



AVONDALE HEIGHTS CRICKET CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

Avondale Heights Cricket Club (AHCC) is committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all participants—players, coaches, parents, officials, and supporters. This Code of Conduct outlines the standards of behaviour expected to uphold the values of sportsmanship, fairness, and community spirit in cricket.

The Code applies at all times when representing AHCC—during club matches, training sessions, official events, while wearing club apparel, and when speaking or acting publicly on behalf of the club.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Play by the rules—of the Avondale Heights Cricket Club and the Laws of Cricket.
 2. Respect the decisions of umpires and officials—without them, we can't play.
 3. Control your temper—verbal abuse, intimidation, or unsportsmanlike conduct are unacceptable.
 4. Be a team player—support and encourage your teammates at all times.
 5. Treat opponents with respect—play hard but fair.
 6. Cooperate fully with your captain, coach, umpires, and teammates.
 7. Play for enjoyment, improvement, and love of the game—not just to win.
 8. Do not engage in offensive behaviour—comments based on race, religion, gender, or ability are unacceptable and may be illegal.
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PARENTS, SUPPORTERS & OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Remember that cricket is for the enjoyment of all participants—especially children.
 2. Encourage participation without pressure—respect your child's interests and abilities.
 3. Value enjoyment, effort, and learning over results and winning.
 4. Never ridicule mistakes—acknowledge effort and good play by both teams.
 5. Show respect to all players, coaches, umpires, and spectators—no abuse (verbal or physical) will be tolerated.
 6. Appreciate and support volunteers—our club thrives on their generosity and commitment.
 7. Never publicly criticise umpires—direct concerns respectfully to the Team Manager or Junior Coordinator.
 8. Racist, sexist, or discriminatory remarks have no place at AHCC—such behaviour reflects poorly on the individual and the club. Refer to AHCC's Racial & Religious Tolerance Policy.
 9. AHCC expects high standards of behaviour from all players and families—on and off the field. Breaches may result in disciplinary action.
 10. Parents are welcome at training and matches, but are expected to allow players to focus on the coach's instructions.
 11. Do not contradict coaching direction—undermining the coach can confuse and distract players.
 12. Respect umpires at all times—including young or inexperienced ones—support their development as you would support a young player.
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NON-COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE

In the event of a breach of this Code of Conduct, AHCC will apply the following five-step process:

1. **Assume lack of awareness** – The individual may not be familiar with the Code of Conduct.
2. **Initial reminder** – A club representative will politely ask the individual to cease the behaviour and remind them of the Code.
3. **Verbal warning** – If the behaviour continues, a senior club official will issue a formal verbal warning and request the individual leave the facility if misconduct persists.
4. **Disciplinary action** – Serious or repeated breaches will be referred to a disciplinary panel appointed by the AHCC Executive, which may impose penalties, including suspension or expulsion from the club.
5. **Zero tolerance** – The Code applies equally to all— regardless of the individual's role, status, or history with the club.

AHCC is proud to uphold the spirit of cricket. We expect all members of our community to do the same.