



## **NSJCA Representative Cricket Code of Conduct**

NSJCA Representative (“Rep”) Cricket has adopted the following enforceable Codes of Conduct (“Code”) for all its stakeholders. Please make yourself familiar with the Code and ensure all players, parents, coaches and scorers are aware of the Code as it relates to them.

### **Players:**

- I will always play by the rules and the Spirit of the Game.
- I will never argue with an official. If I disagree with a decision I will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the competition.
- I will control my temper. I understand that verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players, and deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable behaviour in any sport. Abuse of equipment or displays of bad temper is not acceptable or permitted.
- I will work equally hard for myself and my team.
- I will be a good sport and applaud all good play whether made by my team or the opposition.
- I will treat all players in my sport as I like to be treated. I will not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- I will wear proper and approved cricket attire and the required safety equipment at all times on the field of play.
- I will cooperate with my coach, team members and opponents.
- I will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- I will thank the opposition, coaches, managers and officials at the end of the game.
- Except in the case of injury or other exceptional circumstances I will attend and be punctual to all training, trial games and competition games.

- I will wear my NSJCA Rep uniform at all time when training and playing. The Rep training gear is to be worn to the trial and competition matches and players should change into their playing uniform at the ground. The Rep cap should be worn at a minimum during the first session of fielding. Players may then choose to wear a wide brimmed white cricket hat or continue to wear their Rep cap.
- I will make every effort to be available to play club cricket within the NSJCA competitions.
- Subject to dispensation of the Representative sub-committee, I will not play representative cricket for another Association during the season in which I have been selected to play representative cricket for the NSJCA.

### Parents:

- I won't pressure my child in any way – I know that this is their game not mine!
- I will never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game –before, during or after the game. I realise that good fun is more important than a good win.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- I will encourage my child to play within the rules and Spirit of the Game, and respect officials' and coaches' decisions – no matter what.
- I will teach my child to respect the efforts of their opponents.
- I will remember that children learn best by example, so I will applaud good play by both my child's team and their opponents.
- I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will focus on my child's and their team's efforts and performance – not the score.
- I will thank the coaches, managers, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the game for my child.

- I will volunteer my services and help when asked by a coach or official.
- I will not arrive at the field intoxicated or drink alcohol to excess at junior games.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- I recognise that representative cricket is different to club and school cricket and not all players receive “equal time” at games.
- I recognise that my child may have a different role in representative cricket to that in school or club cricket and may have been selected in the team for a particular skill, for e.g. one of batting, bowling or wicket keeping.

### **Coaches & Managers:**

- I will remember that players participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
- I will never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning.
- I will be reasonable in my demands on players’ time, energy and enthusiasm.
- I will operate within the rules and Spirit of the Game, and teach my players to do the same.
- I will ensure that the time that players spend with me is a positive experience.
- I will not use bad language nor will I harass players, officials, spectators or other coaches.
- I will ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- I will display control, respect and professionalism to all involved in the sport including opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. I will encourage my players to do the same.

- I will 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.
- I will not arrive at the field intoxicated or drink alcohol to excess at junior games.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- Subject to dispensation from the Representative sub-committee I will not take on a role as coach or manager in any way for another Association during the season in which I have been appointed to represent the NSJCA.

### **Umpires & Officials:**

- I will place the safety and welfare of players above all else.
- I will show concern and caution towards sick and injured players.
- I will give all players a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- I will be impartial, consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- I will accept responsibility for my actions and decisions.
- I will condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for the individuality of players.
- I will avoid situations that may lead to or be construed as a conflict of interest.
- I will be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance and ensure my comments are positive and supportive.
- I will be a good sport, as I understand that actions speak louder than words.
- I will always respect, remain loyal to, and support other officials.

- I will keep up to date with the latest Laws of Cricket and DCA Rules, trends and principles of their application.
- I will emphasise the Spirit of the Game rather than the errors.
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players, parents or other officials.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.