

# **CODES OF BEHAVIOUR**

**The below codes of behaviour should be read in conjunction with the Laws of Cricket and the SACA Premier Cricket Bylaws and are not intended to replace them.**

## **PLAYERS:**

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the umpire during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials sledging other players and/or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is unacceptable behaviour and is not permitted 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.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## **COACHES:**

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making mistakes or losing a game.
- 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 over-playing 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.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the players' skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## **PARENTS:**

- 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 plays 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.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.