

INTRODUCTION

This policy has been produced in order to convey to all Club officials (administration, team managers, coaches and captains), players, parents and supporters the code of behaviour our Club expects from each and everyone in order not to bring disrepute on the game and the Cricket Club and its members.

This policy reflects our club's commitment to protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of all persons associated with the club and all persons in attendance at club activities.

Balcatta CC is a family club, catering for junior and senior cricketers of all abilities. Senior players are reminded they need to set the right example for younger members at all times. The club's reputation has been earned through hard work and diligence since its inception in 1974 but can be eroded very quickly by a few indiscriminate acts.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. All matches shall be conducted in the true spirit of the game of cricket and Club Officials, Team Managers, Coaches, Captains and Players shall adopt this policy.
2. No player, official or supporter shall at any time engage in conduct unbecoming to the game of cricket or the Club.
3. Players shall;
 - Not verbally, physically, or by any other means abuse, harm or threaten any club member, visiting player, official, umpire or supporter.
 - Not vilify any club member, visiting player, official, umpire or supporter because of their race, sexuality, disability, appearance or other reason.
 - Respect and comply with an umpire's instructions.
 - Not dispute an umpire's decision nor react in a threatening or disapproving manner.
 - Follow instructions of the captain, team manager or club official when reasonably asked to do so.
 - Compete to your best ability for the team's benefit within the Rules. Cheating is never condoned.
 - Not indulge in "sledging" opposition players, i.e. by word or action either directly or indirectly aggressively trying to intimidate or unreasonably upset a player.
4. The Senior Captains, Team Coaches and Managers shall be responsible for their team's behaviour. They shall;
 - Maintain control of their players. If any incident is brought to their attention and they do nothing to prevent its recurrence they will be in breach of this Code.
 - Ensure players do not waste time – incoming and outgoing batsmen should pass inside the boundary line and fieldsmen should move quickly to positions.
 - Brief players on the behaviour requirements and ensure that their players conduct themselves in a manner that conforms to the traditional image of the game of cricket.
 - Report any breach of this Code to the Club Committee.
5. No alcohol shall be consumed by a player on the day of the match until play has been completely concluded, nor during training. Club representatives shall not consume alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol while acting in an official capacity e.g. team manager, umpire, scorer. No person under 18 years of age shall consume, or purchase from the club, any alcohol during a match or at a club activity. No person shall provide alcohol to a minor at any club activity. The Committee member on duty may determine and enforce that a member or other person will not be served further alcohol. Such a determination must be immediately respected by the person concerned.

6. Players shall dress in clean cricket clothing while on the field. Clothing shall not carry names or logos of other clubs, associations or the like, nor those of a commercial nature other than that of a club sponsor in an approved form. BCC caps or white wide brim cricket hats only shall be worn as headwear unless special permission is obtained from the Committee.
7. No player or official shall smoke while on the field of play. No person shall smoke in the pavilion or other enclosed activity area.
8. No player, official or supporter shall use, distribute or sell illegal drugs within the club's jurisdiction.
9. No player, official or supporter shall wrongfully remove or intentionally cause damage to any BCC's or opposition club's equipment, pavilion, property or the like.

BREACH OF THIS CODE

Should any breach of this code occur or any action deemed to be detrimental to the game of cricket or the Club take place, the matter shall be dealt with in the first instance by the Club Committee. In accordance with the Club's Constitution "should it be deemed necessary and in the best interests of the Club, any member may be expelled, suspended or fined by the Committee". The person alleged to have breached this Code shall be given reasonable opportunity to address the Committee or its appointed representatives before any decision is made by the Committee. If the person wishes to appeal against the Committee's decision, he/she shall do so in writing within 14 days. An Appeal Tribunal consisting of three (3) current or former senior club members (not on current Committee) shall be formed by the Executive to hear the appeal within 21 days of receipt of the appeal letter. The decision of the Appeal Tribunal shall be final. A member under 21 years of age may be accompanied by a support person during either of the above hearings. Any breach by a parent or other family member of a club member, will jeopardise the membership of the club member.