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# **BALLAJURA LANDSDALE CRICKET CLUB**

# **Code of Conduct**

## **OUR COMMITMENT**

The Ballajura Landsdale Cricket Club Inc. referred herein to as 'the Club' has implemented the following Code of Conduct to ensure that all players, members, parents and guests, when representing the Club, participate in the true spirit and traditions of the game so that it may be enjoyed by all, including spectators, opposing players and umpires. By registering as a member of the Club, or being an invited guest of the Club, you have chosen to abide by this Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct is relevant during match days (both on and off the field), training, club functions, and at any other time when representing the Club. Members, parents and guests in breach of these rules can expect to receive penalties varying from a caution through to suspension, depending on the severity and the nature of the breach.

This Code of Conduct should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- Social Media and Electronic Communication Policy.
- Vilification and Discrimination Policy.
- Disability Policy.
- Working with Children Policy.
- House Policy.

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. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play, not only rests with the captains but with all players, parents, members and guests alike.

# WHO THIS POLICY AFFECTS

This policy applies to all members of the Club, administrators, coaches and officials of the Club and their guests.

#### **BEHAVIOUR**

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

- Assaulting or attempting to assault, or abusing, either orally or physically, an umpire, player or spectator.
- Disputing, as distinct from questioning, an umpire's decision, or reacting in an obviously provocative manner towards an umpire.
- Using crude or abusive language, hand signals or other gestures.



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- Engaging in any conduct, acting towards or speaking to any other person in a manner which offends, insults, humiliates or vilifies such person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or ethnic origin.
- Engaging in any form of conduct or behaviour detrimental to the spirit of the game or likely to bring the game into disrepute.
- Refusing to supply (where known) an offending person's name and contact details when required by another person who is lodging a report.

## **UMPIRE DECISIONS**

All umpire's decisions are final and should be accepted immediately, whether batting, fielding or spectating:

- A bowler is entitled to ask the umpire why as appeal was turned down, however should accept the
  explanation, if one is given, and immediately play on.
- When there are no neutral umpires, a batsman must walk if he/she is in no doubt that he/she has been dismissed fairly. Placing pressure on your team-mate, who is acting as umpire, can place doubt in his/her mind and lead to unnecessary friction between the two teams.
- The actions of the dismissed batsmen in failing to leave the crease promptly on being given out, misusing equipment, or using inappropriate language, is unacceptable.

# **TRAINING**

All players should make the effort to train at least once per week, however it is understood that personal, work and study commitments may hinder efforts to attend training:

- Training is to be used to improve your game and those that you are training with, and participation should continue until one must leave training, training is complete, or the Club has asked you to undertake specific duties.
- Your captain or coach should be made aware if you are unable to attend training.
- Effort should be made to remain at the clubrooms until selections have occurred (senior members).

# **SELECTION POLICY**

There is a selection policy (senior members) in place to accommodate situations where there are more players available than positions in the nominated sides. In these circumstances preference will not be given to those based solely on performance however rather those whom:

- Have paid their registration fees and are financial.
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Attribute	Definition
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Ability	<ul> <li>"Possessions of the means or skills to do something".</li> <li>Following the game plan</li> <li>Playing your role</li> <li>Adapt to game situation</li> <li>Receive feedback</li> </ul>
Motivation	<ul> <li>"Is the process that initiates, guides and maintains goal-orientated behaviours".</li> <li>Attending training at least once a week (80/20 principle)</li> <li>Paid registration (In full or arranged a payment plan)</li> <li>Engage in fielding drills</li> <li>Attend functions and presentations on a Saturday</li> </ul>
Attitude	<ul> <li>"Refers to a set of emotions, beliefs, and behaviours toward a particular object, person or event".</li> <li>Representing the clubs core values at training, during games and at club events</li> <li>Responding to Soup's text regarding availability</li> <li>Think WE not ME</li> </ul>

## **POST MATCH AND SOCIAL**

# Effort should be made to attend the post-match presentations (senior members) and club events:

- The team captain, or their delegate, is required to provide an update on the day's proceedings at the post-match presentations
- Players are encouraged to have a drink and friendly chat with the opposition after a match, either home
  or away, however should also make the effort to return to the clubrooms
- Awards will be made to the best player/s of each team, as well as the 'Player of the Round'
- Social events are organised to improve the culture of the club, and as a member of the Club, effort should be made to attend any relevant team functions, particularly season windups.

## **HOUSE POLICY**

# As part of the Code of Conduct, all members and guests of the Club must also respect the House Policy in respect to the use and consumption of alcohol:

- The House Policy has been adopted to ensure the Responsible Service of Alcohol.
- All bar personnel are to be trained by an accredited provider prior to serving alcohol to club members or guests.
- We encourage patrons to drink in moderation and to ensure that drink driving does not occur.
- Members and guests under the age of 18 are not permitted to drink alcohol at club functions, including training and match days/nights.
- No alcohol shall be consumed by a player, on or off, the ground during any match.



 No player must participate in a match or training session whilst under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs.

# **TIMING**

This policy was first passed by the Club's Executive Committee on 30 July 2019 and amended on 16 September 2024, and will take effect from 30 September 2024.