

# The University of Queensland Cricket Club

## Code of Conduct



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### PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this policy is to outline The University of Queensland Cricket Club's (UQCC) expectations with regard to the conduct of its members, coaches/staff and parents. UQCC is committed to providing an environment where all persons, including young participants, are treated equitably with respect, fairness and encouragement.

### PLAYING MEMBERS

UQCC expects all playing members, both Junior and Senior to:

- Play by the rules;
- Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the umpire in an appropriate manner during a break or after the game;
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in cricket;
- Work equally hard for yourself and your teammates. 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;
- Treat all participants in cricket as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor;
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition;
- Follow all COVID safe protocols during training sessions and matches;
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents, teachers or coaches;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### PARENTS / GUARDIANS

UQCC expects all parents and/or guardians of players to:

- 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 skillful play by all participants;
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities;
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise;
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate;
- Follow all COVID safe protocols during training sessions and matches;
- Never take / share photographs or film of other children on social media platforms without first obtaining the consent of the parent / guardian of that child;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## **COACHES / CLUB STAFF**

UQCC expects all coaches and club staff to:

- Adhere to all UQCC policies applicable to the role of coach, including the Bluecard policy and Member Protection policy;
- 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;
- Avoid overplaying the talented players - all young players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities;
- 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 those 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 the 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;
- Follow and promote all COVID safe protocols during training sessions and matches;
- 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.

## COMPLAINTS

UQCC takes all complaints seriously will investigate all complaints in a confidential manner. Complainants will be informed of the outcome of the investigation within a reasonable period of time. If you would like to make a complaint, please refer to the UQCC Complaints Handling policy and follow the processes to submit a complaint.