



## KOORINGAL COLTS CRICKET CLUB - CODE OF CONDUCT

In accordance with the Club's Strategic Plan, the Koorungal Colts Cricket Club strives to:

- Be the most successful and respected club in the Wagga District Cricket Association.
- Provide a welcoming, friendly, and supportive environment for players, family, and supporters

This 'Code of Conduct' supports the Strategic Plan and recognises the importance of protecting the image and reputation of the Koorungal Colts Cricket Club. As such, this document sets the standards of conduct expected of all Club members and officials.

As a member or official of the Koorungal Colts Cricket Club your conduct while representing the club in any capacity must meet the standards set out below.

These standards are guidelines only and the Committee of the Koorungal Colts Cricket Club reserves the right to discipline a member or official for conduct they believe is outside the spirit of these guidelines - whether it is explicitly covered in the Code of Conduct or not.

### ON FIELD

Senior players of the Koorungal Colts Cricket Club are expected to play within the rules and the 'spirit' of the game. While cricket is a highly competitive game, the behaviors demonstrated by players should not deviate from what society would deem acceptable. The strength of the sport is also reliant upon the acceptance of the Umpire's decision and senior players are expected to abide by this.

#### **At all times you are expected to show respect for your Captain, Team, and Club.**

- Be punctual. Arrive at the game promptly at the time designated by your Team Captain, preferably wearing Koorungal Colts apparel on arrival. If you are going to be late, please advise the Team Captain before match day.
- At all times, show respect for your Captain, Team, and Club. Team captaincy is selected with a clear expectation that they will be shown proper respect on and off the field. If there are any concerns regarding your captain that you cannot resolve one on one, the avenue of appeal open to you is to the Committee through the Senior Coach.
- Always respect the umpires and their decisions. Aggressive or overly sarcastic behavior towards the game's officials is not acceptable. Acknowledge the umpires at the conclusion of the game and thank them for the contribution.
- Respect the opposition, treating all participants in the game as you would like to be treated. Acknowledge the opposition at the end of the game and congratulate their players on a good performance. If there were no opposition, you would not get a game.
- Control your temper. The use of offensive language is not acceptable. This includes any act that is likely to threaten, disparage, vilify, offend insult, humiliate, or intimate another person or group based on race, religion, descent, colour, national or ethnic origin or sexual orientation.

- An argument between you and your teammates during a match brings you, your team, and the Club into disrepute. It is unacceptable.
- Play the game hard but fair in accordance with the Koorungal Colts Cricket Club Code of Conduct.
- Positively contribute to an enjoyable and organized days cricket by volunteering for match day duties including but not limited to, putting out boundary markers, preparation of drinks or square leg umpiring.
- Leave the facilities as you found them by assisting in packing up all playing equipment and any tables and chairs etc. together with removing all rubbish.
- Encourage your team and club mates and celebrate their success.

**The Club expects all players, as representatives of the club, to wear the correct attire on field during games as follows:**

- A Colts collared shirt, and blue cricket pants
- A Colts cap or floppy hat
- Cricket spikes or runners as required

### **Responsibility of Captains**

- Captains are always responsible for ensuring that play is conducted within the Laws and the Spirit of the Game.
- Captains are responsible to ensure that the Code of Conduct is adhered to by players.
- In the event of any Player failing to comply with the instructions of an Umpire, criticising his decisions by word or action, or showing dissent, or behaving in a manner, which might bring the game into disrepute, the Umpire concerned will report the matter to the Player's Captain requesting the latter to take action. As an on-field leader, you are responsible to ensure that these situations do not get out of hand, and that your player is 'calmed down.'
- According to the Laws the Umpires are the sole judges of Fair and Unfair Play. The Umpires may intervene at any time, and it is the responsibility of the captain to act where required.

**It is your responsibility to declare availability for selection.**

- Provide advanced notice to your captain or the Club Coach of your unavailability for selection. In general selection meetings will occur after training on Tuesday and therefore notice of unavailability would be preferable before this time.
- Teams will be announced on the Thursday before match day at the conclusion of training.
- Once selected, you are expected to play unless there is a compelling reason why you should be excused. Late notice of withdrawal from a team is not welcomed.
- Selection decisions are made by the Selection Committee, which will include the captains and the Club Coach.
- You are expected to play in the team, and at the location specified on selection night.
- Players who are unfinancial from the previous season are unavailable for selection in the current season.

## **TRAINING & SELECTION**

**Treat training as an opportunity to improve your game and that of your club mates.**

- A Koorungal Colts training shirt, singlet or playing shirt is to be worn to training. In the absence of this, a white cricket shirt.
- Be aware of the safety requirements at training. Do not turn your back to the nets and batters endeavour to hit the ball along the ground. Bowlers should not bowl until the net is clear.
- Advise the net captain of your arrival and await instructions on when you are required to bat in the nets.
- Use common courtesy when practicing. When batting, pick up the ball and return to the bowler on the full. Avoid slogging if possible or hitting balls at dangerous heights out of the nets.
- Bring a positive attitude and enjoy training. Use your initiative to utilise the expertise and facilities available to improve your game. Complete the various components of training to the best of your ability.
- Training is finished once the Club Coach or person in charge calls an end to proceedings. If you have to leave early, please inform the Club Coach beforehand.
- Respect the club and facilities by assisting in packing training equipment into the shed after training and also clearing the area of rubbish.

## **OFF FIELD**

**Whilst attending or involved in any cricket or club related activity, you are a representative of the Club.**

- Your personal behavior must reflect the circumstances, and you must adjust accordingly.
- When attending a junior teams match or event, show proper respect to the players and their parent's supporters. Junior players look to seniors for mentoring and as a role model. Encourage and support our next generation of cricketers.
- Excessive bad language is not acceptable.
- Abuse of Alcohol and use of prohibited drugs is not acceptable.
- Be aware that when wearing Club attire, such as the Colts polo shirt, you are representing Koorungal Colts Cricket Club; therefore, be mindful of your behavior in all social settings.
- The above items include attendance at all Koorungal Colts Cricket Club games/functions and including any events that take place in the presence of Club Sponsors.

**The Club relies on all players being fully financial.**

- Registration is expected to be paid prior to the first game unless other arrangements have been made with the Club Treasurer. Match Fees are expected to be paid on game day.