

# WYNDHAM VALE CRICKET CLUB

## The WVCC Code of Conduct

The image and reputation of the Wyndham Vale Cricket Club is vital to its ongoing success and reflects the clubs standing in the community. The WVCC Code of Conduct sets a standard of conduct required by WVCC Members and Officials. Club Members and Officials are always expected to abide by The WVCC Code of Conduct whilst representing The Wyndham Vale Cricket Club. As a Member or Official of the Wyndham Vale Cricket Club, your conduct while representing the club in any capacity must meet the standards set below. This document details Player and Official standards that apply to all playing and officiating members – Junior and Senior.

These standards are guidelines only and a disciplinary of Wyndham Vale Cricket Club reserves the right to charge a Member or Official for conduct they believe is outside the spirit of these guidelines – whether it is explicitly covered in The WVCC Code of Conduct or not. The WVCC Code of Conduct seeks to promote and strengthen the good reputation of cricket, the Wyndham Vale Cricket Club, and its players and officials by establishing standards of performance and behaviour for WVCC Players and Officials. In addition, it seeks to deter conduct which could have adverse effect on the standing and reputation of the club and all participants.

The Wyndham Vale Cricket Club is committed to working tirelessly to portray and encourage a family friendly environment at the club. It is expected that players will conduct themselves appropriately around spectators and children. The players must show due regard for the property and facilities of the club and staff of those bodies and the property, facilities, and staff of other providers (including opposing clubs) which a player may use during any authorised activities in which the player may be engaged. Where a player breaches this provision, they may be liable to pay the relevant person or body an amount equivalent to the cost of repairing or replacing the damaged property or facility.

### Player / Official – Rules and Guidelines

If found guilty of engaging in behaviour that falls out of line with the guidelines set below, you may be trialled and charged by The Disciplinary Sub-Committee. Such behaviours include:

- Abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings
- Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate or threaten. Use language that is obscene, offensive or insulting and/or the making of obscene gestures of a seriously insulting nature to another player, official or spectator
- Use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate, threaten, disparage or vilify another person based on race, religion, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin.
- Point or gesture towards the pavilion, or behave aggressively or derisively towards either batsman, upon the dismissal of a batsman.
- Threaten to assault another player, umpire, team official or spectator. Engage in inappropriate physical contact with other players, umpires or officials in play.

- Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play.
- Show excessive dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.
- Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.
- Engage in excessive appealing that results in discipline from an umpire.
- Intimidate an umpire whether by language or conduct. Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing.

### DISCIPLINARY SUB COMMITTEE OUTCOMES AND PENALTIES

The Disciplinary sub-committee will consider each case independently on merit and after an initial preliminary review, they will conduct a hearing to allow the player to present their position and provide witness input or supplementary evidence if applicable. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee can choose to dismiss a case before the hearing if they believe no breach of the WVCC Code of Conduct has occurred or that there is no evidence to substantiate the claim.

The Disciplinary Sub-Committee can determine that there has been a potential breach and that a more detailed hearing is warranted. The result of the hearing may also result in two findings:

**NOT GUILTY:** The Disciplinary Sub-Committee may, after hearing the case, decide that the player was unjustly accused and acquit the player.

**GUILTY:** If The Disciplinary Sub-Committee arrive at the conclusion that a breach has occurred, they will have the right to apply any of the following, depending on the severity of the breach, the record of the player or official and impact of the breach:

1. Reprimand
2. Team demotion for one or many matches.
3. Fine up to the maximum of \$100 per incident for non-paid members or the value of earnings for a paid player.
4. Suspension from playing in matches.
5. Suspension from club facilities for a specific period.
6. In exceptional cases; removal of playing rights and life ban from the club.

Where a player forfeits monetary amounts for breach of The WVCC Code of Conduct, the amount of the monetary forfeiture shall be retained by The WVCC for operational expenditure.

The WVCC Code of Conduct acts as a contract to all Club Members and Officials. Signing this contract signifies that you agree to the terms set out by The WVCC Code of Conduct. You are agreeing to abide by The WVCC Code of Conduct. You are agreeing to call upon other Club Members to abide by The WVCC Code if their actions fall out of line with the guidelines set out above. You agree to facing the consequences if your behaviour falls out of line with the guideline set out by The WVCC Code of Conduct.

PLAYER/OFFICIAL NAME

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President

SIGNED



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