

Brighton Union Cricket Club

Code of Conduct

(Adapted from Australian Sports Commission)

Players Code of Conduct

- Play by the Laws of Cricket, according to the Spirit of Cricket and within any relevant local association rules and regulations.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour at any time.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Enjoy the contest. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit and that of others.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Coaches and Team Managers Code of Conduct

- Remember that people of all ages participate for pleasure, and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the Laws and Spirit of Cricket and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. People of all ages and abilities are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the 'just average' need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Ensure players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development players.
- Any physical contact with a person, especially 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 Conduct

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment as well as yours.
- Encourage a young person to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.
- Encourage young people to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence. Never ridicule or yell at a person for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that young people learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach young people to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, team managers, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Supporters Code of Conduct

- Remember that people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit as well as yours.
- Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance, regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decisions of officials and encourage others to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, team managers, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches, officials or anyone else.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.