# Bentleigh Uniting Cricket Club Code of Conduct

To be a player, official, or supporter of the Bentleigh Uniting Cricket Club, the following guidelines are expected to be followed. Any member failing to adhere to these guidelines contributes to weakening the structure and very foundation of our club.

## General Guidelines

1. Attend after-match gatherings, whether home or away.
2. Pay for subscriptions and clubware on time and whenever due.
3. Be a part of selection night, post-match, and social functions.
4. Offer your assistance to club functions whenever possible.
5. Encourage other club members to show respect to all around the club and in the community as a whole.
6. If you have a problem, or are aware of a problem concerning our club, bring it to the attention of an official as soon as possible.
7. Enjoy your time at the club and assist all others involved with our club to find enjoyment as well.
8. Be confident, be humble, respect your opponents, your community, your facilities, and your club, and we will be respected in return.
9. Actions or behaviour by players, supporters, or officials that may lead to a reportable offence or are against the best interests of the Bentleigh Uniting Cricket Club will be acted upon immediately.
10. Bad language and swearing either on the field or off the field when representing the club will not be tolerated.
11. Umpires are to be given total respect at all times – on-field and off-field.
12. Club and opposition officials, trainers, volunteers, supporters, and facilities are to be respected at all times.
13. Competition officials, umpires, opposition players, officials, and supporters are to be made welcome at our club and be provided with a safe environment at all times.
14. Members must not partake in the use or distribution of illicit or banned drugs whilst representing the club or when attending club functions or events.
15. Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol consumption at the club.
16. Operate and play within the competition’s rules and spirit of the game of cricket.
17. Refrain from sexual or racial abuse and harassment, violent behaviour, and promote a safe and inclusive environment whenever representing the club.
18. Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability, or cultural background.
19. Respect and accept the decisions of umpires, competition and club officials, coaches, and administrators.

## Players Code of Conduct

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach, or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players, or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team’s performance will benefit, and so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Cooperate with your coach, teammates, and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
8. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and coaches.
9. Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

## Parents Code of Conduct

1. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on your child’s efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.
4. Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skillful plays by all participants.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect officials’ decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials, and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
10. Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

## Supporters Code of Conduct

1. Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
2. Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance, regardless of the game’s outcome.
3. Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
4. Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials, or players.
6. Show respect for your team’s opponents. Without them, there would be no game.
7. Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials’ decisions.
8. Do not use foul language, sledge, or harass players, coaches, or officials.
9. Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

## Coaches Code of Conduct

1. Remember that young people participate for pleasure, and winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on players’ time, energy, and enthusiasm.
4. Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
5. Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
6. Avoid overplaying the talented players; the ‘just average’ need and deserve equal time.
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
8. Display control, respect, and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents, and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
9. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
10. Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
11. Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player’s skill development.
12. Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

## Breaches

Breaches of this code, depending on circumstances and severity, may be warranted as conduct unbecoming and/or bringing the club into disrepute. Any breach, therefore, may be heard as a disciplinary hearing before the Club Executive.

## Other

This policy is written as a guide to conduct at Bentleigh Uniting Cricket Club. If coaches, players, or any person disagree with any aspect of this policy, then this matter should be raised, in writing, with the Executive of BUCC so that the matter can be heard and determined in a fair and reasonable manner.