



Hornsby District Cricket Club Code of Behaviour

Player's Code

- Play to win, but know and play by the rules and spirit of the game
- Respect your Captain, team-mates, and the opposition.
- Never argue with umpires. Leave it to your Captain to question difficult decisions.
- Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting, or provoking an opponent is not acceptable
- Show proper respect to the person who is umpiring and the decisions given as they would a qualified umpire behaviour.
- Umpires make mistakes. If there is a lack of consistency the captain can ask for the Umpire to be replaced with proper respect.
- Treat everyone, both your team members and the opposition with respect and dignity.
- Not turning up after being selected is not acceptable, let your Captain know well before the game. It is your responsibility not the captain's.
- Decisions made by the captain will always take into consideration what is best for the Team rather than an individual. If any player has an issue with decisions, our Senior Coordinator should be approached to discuss the issue.

Captain's Code

- Captains are Leaders. You are representing HDCC in all your interactions.
- Know and comply with the relevant rules and Laws of Cricket.
- Ensure that all team members get a "fair go" relative to their capabilities.
- Intervene and act on unsporting behaviour, from both sides, and promote respect for all opponents.
- Set an example by demonstrating positive and supportive comments and behaviour.

Umpire's Code

- Anyone participating as an umpire, is, according to the Laws of Cricket, deemed to be an umpire. Accordingly, there are responsibilities imposed on them by the Laws: the person must act as a qualified umpire – conducting themselves in a dignified way, give decisions in an unbiased and impartial manner and not become involved in lengthy conversations with the players on the field.



Parent's Code

- You are encouraged to actively participate in scoring, umpiring, and supporting your child and the team.
- Remember, children are involved in cricket for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at any child for making a mistake: it is only a game.
- Derogatory comments about your own team or other players are unacceptable
- Respect official's decisions and encourage children to do the same. Never argue with umpires.
- Differences (gender, ability/disability, cultural) are irrelevant. Treat everyone with respect and dignity.

Consequences

- People who choose to play for our Club do so knowing our expectations on behaviour. Should there be breaches of the Club's Code of Behaviour the HDCC Committee will address any incidents referred as necessary.