



Ashburton Willows Cricket Club

Code of Conduct ('Code')

General principles

The Ashburton Willows Cricket Club ('the Club') is committed to fairness, equity and good sportsmanship in cricket. The Club aims to provide the best possible environment in which its players can participate at all levels and excel and its officials can discharge their responsibilities to ensure the players are able to be and perform at their best.

This code of conduct is designed to ensure that appropriate forms of behaviour are adopted and be and remain the norm for all persons associated with the Club.

Behaviour shall be in line with The Spirit of the Game, which involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own Captain and team
- The role of the umpires and officials
- The game's traditional values

All persons who from time to time are Members, or are representing the Ashburton Willows Cricket Club shall act in accordance with the conduct outlined hereunder:

Individual conduct

- a) conduct themselves in a proper manner so as not to bring themselves, the club or the team generally into public disrespect and to the absolute satisfaction of the committee
- b) treat all persons with respect, dignity and proper regard for their rights and obligations
- c) perform all duties and responsibilities as a representative of the Ashburton Willows Cricket Club in a mature, fair and professional manner
- d) not defame or injure any person
- e) to act at all times in a sportsmanlike manner and in such a way as to ensure good relations within and between teams.

Media/Public Comment

- f) not to make, comment, issue, offer or endorse any public criticism designed to have an effect prejudicial to the best interests of the Ashburton Willows Cricket Club (including disrespectful comment or behavior towards umpires, club or ECA

- officials or opposition clubs) in any form or under any guise (for example verbally, in writing, on any form of social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Big Cricket)
- g) not promote, pass on, exchange or publish information whereby that information may be of a confidential, offensive, scandalous, unsubstantiated or derisive type in any form

Respect towards Captains

- h) be subject to the control, management and direction of the team captain or any other person appointed by him
- i) observe and comply with all directions and orders given by the captain or any other person appointed by him

Respect for the Club and its property

- j) not disclose to any unauthorised person or organisation information which is of a confidential or privileged nature
- k) not misuse the property of the Ashburton Willows Cricket Club

Examples of improper conduct under this Code

Improper conduct or behaviour under this code of conduct includes, but is not restricted to, a person:

- Assaulting or attempting to assault, or abusing, either orally or physically, an umpire, player, official 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, or hand signals or other gestures;
- 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 that person's name and that person's address when required by another person who is lodging a report;
- Deliberate damage to property, ie: hotel/motel rooms, transport, facilities, equipment etc;
- Indulging in any form of religious or racial vilification;
- Using, attempting to use, have in his or her possession, attempt to have in his or her possession, traffic or attempt to traffic any illegal drug or performance enhancing substance. Players and Officials must obey Cricket Australia's Anti-Doping Policy (as amended from time to time).
- Use or consume alcohol to excess
- Misuse or misappropriation of funds or property of the Club.

Failure to comply with this code of conduct will result in disciplinary action by the AWCC Committee and may include temporary or permanent suspension of AWCC membership.