



**Suburbs
New Lynn
CRICKET CLUB**

SNLCC Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket Policy

Based on the Auckland Cricket Association Spirit of Cricket Expectations

"The spirit of cricket is, of course, about the behaviour of players on the field – acceptance of decisions, respect for one another, integrity. But it is also about enthusiasm for the game; not just aggression but also sharing a sense of fun. And fun is what life is all about."

— Martin Crowe, MCC Cowdrey Lecture, 2006

At Suburbs New Lynn Cricket Club (SNLCC), we expect all players, coaches, managers, parents, supporters, and officials to uphold the Spirit of Cricket and contribute to a positive, respectful, and enjoyable environment for everyone involved in the game.

Junior Cricket

Spirit of Cricket Expectations

Players

Players are expected to:

- Follow and participate in accordance with the Laws of Cricket, club policies, and Auckland Cricket competition rules.
- Display sportsmanship and teamwork at all times, treating others as they would wish to be treated.
- Acknowledge and respect good performances from both teammates and opponents.
- Show respect towards coaches, managers, teammates, opponents, officials, and parents.
- Accept the decisions of officials without argument or dissent.
- Play hard and compete fairly, while maintaining self-control and respecting the spirit of the game.
- Communicate respectfully with players, coaches, administrators, and officials at all times.
- Take pride in their efforts and conduct, regardless of the result.

Coaches and Managers

Coaches and managers are expected to:

- Take positive steps to uphold and enhance the reputation of SNLCC.
- Ensure all matches and team activities are conducted in accordance with the Spirit of Cricket.
- Remember that junior cricket exists for the enjoyment and development of the players.
- Lead by example through positive behaviour and good sportsmanship.
- Recognise and acknowledge good performances from players on both teams.
- Focus on effort, skill development, learning, and enjoyment rather than solely on results.
- Be familiar with the Laws of Cricket and the Auckland Cricket rules and playing conditions applicable to their competition.
- Encourage participation and development for all players, ensuring opportunities are not limited to the strongest performers.
- Support all efforts to eliminate verbal abuse, physical abuse, bullying, and harassment from cricket.
- Ensure training schedules and match commitments are appropriate for the age and development stage of the players.

Parents and Supporters

Parents and supporters are expected to:

- Encourage participation without placing undue pressure on children.
- Support and encourage children to play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- Remember that junior cricket is played for the enjoyment and development of the players.
- Praise effort, improvement, and positive behaviours rather than focusing solely on results.
- Lead by example through positive conduct and good sportsmanship.
- Acknowledge and appreciate good performances from both teams.
- Communicate respectfully with players, coaches, administrators, and officials.
- Refrain from publicly questioning or criticising officials during matches. Any concerns should be raised through the team manager or coach after the match.
- Support all efforts to eliminate verbal abuse, physical abuse, bullying, and harassment from cricket.

Remember that when representing SNLCC, your behaviour reflects on the club. Demonstrate your pride by always acting in the Spirit of Cricket.

Senior Cricket

Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket Expectations

Players

Players are expected to:

- Follow and participate in accordance with the Laws of Cricket, club policies, and Auckland Cricket competition rules.
- Display sportsmanship and teamwork, treating all participants with respect.
- Acknowledge and respect good performances from teammates and opponents.
- Show respect towards coaches, teammates, opponents, and officials, whether Auckland Cricket appointed or player-appointed.
- Accept the decisions of officials without argument or public dissent.
- Play hard, compete fairly, and maintain control of their behaviour at all times.
- Communicate respectfully with players, coaches, administrators, and officials.
- Support all efforts to eliminate verbal abuse, physical abuse, bullying, and harassment from cricket.
- Refrain from using language or behaviour that is discriminatory, offensive, or derogatory on the basis of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other personal characteristic.
- Help create a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment where all participants can enjoy the game.
- Not consume alcohol or illegal substances during any match or playing activity.
- Not smoke or vape while actively participating in a match.

Coaches and Managers

Coaches and managers are expected to:

- Take positive steps to uphold and enhance the reputation of SNLCC.
- Ensure matches and team activities are conducted in accordance with the Spirit of Cricket.
- Lead by example and demonstrate behaviour that others can emulate.
- Acknowledge and respect good performances from both teams.
- Be familiar with the Laws of Cricket and the Auckland Cricket rules and playing conditions applicable to their competition.
- Support all efforts to eliminate verbal abuse, physical abuse, bullying, and harassment from cricket.

Remember that your behaviour reflects both yourself and Suburbs New Lynn Cricket Club.

Demonstrate your pride in the club by always playing, coaching, managing, and supporting the game in the Spirit of Cricket.