



The Spirit of Cricket and Brighton CC's Codes of Conduct

The Spirit of Cricket is an integral part of the laws of the game. The following is an extract from the Laws of Cricket Preamble – The Spirit of Cricket:

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 Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- *Your opponents*
- *Your own captain*
- *The roles of the umpires*
- *The game's traditional values*

It is against the Spirit of the Game:

- *To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture*
- *To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire*
- *To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice.*

Brighton Cricket Club asks that all members of the club (players, parents and coaches) ensure that all junior cricket games are played within The Spirit of Cricket.

We have established Codes of Conduct to document the standards of behaviour that are expected from all players, parents, supporters and officials. It is the responsibility of everyone involved with our club to ensure these principles are upheld and maintained.

Remember that all players, parents and officials are members of Brighton Cricket Club. Please enjoy games and accept wins and losses equally gracefully and keep in mind that without opposition, match officials or volunteers of your club, you would not even have a game to play. The Club will take any necessary disciplinary action for repeated or serious breaches of these Codes of Conduct.

For potential breaches of the Junior Code of Conduct that are of a minor nature, the relevant party will be spoken to by a BCC official – team coach, team manager, Junior Coordinator or Committee Member. For potential breaches that are of a major nature, these must be reported to the Junior Coordinator who will discuss the matter with the relevant parties and if required take to the Committee for consideration and potential consequences. Potential breaches can be reported by any party.

Brighton Cricket Club Committee
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Junior Player Code of Conduct

- You should play for fun, enjoyment and to improve your skills.
- Always play by the rules and within the Spirit of Cricket.
- Never argue with an umpire, other official or your coach, without them you can't play.
- Control your temper – verbal abuse of officials or other players will not be tolerated.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether made by a teammate or the opposition. Never ridicule another player's mistake or performance.
- Be a team player, it's a team game make sure you treat it that way. For example: when your team is batting, sit with your team and support the batsmen in the middle and help your teammates to 'warm up' before they are due to bat.
- Treat all participants as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take advantage of another player.
- Cooperate with your coach, the umpire and your teammates.
- Don't make inappropriate remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you will let down yourself, your coach, team, club and family.
- Do not abuse equipment that belongs to you, another player or the club.
- Be punctual to all matches and training. Let your team manager or coach know in advance if you are unavailable to play or train.
- Wear appropriate training and match day attire, always wear the appropriate safety equipment (pads, gloves, helmet and box).
- Be proud to be a Brighton CC player – we're proud of you!















Parents and Supporters Code of Conduct

-  Remember that children participate for their enjoyment – not yours.
-  Encourage children to participate, but don't force them.
-  Focus on your child's efforts and performance and not on winning or losing.
-  Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support, not belittle.
-  Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
-  Encourage all players to always play according to the rules and within the Spirit of Cricket.
-  Appreciate good performance and skilful play by all participants and encourage your child to do likewise.
-  Never publicly criticise umpires – raise any concerns with club officials in private.
-  Show appreciation for all volunteer coaches, officials and administrators, without them your child could not participate.
-  Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
-  Do not make inappropriate remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability.
-  Do not make direct contact with a SECA/AGCC executive or official – if you would like an issue raised with SECA/AGCC, please speak to the Junior Coordinator.
-  Parents of junior players should read through the 'Players Code of Conduct' with their child to explain and discuss their responsibility as players.



Coaches Code of Conduct

-  Remember that players participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
-  Never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning.
-  Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
-  Operate within the rules and Spirit of the Game and teach your players to do the same.
-  Ensure that the time that players spend with you is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
-  Apply the SECA/AGCC Junior Player Participation Policy and the Club's Fair Go Policy as a minimum standard.
-  Do not use bad language or harass players, officials, spectators or other coaches.
-  Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved in the sport including opponents, other coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators – encourage your players to do the same.
-  Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players and follow the advice of a physician or their parent when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
-  Respect the rights, dignity and worth of person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
-  Have up to date Working With Children Check and provide the Club with a copy.
-  Do not make any direct contact with a SECA/AGCC executive or official – if you would like an issue raised with SECA/AGCC, please speak to the Junior Coordinator.



Senior Player Code of Conduct

- Always play by the rules and within the Spirit of Cricket.
- Never argue with an umpire, other official or your captain, without them you can't play. Don't publicly criticise umpires – raise any concerns with club officials in private.
- Control your temper – verbal abuse of officials or other players will not be tolerated.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether made by a teammate or the opposition. Never ridicule another player's mistake or performance.
- Be a team player, it's a team game make sure you treat it that way.
- Treat all participants as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take advantage of another player.
- Cooperate with your coach, the umpire and your teammates.
- Don't make inappropriate remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Do not abuse equipment that belongs to you, another player or the club.
- Be punctual to all matches and training. Let your team captain know in advance if you are unavailable to play or train.
- Wear appropriate training and match day attire, always wear the appropriate safety equipment (pads, gloves, helmet and box).
- Do not make direct contact with a League executives or officials – if you would like an issue raised with the League, please speak to the Senior Coordinator.
- Be proud to be a Brighton CC player – we're proud of you!