

# **WILLIAMSTOWN CONGREGATIONAL**

## **CRICKET CLUB**

### **Code of Conduct/Club rules**

#### **1. Club Rules for all Members**

- a. No member of the Club, whether on or off the field of play, will engage in conduct unbecoming to the game of cricket or compromise the reputation of the Club in any way.
- b. All members will respect the rules of the Western Suburbs United Churches Cricket Association, West Metro Junior Cricket Association and the Club.
- c. Bad language will not be tolerated.

#### **2. Player Rules**

- a. Players will give their best and support their team mates and coaching staff at all times.
- b. Ensure that they are at the playing venue and ready to play at the time nominated by their captain/manager.
- c. Players will respect all umpires and officials and refrain from disputing decisions and/or instructions from either.
- d. Not verbally or physically abuse any member, official or umpire.
- e. Not dispute the umpire's decision, nor react in a threatening or disapproving manner.
- f. When given out, move immediately from the field.
- g. Players will comply with all reasonable instructions and requests from their coaches and team management.
- h. Assist with the preparation of grounds and clean up at the end of the day.
- i. Players will play according to the rules of Cricket, the WSUCCA & WMJCA and within the spirit of fair, competitive team sport at all times.
- j. Not consume alcohol during their game.
- k. Players will respect the property of the club at all times.
- l. There will be no smoking while warming up.

#### **3. Match Dress**

- a. All players must wear a white shirt with collar, long white trousers, white socks and predominately white footwear.
- b. Club caps or white hats are to be worn whilst playing. No other hat/cap is permitted.
- c. Caps when worn must have the peak protruding over the face.

#### **4. Practice Dress**

- a. All players must train in a white shirt, track suit trousers or shorts. No street clothes are to be worn.
- b. Attending practice means participating and responding to any requests made by the coaches, team captains and selectors. Everyone is expected to participate and no one will be idle.
- c. Players are not to smoke during practice.

- d. If a player wishes to leave early, they must notify the coach.
- e. If a player is unable to attend training, they must notify the coach or their team captain.
- f. Attendance and performance at practice sessions will come into consideration at selection.

## **5. Selection rules**

- a. The selection committee is responsible to field the strongest possible teams progressively from the 1<sup>st</sup> IX, through to the lowest IX.
- b. Selection will be based on individual performance and attendance at training.
- c. Players are expected to be available for all games in which the Club competes. Players not available must notify their captain or coach ASAP.
- d. Players, who declare themselves unavailable, may be required to resume playing in a lower graded side.
- e. In the event of late withdrawal, players are to inform their team captain.

## **6. Parents and Supporters**

- a. Parental/family support is necessary and encouraged. But the welfare of all junior cricketers and the Club is paramount at all times.
- b. Unnecessary or excessive criticism of any player, official or umpire is discouraged.
- c. Violence or threatening behaviour of any type towards players, coaches, umpires or supporters of either side will not be tolerated.

## **7. Breach of Conduct and Player Codes/disciplinary Committee**

- a. Breaches of conduct either observed by, or reported to the President or a committee member of the Club, will be investigated ASAP, by at least three (3) committee members or club members. Any findings and decisions of action will be communicated to the Club Secretary for tabling with the Club committee.
- b. Those alleged to have violated the code/Club rules, will have the right to present an argument in their defence.
- c. The consequences of any breach of conduct as determined by the investigation team will be ratified by a majority of the Club Executive Committee.
- d. Consequences of breaches can include, but are not limited to: counselling, mediation, club imposed suspension or expulsion from the Club.