



ROWVILLE CRICKET CLUB

MISSION STATEMENT AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Preamble

The purpose of this document is to provide clarity regarding what the Rowville Cricket Club stands for and what it aims to achieve for club members and the local community.

The intention of this document is that this Code of Conduct, and the spirit driving this code, applies to all club members – *Players, Parents and Supporters*.

Mission Statement

Rowville Cricket Club aims to:

- Promote the sport of cricket within our local community;
- Provide an enjoyable cricket experience where players are encouraged to fulfil their potential;
- Be a successful club on the field and provide a safe environment for off field social activities;
- Promote respect and inclusion for all club players and members as well as opposition players and supporters;
- Be supportive of junior players who volunteer to play at senior level by showing respect and patience for young players and creating a positive learning experience for them;
- Be financially responsible so we can provide improvements to the club that benefit club members and the community.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Rowville Cricket Club players, parents and supporters are encouraged to play and view the game according to the following 5 basic principles:

Respect: Treat all participants, including opponents, teammates, umpires and officials with respect. This includes:

- Interactions with teammates on social media and via text messages
- Accepting Selection Panel decisions

Fair Play: Play by the rules and accept the umpire's decisions without argument.

Control: Maintain self-discipline and control your temper;

Sportsmanship: Congratulate opponents on a good day's play and thank officials post-match;

Integrity: Do not engage in "sledging" or any other conduct that can be construed as racist, sexist or homophobic. Friendly banter is acceptable but must not cross the line into "sledging".

Rowville Cricket Club players must also make themselves aware of, and follow, the following policies:

- **Ferntree Gully and District Cricket Association Code of Behaviour**

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

It is expected that all games be conducted in the true spirit of the game of cricket. Cricket is a game of skill associated with knowledge of the rules however skills and knowledge are only part of the pleasure to be derived from playing the game. Attitude and sportsmanship are vital ingredients. To achieve this, coaches, managers and captains are to adopt and enforce the following code of Behaviour.

- a) That in-going and out-going batsmen cross on the field of play.
- b) That bowlers return to the start of their run up quickly and are ready to bowl without wasting time.
- c) Players are to maintain a standard of dress, commensurate with the game's traditions and team and individual equipment is to be serviceable and well maintained.
- d) Players are to be encouraged to respect the umpires by accepting decisions without dissent, and if possible, to honestly assist umpires in the making of difficult decisions.
- e) Co-operation with the opposing captain and both umpires in the "running" of the game, which includes preparation of the pitch and surrounds for play.
- f) Thoroughly briefing their teams, spelling out what is expected of them in terms of behaviour, on and off the field.
- g) All fieldsmen are to move quickly between overs and when required to change positions
- h) The setting or changing of the field is to be undertaken without unnecessary time wasting
- i) Courtesy is to be shown at all times to the umpires. Players must not dispute or react in a disapproving manner, either towards an umpire, his decision, or generally, after an umpiring decision is given. When given out a player must walk quickly from the crease, not indulge in ill-mannered tantrums.
- j) Avoid making unnecessary and uncomplimentary remarks to opponents.
- k) Remember that the visiting team and umpires are guests and should be treated such.
- l) In making his report to the Association on umpires, the captain should be constructive, not influenced by a win or loss or a bad decision.

- **Cricket Victoria's Child Safety Policies**

https://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/child-safe-member-protection/?fbclid=IwY2xjawFq89RleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHS4woUAA7Jdgt-J_pdiwrBRzetU2YSW6Lp1jea8k2mFsaYqQ6O3319y7PA_aem_4E1vdCalpQC3pqcg3Ecbng