

Shellharbour City Cricket Club

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Parent Code of Conduct – Shellharbour City Junior Cricket Club

Our club is committed to providing a safe, positive, and inclusive environment for every child. This Code of Conduct is based on Australian Cricket's national Safeguarding Children and Young People policies and Cricket NSW guidelines. Parents and carers play a vital role in supporting this. By being part of our cricket community, you agree to the following:

Respect and Support

- Encourage your child and all players to try their best, have fun, and enjoy the game.
- Applaud good play by everyone – not just your own child or team.
- Show respect to coaches, umpires, officials, volunteers, and other families.

Positive Behaviour

- Be a role model. Use respectful language – no swearing, yelling at players, umpires, or coaches.
- Never ridicule or criticise a child for making a mistake. Mistakes are part of learning.
- Promote good sportsmanship – play fair, shake hands, and support the "Spirit of Cricket."

Safety and Wellbeing

- Put the welfare of children first – winning is not more important than participation and enjoyment.
- Support coaches and officials in creating an inclusive environment where every child feels safe and welcome.
- Ensure your child is collected safely and on time from training and games.
- Let the coach or team manager know in advance, and provide your consent, if someone other than you will be collecting your child.

Communication and Boundaries

- Only communicate with other children through their parents/carers or official club channels.
- Do not take photos or videos of children other than your own without prior permission from the club and the child's parent/carer.
- The club will seek your written consent before any match involving your child is livestreamed or recorded, and you may withdraw that consent at any time.
- Do not enter change rooms unless authorised by club officials or in an emergency.

Zero Tolerance

- There is zero tolerance for bullying, discrimination, harassment, vilification, or any behaviour that puts children at risk.

- Do not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs at junior cricket activities, and do not smoke or vape around children.

Reporting a Concern

- Report any concerns about child safety to a coach, official, or the club's Child Safety Officer immediately.
- If you believe a child is at risk of immediate harm, call 000.
- You can also contact NSW Police on 131 444, the NSW Child Protection Helpline on 132 111, or Cricket NSW's Integrity Unit at integrity@cricketnsw.com.au.

Our club's Child Safety Officer is Richard Testa who can be contacted at 0438 574 763.

What Happens if the Code is Broken

Breaches of this Code will be managed under the club's complaints process and Australian Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People, and may result in disciplinary action. Anything that may involve a breach of the law will be reported to the police.

By attending training, games, and official club events, you agree to follow this Code of Conduct. This helps ensure cricket remains a safe, fun, and fair experience for every child.

This Code is based on Australian Cricket's Looking After Our Kids Code of Behaviour, Australian Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People, and the Cricket NSW Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.