

Preamble to the Laws: Spirit of Cricket

- Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket.
- The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with the captains, but extends to all players, Match Officials and, especially in junior cricket, teachers, coaches and parents.
- Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket.
- Respect your captain, team-mates, opponents and the authority of the umpires.
- Play hard and play fair.
- Accept the umpire's decision.
- Create a positive atmosphere by your own conduct and encourage others to do likewise.
- Show self-discipline, even when things go against you.
- Congratulate the opposition on their successes and enjoy those of your own team.
- Thank the officials and your opposition at the end of the match, whatever the result.
- Cricket is an exciting game that encourages leadership, friendship and teamwork, which brings together people from different nationalities, cultures and religions, especially when played within the Spirit of Cricket.

Bulleen Templestowe CODE OF BEHAVIOUR 2023-24

As part of a player registration with BTCC, all registered players and members adhere to the following Code of Behaviour, including Life members.

ROLE OF THE CLUB

- BTCC shall exercise great care in the selection of coaches and captains.
- BTCC shall closely monitor and fully support the efforts of coaches and captains, regarding the maintenance of the Code of Behaviour.
- BTCC shall be responsible during matches for the maintenance of order of our members, supporters, parents and any other person with whom a relationship or affinity exists.

ROLE OF CAPTAINS

- Coaches and Captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of cricket, as well as the Laws of Cricket.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS UMPIRES

- Recognise that the umpire is in charge and has the final say.
- Courtesy and respect should be always shown.
- If, in anyone's opinion, an umpire misinterprets a rule, avoid heckling or arguing with them or opposition players. Discuss with your captain in the first instance.
- Any registered player, club official, club spectator (or any other person with whom a relationship or affinity exists) is found to be disputing an umpire's decision, using abusive, threatening or language, during or after a match, within or outside the playing field, is liable to be disciplined.
- If players or club members are unhappy with an umpire's performance, a captain's performance (in regard to The Spirit of cricket) or a club members performance, the correct procedure is to make a constructive report to the BTCC committee.

ROLE OF PLAYERS

- Avoid making uncomplimentary or unnecessary remarks to opponents and umpires.
- Opposition players and Umpires are guests and should be treated as such.
- Avoid becoming involved in discussions between an umpire and your opponents.
- Praise for good play of an opponent is a sign of sportsmanship.
- Players should assist captains and umpires in the smooth running of the game.
- Alcohol or other illegal substances should not be utilised by players whilst the game is in progress.
- Use social media with discretion and whilst using this do not abuse others or expose others to content that is offensive, inappropriate or for an illegal purpose.
- Adhere to Member Protection Policy & Child Safety Policy as adopted by Cricket Victoria.