



PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

In addition to Cricket the General Code of Behaviour set out in this By-law, as a Parent or guardian of a player in any activity held by or under the auspices of the West Gippsland Cricket Association you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event:

- 1 Do not force an unwilling child to participate in Cricket.
- 2 Remember, children are involved in Cricket for their enjoyment, not yours.
- 3 Encourage your child to play by the rules at all times.
- 4 Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- 5 Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Positive comments are motivational.
- 6 Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- 7 Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- 8 Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise. If you disagree with an umpire or coach raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question their judgement and honesty in public.
- 9 Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- 10 Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 11 Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- 12 Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse.
- 13 Be a model of good sports behaviour for children to copy.
- 14 Be courteous in communication with administrators, coaches, players and umpires. Teach children to do likewise.
- 15 Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.
- 16 Do not undermine the efforts of coaches.
- 17 Encourage junior players to participate in the sport of cricket in a safe manner