

PARENT/GUARDIAN 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 Parents Code of Behaviour, which has been included as an excerpt below.

(a) SACA Parent/Guardian Code of Behaviour

- Do not force an unwilling Child and Young Person to participate in cricket
- Remember, Children and Young People are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours
- Encourage your Children or Young Person to play by the rules
- Focus on the Child or Young Person's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing
- Never ridicule or yell at a Child or Young Person for making a mistake or losing a game
- Remember that Children and Young People learn best by example – appreciate good performances and skilful play by all participants
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Respect officials' decisions and teach Children and Young People to do likewise
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators; without them, your Child or Young Person could not participate
- 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 to the SACA Parents Code of Behaviour, the Lyndoch Cricket Club is fully committed to maintaining the highest standards of behaviour & conduct, and expects all parents/guardians to abide by the following secondary guidelines:

- Parents 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
- The use of illegal drugs of any kind on club premises is completely unacceptable
- Consumption of alcohol should also be avoided at junior trainings or matches (any person in an official capacity at matches or trainings must not consume or be under the influence of alcohol)
- Racism in any form will not be tolerated
- Any abuse of facilities/equipment after a child/ren has been dismissed is completely unacceptable
- It is expected that parents/guardians will champion the cause of all players and all teams doing their utmost to win matches but at all times to encourage 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
- Promote SunSmart best practice recommendations

The use of social media 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.

Parents/guardians should familiarise themselves with the 'Grievance Procedure' if they have any concerns to be raised.

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 and supporting 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