

## CODE OF CONDUCT – PARENTS, OFFICIALS & SPECTATORS Golden Square Cricket Club

The Golden Square Cricket Club takes the behaviour of all its players, officials, parents and spectators very seriously, ensuring that we provide the best environment for all its members & guests. Our club is run by a team of volunteers whose priority is for the development of its players & coaches, allowing them to achieve their full potential.

In return we ask that you play your part in building the club's reputation by acting professionally and behaving respectfully towards all club officials, players, coaches and spectators – whether they are from our club or from the opposition club.

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game
- Encourage participation; but don't force it
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning
- Lead by example & respect all players, coaches, officials & spectators physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses you are there to support not downgrade
- Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time to help the participants without them your child could not participate
- Never publicly criticise umpires/officials raise personal concerns with a club committee person in private
- Do not utilise ugly remarks based on race, religion, culture, gender or ability we embrace & encourage everyone to play the game of cricket no matter who they are or what their background is

The Golden Square Cricket Club recognises that social media is an important part of the way members communicate. We actively encourage members to participate in social media and share their experiences in cricket. We recognise the importance of the internet and other social platforms to improve and increase the flow of information, shaping public thinking about our organisation, affiliated clubs and their officials, members, players, umpires and sponsors. Any comments, statements or photos posted that are deemed inappropriate or prejudicial to the best interests of the club will be deemed in breach of the code.

In the event that a breach of any of the above policies is brought to the attention of the club committee, the committee shall as soon as practicable after the incident/s, meet and discuss the breaches.

The Golden Square Cricket Club committee will use its discretion in determining the correct disciplinary action, which may be, but not limited to; written/verbal warning, suspending or expelling the person from the Club.

Outside the Code of Conduct listed above the Golden Square Cricket Club adopts the Cricket Victoria Member Protection Policy and all members will be covered by this.

## **ENQUIRIES REGARDING OUR CODE OF CONDUCT:**

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