



**NEWCASTLE JUNIOR
CRICKET ASSOCIATION**



**City of
Newcastle**

2024 CELEBRATION OF CRICKET

CODE OF CONDUCT

- a. This code of behaviour (the code) shall apply to all players, parents, spectators aligned with a competing team, members, officials and office bearers of competing teams participating in, or in attendance at, the Carnival. Breaches of the code should be reported to the Carnival Coordinator Sharon Dare (0437 127706) no later than 5pm on the day of the alleged breach, and may be subject to discipline by the Disputes and Disciplinary Committee or even further escalation via reporting to the appropriate authorities.
- b. Persons subject to this code shall not:
- i) assault or attempt to assault an umpire, another player or spectator;
 - ii) abuse, either orally or physically, an umpire, another player or spectator;
 - iii) dispute, as distinct from question, an umpires decision, or react in an obviously provocative or disapproving manner towards an umpire, their decision or generally, following an umpiring decision;
 - iv) use offensive, disrespectful and/or abusive language, or engage in any form of conduct detrimental to the spirit of the game, or likely to bring the game into disrepute;
 - v) in any way use crude or abusive hand signals or other gestures;
 - vi) drink, be affected by, or in possession of alcohol at any match;
 - vii) refuse to supply their full name, address and association if required by an umpire;
 - viii) enter the field of play unless they are an active participant in the match or have been given permission by the official umpire, for things such as injury management;
 - ix) engage in any other conduct, either on or in the vicinity of the field of play, considered to be prejudicial to the best interests of cricket or in contravention of the competition rules.
- c. All participants at the carnival shall respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- d. A council ordinance prohibits glass containers from being taken on to council grounds. Teams found guilty of breaching this ordinance may be withdrawn from the competition.
- e. The Manager or Coach of a team may be held responsible for any continuing breaches of the code by a player in their team under any one of the subsections of (b) above and may accordingly be reported for failure to control their team.

Procedures

Where the conduct or behaviour of any person referred to in section (a) is to be the subject of a report by an officiating umpire, the umpire shall:-

- i) verbally inform that person on the ground on the day of the alleged conduct or behaviour that they are to be the subject of a report to the Carnival Coordinator.
 - ii) verbally inform both Managers or Coaches or the persons substituting for them or either of them (where it is the Manager or Coach who is to be the subject of a report then another player of their team) on the day of the alleged conduct or behaviour that the person is to be the subject of such a report
 - iii) verbally inform the Carnival Coordinator as soon as practicable after the alleged conduct or behaviour that a report is to be submitted
 - iv) Submit to the Carnival Coordinator by 5.00pm on the day of the incident, a report containing details of the alleged conduct or behaviour, including the names of the persons informed in accordance with (ii) above
 - v) attend the meeting of the Judiciary Committee if requested
- e. Where the conduct or behaviour of any person referred to in section (a) is to be the subject of a report by a competing team the team's manager:-
- i) verbally inform the Carnival Coordinator as soon as practicable after the alleged conduct or behaviour that a report is to be submitted
 - ii) submit to the Carnival Coordinator by 5.00pm on the day of the incident, a written report containing details of the alleged conduct or behaviour
 - iii) attend the meeting of the Judiciary
- g. The Disputes and Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to initiate judiciary proceedings against any team or player, whenever it considers necessary
- h. Incidents of misconduct shall be heard by Disputes and Disciplinary Committee
- i. The Carnival Coordinator shall summon the transgressor and an official of the team with which the transgressor is associated, and the umpire(s) involved to attend the meeting of Disputes and Disciplinary Committee. The transgressor shall be permitted to be accompanied by persons bearing witness to material facts in relation to the alleged offence but shall not be permitted representation by an agent, including a legal representative. Such notification shall include details of the charges listed for hearing. Failure to appear as summoned, while not necessarily delaying proceedings, shall result in automatic disqualification, pending attendance at a subsequent meeting, or as otherwise directed by, Disputes and Disciplinary Committee.
- j. Disputes and Disciplinary Committee shall impose a penalty considered appropriate to the circumstances and their decision shall be final.
- k. The Carnival Coordinator shall confirm in writing Disputes and Disciplinary Committee's decision to the parties involved
- l. The Association requires all teams to ensure that players, parents, Coaches, Managers and officials have agree to the Code of Conduct document. It is the responsibility of all teams to ensure that this rule is abided by. The Disputes and Disciplinary Committee may take disciplinary action against teams, or individuals who do not abide by the Codes

Code of Behaviour for Players

- The goal of the carnival is to have fun and improve your skills. Play for **your own** enjoyment.
- Play by the rules and always respect the decisions of the umpires and officials. If you disagree with an umpire, have your captain, Coach or Manager approach the umpire in an appropriate manner during a break or after the game.
- Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team-mates. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition. Congratulate all participants on their performance, regardless of the match outcome. Make no criticism of the opposition either word or gesture
- Treat all participants in cricket as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for opponents.
- Cooperate with your Coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion

Code of Behaviour for Parents/Carers

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in cricket
- Remember, children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours
- Encourage your child to play by the rules
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful play by all participants
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for opponents
- Respect official's decisions. Teach children to do likewise
- Show appreciation for volunteer Coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion

Code of Behaviour for Team Officials

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm
- Operate within the rules and Spirit of Cricket and teach your players to do the same
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience
- The carnival is about experience and player development. All young players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities. Avoid overplaying the talented players. Be aware of Cricket Australia recommendations for bowling loads for junior players.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players
- Display control and respect to all involved in cricket. This includes opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest cricket Coaching practices and principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.