

# ST. MARY'S CRICKET CLUB DANDENONG

## PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY



Traditionally, cricket has been the one sport to maintain and exhibit the highest levels of conduct and sportsmanship. While always a most competitive game, the continued strength of the sport has relied upon the acceptance of the Umpire's decision and the preparedness to play within the "spirit of the game."

Whether or not, bad or unacceptable behavior is evident in international or interstate cricket or whether the language used is considered "acceptable" by today's society is of little concern to the Dandenong & District Cricket Association (DDCA). The Association is primarily interested in having all cricket under its control played within the spirit and traditions of the game.

### **ON FIELD PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 1. Play by the Rules**
- 2. Dress Code**

The Club expects all players, as representatives of the club, to wear the correct attire on field during games being as follows:

- An approved St. Mary's Cricket Club, Dandenong collared shirt and cricket pants
- A St. Mary's Cricket Club, Dandenong cap or white floppy hat
- Cricket shoes or runners with the majority of color being white

- 3. Show Respect for your Captain, your Team and your club**

- The Club appoints team captains with a clear expectation that they will be shown proper respect on and off the field. If you have a problem with your captain that you cannot resolve one on one, the only avenue of appeal open to you is to the committee via the Senior Cricket Representative or alternatively any other committee member.

- An argument between you and your teammates during the course of a match brings you, your team, and the Club into disrepute. It is unacceptable.

#### **4. Never argue with an official**

- The questioning/disputing of the Umpire's decision – often in an aggressive or sarcastic manner is not acceptable. This applies equally to dismissals and unsuccessful appeals as to the judgment of calls on no balls, wides, byes, etc.
- An excessive number of frivolous and ridiculous appeals – primarily aimed at pressuring and intimidating the Umpire into a favorable decision are equally unacceptable.

#### **5. Control your temper**

- The use of offensive language – generally as a disparaging remark to an opposing player or toward an Umpire, or even as an expression of frustration or self-admonishment. This includes racial vilification (any act that is reasonably likely to threaten, disparage, vilify, offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate another person or group based on race, religion, descent, color or national or ethnic origin).
- The actions of the dismissed batter – in failing to leave the crease promptly on being given out and any equipment abuse (e.g. banging the bat into the ground or against the fence or race, etc and/or throwing the bat or equipment during or after his return to the pavilion).

#### **6. Work Equally Hard for Yourself as you do for your team**

#### **7. Be a Good Sport. Always conduct yourself in a way that reflects well on yourself and your club**

#### **8. Celebrate your Teams' success. Do not ridicule the other teams' failure, specifically :**

- "Send offs" – usually to a dismissed batter by the bowler or a member of the fielding side. This can often inflame situations and lead to a more serious altercation.
- Treat all participants in your game, as you would want to be treated. Appreciate the efforts of the opposition team. If there were no opposition, you would not get a game.

## **OFF FIELD PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **1. You must adhere to the following club policies**

- The Players Code of Conduct;
- The Spectators Code of Conduct;
- The Club's Social Media Policy;
- The Club's "Good Sports" responsible use of alcohol Policy.

### **2. Whilst attending or involved in any cricket or club related activity, you are a representative of the Club.**

- Your personal behavior must reflect the circumstances, and you must adjust accordingly.
- When attending a junior teams match or event, show proper respect to the players and their parent's supporters. Junior players look to seniors for mentoring and as a role model. Encourage and support our next generation of cricketers.
- Excessive bad language is not acceptable.
- Abuse of Alcohol or Drugs is not acceptable and contravenes the Club's Health & Safety policy, and our commitment to the ADF Good Sports program.

### **3. The Club relies on all players being fully financial.**

- Club Annual Subscriptions are expected to be paid up to date as soon as possible.



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