

# LYNDOCH CRICKET CLUB

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE				
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The Grievance Procedure details a step-by-step process for all stakeholders in the area of 'Complaint Handling'. Please refer to this process found in Appendix H.

## (a) Purpose

This policy outlines how members, players, volunteers, and other can raise concerns or complaints in a fair, respectful, and timely manner.

### (b) Informal Resolution

Where possible, grievances should be addressed informally by discussing the issue with the person involved or a team leader/club official. Most concerns can be resolved quickly through open communication.

## (c) Formal Complaint

If informal resolution is not possible or unsuccessful, a formal complaint can be made in writing to the President. The complaint should include:

- Name of the complainant
- Details of the grievance
- Date and any relevant background information

## (d) Investigation

The Management Committee will review the complaint, gather relevant information, and speak to those involved. A response will be provided within fourteen (14) days.

## (e) Outcome and Action

The Management Committee will decide on appropriate action, which may include mediation, a formal apology, or disciplinary steps if necessary. The outcome will be communicated in writing.

# (f) Appeal

If the complainant is not satisfied with the outcome, they may appeal in writing within seven (7) days. The appeal will be reviewed by a different Committee member or an independent party where possible. The decision of the appeal will be final.

## (g) Confidentiality

All grievances will be handled sensitively and confidentially, in line with data protection principles.

## (h) Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or as needed by the Management Committee.

See the flowchart for the Club's grievance procedure on the following page.

#### Lyndoch Cricket Club – Grievance Procedure Flowchart

In a sporting club, issues of *difference* or *concern* can arise. All clubs have similar issues. It is how we *solve* these issues that will keep us *successful*. This form is about the need to *communicate* that those issues or concerns are resolved in *respectful* and appropriate ways. It is important that this process is *confidential* and that a time of reflection is taken before you follow these paths. *Criticism* of the club or officials will harm a successful outcome.

#### I HAVE AN ISSUE/CONCERN ABOUT ...

A Club Policy	A Coach	Another Competitor (opposing clubs)	A Committee Member or Volunteer	Another Parent/Guardian
Make an appointment with a member of Committee to discuss your policy concerns	Make a time to meet with the person concerned	Express your concern to a Committee member, respectfully. Under no circumstance should a parent approach an issue directly with another competitor	Express and discuss your concern to that person, in a respectful manner	Take time to reflect on the concern; do you have the relationship that could discuss the issue amicably? If so, do so respectfully
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Express your concerns, in writing to the Committee	Discuss your concern in a calm and fair manner	The Committee member will address the concern by raising the issue at a Committee meeting & contact the opposing club and/or Association	Listen to the person's response; decide together what to do and when to review the decision	If not, confidentially outline your concerns to a Committee member and what you want done
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If the problems cannot be resolved, seek guidance from the state body (SACA)	Listen to the coach's response; together, decide the action to be taken	The Committee will follow a due process; you will be notified of the action pending	If you cannot manage the issue, call in a "third" person or mediation	The Committee member or the Committee will decide on a process for the issue
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Decision made	Agree on a time to review the decision made	Where necessary, parents/guardians of the other competitor will be part of this process	Agree on a time to review the decision made	Management of the issue will be articulated on a "needs to know" basis to all parties
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Club will commit to reviewing the relevant policy or policies	If the issue is not resolved or managed better, make an appointment to see the President	Natural justice will be used in all management or resolution of issues in line with any Association procedures	If the issue is not resolved or managed better, make an appointment to see the President	Respectful behaviours will enhance the conditions for a mutually agreed resolution

All written communication shall be directed to the Club's official email address, <u>play@lyndochcricketclub.com.au</u> in the first instance. Our Executive Committee Members (President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar & Property Officer) have the right to 'disconnect' and therefore shall not be subject to messaging via SMS, Facebook Messenger or other direct messages via social media unless they have provided their mobile number solely for this purpose.