

Shellharbour City Cricket Club

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Senior Player Code of Conduct- Keeping our Junior Players Safe

Our club is committed to providing a safe, positive, and inclusive environment for every child. Senior players have a special responsibility when playing alongside juniors. This Code of Conduct is based on Australian Cricket's national Safeguarding Children and Young People policies and Cricket NSW guidelines. By being part of our cricket community, you agree to the following:

Respect and Support

- Respect all players, especially younger teammates, and encourage them to develop their skills and enjoy the game.
- Applaud good play from both teams.
- Show respect to coaches, umpires, officials, volunteers, and families.

Positive Behaviour

- Be a role model – use respectful, positive language at all times.
- Never ridicule or criticise younger players. Mistakes are part of learning.
- Do not use discriminatory, racist, sexist, homophobic, or offensive language.
- Promote good sportsmanship – play fair, shake hands, and uphold the "Spirit of Cricket."
- Do not give gifts to individual junior players or show favouritism, other than official club awards.

Safety and Wellbeing

- Place the welfare of junior players above performance or results.
- Support coaches and captains in creating a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable team environment.
- Look out for younger players and help ensure they feel safe and welcome on and off the field.
- Do not pressure juniors to play or train when they are injured, unwell, or fatigued.
- Do not transport junior players without the prior written consent of their parent or carer and the club's approval, and avoid being alone in a car with a junior player.

Communication and Boundaries

- Communicate appropriately with junior players – no one-on-one private messaging, and always use club-approved channels.
- Never ask a junior player to keep a conversation, message or activity secret from their parents or carers.
- Do not connect with juniors on social media or online platforms.
- Do not take photos or videos of junior players without prior permission from the club and the child's parent/carers.
- Never take photos, videos or recordings in change rooms under any circumstances.
- A minimum of two adults should be present when juniors are using change rooms. Never be one on one with a junior in the change room, and respect players' privacy at all times.

Zero Tolerance

- There is zero tolerance for bullying, discrimination, harassment, vilification, or behaviour that puts juniors at risk.
- Do not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while playing with or supervising juniors, and do not smoke or vape around junior players.
- Never engage in sexualised, adult, or inappropriate conversations around juniors.

Reporting a Concern

- Report any concerns about child safety immediately to the captain, coach, or club officials, including the club's Child Safety Officer.
- If you believe a child is at risk of immediate harm, call 000.
- Concerns can also be reported directly to Cricket NSW's Integrity Unit at integrity@cricketnsw.com.au or the Cricket Australia Integrity Hotline on 1300 3247 4263, particularly if your concern involves a club official.

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 player – especially our juniors.

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.