



DARLING DOWNS & SOUTH WEST QLD CRICKET INC.

PLAYERS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Play by the rules. Never argue or dispute with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official or officials during a break or after the competition.
- Control your emotions at all times. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted. This is deemed as unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or for your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your team, team mates, or your opponents.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player or team.
- Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition. Play for the enjoyment of the game not just to please parents and coaches.
- Avoid use of language that is discriminating, racist or sexist.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

PARENTS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Encourage young people where interest is shown to play sport. However, if a child is not willing, do not force him or her to participate.
- Focus upon the player's efforts and performances rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the player in setting realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage players to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that young people learn best from example. Applaud and encourage good plays and efforts by all players and teams.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for all children and deserve your support.
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