

PLAYER CODE OF BEHAVIOUR	
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As an affiliate of the South Australian Cricket Association, the Lyndoch Cricket Club declares its compliance to the SACA Affiliate & Club Protection Policy. Within this document is the Player Code of Behaviour, which has been included as an excerpt below.

(a) SACA Players Code of Behaviour

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an umpire; if you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the game
- Control your temper – verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport; do not show you are unhappy when given out
- Be a good sport – applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team, an opponent or the other team
- Treat all participants in cricket as you like to be treated; do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition
- Place in proper perspective the isolated incidents of unsporting behaviour rather than make such incidents the 'highlight' of the event
- All talk must stop when the bowler reaches his bowling mark
- Bad language (swearing) is not permitted
- Once a batter is dismissed, members of the fielding team are not permitted to give the batter a 'send off'
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion

(b) Lyndoch Cricket Club Addendum

Lyndoch Cricket Club will have zero tolerance on actions and behaviour outside of this policy, as it affects our compliance with the SACA Affiliate & Club Protection Policy, and therefore our affiliation with the state body, the South Australian Cricket Association. Given this can have ramifications on the club's ability to legally provide Child Safe Environments, and be protected under Cricket Australia's National Club Risk Protection Program (NCRPP), we commit to taking action and the upmost sincerity to this Code. In addition, the Lyndoch Cricket Club is fully committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour & conduct, and expects all players, members & supporters to abide by the following secondary guidelines:

- Players should also be familiar with the 'Team Selection Policy' for either 'Open Grades' and/or 'Junior Grades' to better understand the process towards teams in matches
- At matches, always dress in appropriate cricket clothing & wherever possible in Lyndoch Cricket Club uniform
- Players are not permitted to smoke or consume alcohol on the field of training or play at any time & the use of illegal drugs of any kind on Club premises is completely unacceptable
- Racism in any form will not be tolerated
- Any abuse of facilities/equipment after being dismissed is completely unacceptable
- It is expected that all teams will do their utmost to win matches but at all times to play within the 'Spirit of Cricket'
- Act in accordance with the Club's values outlined in By-Law 2.4 and demonstrate these to the highest standard
- Players are expected to minimise mobile phone usage only to breaks in play, while also taking an active involvement in scoring, umpiring and any other duties required at matches
- Actively ensure they are applying SunSmart best practice recommendations

Team captains are responsible at all times for the behaviour of their players & ensuring that play is conducted within the 'Spirit of Cricket' as well as the laws of the game during matches.

The use of social media by players, members and supporters has the ability to not only reflect back to themselves, but also the Club. Posts and comments considered detrimental to the mere fabric of the Club and cricket in the local community will not be tolerated.

Similarly, the conduct of members away from the Club may also reflect on the Club. Everyone must be aware of their actions while in Club uniform and should also consider whether casual dress may be more suitable.

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

Whether or not bad or unacceptable behaviour is evident in international or interstate cricket or whether the language used is considered to be acceptable by today's society is of little concern to the Lyndoch Cricket Club. The Club is primarily concerned in having all players, members & supporters playing within the spirit & traditions of the game.

(c) Non-compliance

Any breach of this Code of Behaviour will be taken seriously to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Club members and the positive reputation of the Club is upheld.

- Any breach may be reported by players, parents/guardians, officials or other Club members, to be reviewed by the Management Committee or designated disciplinary panel
- Depending on the severity and nature of the breach, the Management Committee will determine any consequences to be handed down; these may include:
 - Verbal or written warning
 - Suspension from duties
 - Termination of role or membership (as per Constitution process)
- Any person found to be in breach of this Code of Behaviour and dealt a consequence from the Management Committee will have the right to appeal through a process to be determined by the Management Committee in accordance with clause 5 of the Constitution