expulsion.

Objective

Our objective is to ensure that all players, when representing Balwyn Saints and Blasters Cricket Club, play cricket in the true spirit and traditions of the game so that all can enjoy the game, including spectators, opposing players and umpires. The guidelines form part of the Players' Code of Conduct (Cricket Victoria).

Vision

To be the most successful club in the ECA.

Mission

To provide a safe and friendly environment for cricketers, support staff, family, and friends.

To play within the true spirit of the game.

To provide all aspiring cricketers the chance to develop and improve their cricket.

To promote the development of junior players to senior cricketers.

To promote the growth of the club in the local community.

Club Goals

All teams to play finals every year.

To increase our playing numbers every year.

To field a girls team playing in a competition.

Expectation of Players:

The Committee of the Balwyn Saints and Blasters Junior Cricket Club have set down these guidelines for all players, including spectators.

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. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play, not only rests with the captains, but with all players alike. The Committee will deal with any action, which is viewed to abuse this spirit, causes injury to the game itself.

Breaches of the Code of Conduct

Any breach of this code can be reported to a member of the Committee who in turn will advise the Club President. An independent person, from within the Committee, will be appointed to investigate the breach and report to the Full Committee with recommendations of an appropriate penalty should the breach be proven.

CODE OF CONDUCT (Incorporating the By-Laws from Cricket Victoria)

No person bound by this Code of Conduct shall engage in disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour. Disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour includes, but is not restricted to, a person:

- 1) Assaulting or attempting to assault, or abusing, orally or physically, an umpire, player or spectator.
- 2) Disputing, as distinct from questioning, an umpire's decision, or reacting in an obviously provocative manner towards an umpire.
- 3) Using crude or abusive language, or hand signals or other gestures.
- 4) Engaging in any form of conduct or behaviour detrimental to the spirit of the game or likely to bring the game into disrepute.
- 5) Refusing to supply that person's name and that person's address when required by another person who is lodging a report.
- 6) The captain of a team shall ensure that the players (including the person acting as 12th man) comply with the Code of Conduct. The captain of a team breaches the Code of Conduct if a player in that team engages in continuing disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour.

Social Media:

No member is to use the Club's Social Media platforms to harm anyone or anything else, including but not limited to fellow and opposition club people and club.

Playing Subscriptions:

All season subscriptions should be paid as soon as possible after the season commences. A cut-off date will be advertised and the club may implement a payment plan. There shall also be a weekly subscription fee that may be used to pay for an official umpire in attendance.

Training Expectations:

All players are expected to train at least once a week. It is understood that work commitments can clash with those of the cricket club, but every effort should be made to attend training. The Coach, Coaching Director or your Captain should be made aware if you are unable to attend training.

Training is to be used to improve your game and those that you are training with. The bowling of excessive deliberate short pitched deliveries and the continual 'slogging' of balls out of the nets will not be tolerated. Remember, the players you are training with are your teammates. No player is to leave training early without notifying the person in charge of training or a member from the selection committee.

Tracksuit pants/shorts and an appropriate white or coloured cricket shirt should be worn at all training sessions.

Player Availability:

All players are expected to be available for all games throughout the season. Exceptions can occur, but wherever possible, plans involving weekends without cricket, should be scheduled outside the cricket season.

Selection Policy:

Financial and "committed" members will be considered first to play before un-financial players. Where a player is unavailable for selection, they should notify a member of the selection committee as soon as possible.

First Aid:

There is no requirement for any player to be certified with First Aid; however, it is important information for the club in case it is required. Each side is required to have a First Aid kit with them at all matches. If in the case of an emergency and an Ambulance is required, the club will act upon and call the Ambulance, though the club will not cover the expenses.

Player Insurance:

The club affiliation fees with the E.C.A. covers insurance for injury that occurs during match and scheduled training sessions. Any injury needs to be reported to the committee and will be followed up accordingly.

Match Days:

Players are to arrive at the ground, when the captain has asked. At home games there are various duties that need to be done. These include laying boundary markers, setting up of stumps and scoreboard. After play, these need to be placed away.

Afternoon Tea:

For a game that is scheduled as a "home" game for Balwyn Saints, afternoon tea and refreshments are required for both sides. We expect the same when we visit another club, therefore all best efforts should be in place.

Post-Match Drinks:

Players are encouraged to have a drink and friendly chat with the opposition after a match, either home or away, but should also make every effort to return to the Balwyn Saints clubrooms in time for the after-match speeches, commencing at 7pm.

Umpiring Decisions:

The umpire's decision is final and should be accepted immediately, whether batting or fielding. A bowler is entitled to ask the umpire why he turned the appeal down, but should accept this explanation, if one is given, and



immediately play on. The use of offensive language-generally in the form of a disparaging and abusing remark to an umpire is not acceptable.

Walking:

When there are no neutral umpires, a batsman should walk if he is in no doubt that he has been dismissed fairly. Placing pressure on your teammate, who is acting as umpire, can place doubt in his mind and lead to unnecessary friction between the two teams.

Upon being dismissed:

The actions of the dismissed batsmen – in failing to leave the crease promptly on being given out and then acting aggressively, for example, banging his bat on the ground or throwing the bat on returning to the pavilion, including audible foul language, is unacceptable.

Manner on and off the field:

“Sledging” is a traditional part of the game; however, there is a line that should never be crossed. No person associated with a Balwyn Saints Cricket Club match, training or social function shall engage in any conduct, act towards or speak to any other person in a manner which is deemed as rude, offends, insults, humiliates or vilifies such person on the basis, but not limited to, of that person’s race, religion, physical disability or any other personal beliefs.

The team captain shall ensure that the players (including 12th man) comply with this Code.

Under no circumstances will the club tolerate such behaviour. The committee will deal with Balwyn Saints player or spectator, if an official E.C.A. report is not made. Likewise, if a Balwyn Saints player or spectator are subject to such abuse, the club will take the matter to the E.C.A. and ensure the matter is dealt with in the appropriate manner.

Balwyn Saints Cricket Club Social Rooms:

These rooms including the fixtures and fittings are to be treated with respect at all times. Please ensure that all guests respect these rules. Any damages will be repaired with the cost being covered by the offender.

Smoking:

There is to be no smoking inside the clubrooms.

Under-age Drinking:

Players under the age of 18 are not permitted to drink alcohol at club functions, including training and match days/nights. Players assisting under-age players to gain access to alcohol is considered, by the committee and the law, to represent a serious breach of our Code of Conduct.

Social Functions:

Throughout the season there are several functions organised by the Social Committee. Key functions include a Christmas Party and the Annual Presentation Night, with the possibility of other functions organised by the committee. It is expected that players will make every effort to attend club functions, and where possible, invite as many of their friends as possible.

Extra Activities:

Any person whom has an idea that requires the clubs backing and financial expenditure need to provide a detailed letter of request to the committee before proceeding. The committee will review and provide a response as soon as possible to the person that has applied for approval. This response may include a request for more information, with the possibility through a meeting. If an activity is organised and run with no approval from the committee, then any expenses incurred by a member will not be reimbursed and deemed not to be part of the cricket club.

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