**JUNIOR HANDBOOK**

**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this handbook is to provide all parents with an understanding of the club, its operations and general culture. When mentioning players, the handbook is referring to players of an appropriate age level given the respective content of various sections.

Parents should make sure that their children are aware of the general contents of this handbook, and the conduct on and off the field required of all Wyndham Vale Cricket Club members, players, and parents.

All parents and players (of an appropriate age) are encouraged to read the enclosed information.

Congratulations on being part of the Wyndham Vale Cricket Club and representing its Junior section.

**JUNIORS PROGRAM – ETHOS, OBJECTIVES, VALUES AND VISION**

**ETHOS**

At Wyndham Vale Cricket Club, we strive to provide a fun and friendly environment for all junior players to develop their cricketing abilities, leadership skills and the experience that comes with playing in a team environment.

**OBJECTIVES**

The club has sought overtime to build a Juniors Program which:

* Is built on the foundation of providing a fun and friendly environment in which to learn the skills of cricket as well as the social aspects of playing in a team sport
* It is not all about winning games or premierships but is more about building the abilities of each individual as a player and person having this feed through to success on the field. Winning is not the most important aspect.
* Allow for a club which is more representative of the wider community in which we operate and promote a real focus on our Junior Program and welcoming nature of the club to families
* Provides an opportunity through our committee structure for ongoing direct parental involvement in the future of the program

**VALUES**

* We seek to always support and encourage our teammates
* We seek to play the game first and foremost for its own enjoyment
* We will always treat our opponents and opposition parents with courtesy and respect
* We seek to be a good local citizen within the Wyndham Vale community
* We seek to constantly improve in all areas of the Juniors Program; and
* We value open and honest communication

**VISION**

We will:

* Be recognised as the preferred cricket club in our area

Excel in the way we go about:

* Playing cricket on and off the field

We strive for the following:

* To be perceived by our competitors as a worthy opponent whenever we play.
* To develop a strong Juniors section of the club to ensure ongoing club development and success; and
* To provide first class social facilities for all players, families, visiting clubs and the community in general.

**WYNDHAM VALE CRICKET CLUB 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.

**CLUB CULTURE AND CRICKET ETIQUETTE**

The club’s culture is integral to its success; we strive for all members of the club to feel like they are fortunate to be part of the club in all its forms. In this respect, the involvement of all parents in the off-field operation of the club in its many guises is crucial to its ongoing success; this will be held in the highest regard by the club and its members.

At all times parents and players should strive to uphold the club’s culture which encompasses the following:

1. Always do your absolute best and never criticise your team mates on or off the field
2. Always present the best image of the Wyndham Vale Cricket
3. Always feel that you are an integral part of the club
4. Be willing to always learn from others
5. Give full support to your teammates and captain, both on and off the field
6. Provide continuous support to your club in off field activities
7. Take responsibility in making your team and the club the most enjoyable you have played in or with
8. Players and friends are to treat the club rooms and fellow visitors with courteous, respectful manner
9. Parents are to monitor the safety of visitors, and particularly children and take appropriate action to avoid matters of concern
10. Parents are asked and expected to assist in the running/maintenance of the club in an ongoing basis
11. Parents are to assist with bringing in chairs, scoreboards, tables, and particularly equipment on practice and game days.

**CRICKET ETIQUETTE**

The Wyndham Vale Cricket Club supports the traditions of the game as follows:

* The club culture of private and dignified mediation, in the even of a dispute or concern with fellow club members or opposition will be rigorously encouraged
* No player may racially vilify another on or off the field of play at any time
* No player is to challenge the umpire when on the field
* On dismissal, all batsmen are to depart immediately and walk quickly and directly from the field
* In times of disappointments, players and parents are expected to control their language and behaviour

Failure to adhere to these etiquette requirements will be dealt with in a direct and serious manner by the junior President.

**REGISTRATION FEES**

Registration Fees are used to cover club expenses such as:

* WRJCA team affiliation fees
* Wyndham City Council ground hire, utility costs and maintenance fees
* Training and match equipment
* Public liability and player insurance premiums
* Club T-Shirt
* Club administration costs and incorporation fees
* Trophies
* Presentation Day
* Umpire

The fee structure is set out like this for the 2022/23 season. However, if you do have a financial difficulty in making this payment, contact our Club President Tony Torcasio (0444 597 374) and he can make a special arrangement.

**2022/23 FEES**

**1 x Child $320**

**2x Children $580**

**Family $650 (Senior and 1 Junior)**

**Fees must be finalised by 30th November 2022**

**Payments can be made by cash/card in the clubrooms (See Melissa Urzia at Canteen) or a direct deposit into the club account**

**BANK DETAILS**

**Wyndham Vale Cricket Club**

**BSB: 063 994**

**ACC: 10066368**

**\*Please use your child’s last name as a reference\***

**Payment in full is to be paid by 30th November, unless a payment plan has been agreed upon**

**TRAINING**

Training days and times are as follows

Unless notified by your coach, training days and times will be the following:

* Under 17’s: Tuesdays and Thursdays 5;30 – 7pm
* Under 15’s: As agreed with by coach
* Under 13’s: As agreed with by coach
* Under 11’s: As agreed with by coach
* Cubs:

Assistance from parents at training is vital. This can come in many forms and is not predicated on parents’ knowledge of the game of cricket. There is a great deal of assistance that can be provided in the organisation and logistical assistance on training nights. It is also REQUIRED that all Under 11’s and Cubs have an adult, parent/guardian at all training sessions and games, unless a previous agreement with the child’s coach has been reached

**ATTENDANCE**

All players are expected to attend training. Should you be unable to attend training for any reason, it is important you notify your coach prior to the commencement of training. All coaches understand that there are a range of reasons for unavailability to train, but it is expected that you inform your respective coach of this.

**MATCHES AND MATCH DAY**

**ETIQUETTE**

If you are unable to play, please advise your coach at the earliest available opportunity. Unless unforeseen circumstances occur, this should happen at training. Equally, if you are going to be late for a game, let your coach know. Make sure you always have a contact number for your coach.

**REPORTING PLAYERS AND/OR OFFICIALS**

Please Refer to Wyndham Vale Cricket Club’s Code of Conduct

**HEAT**

On days when elevated temperatures are forecast, the temperature shall be monitored on the half hour from 8am (Saturdays) and 4 pm (Fridays) by reference to Weatherzone

Play shall neither commence, continue nor resume until the temperature is less than 36 Degrees.

**WET WEATHER POLICY**

In all instances of wet weather, players and parents must report to the ground as If play will occur, unless notified directly by your coach. A match can only be abandoned once an agreement has been reached between the two coaches, for several reasons this can often not occur without inspecting the ground

**BE SUN SMART**

Most people will be aware of the current dangers of exposure to the elements- particularly the sun. It is compulsory that all players wear the club approved Cricket Victoria sun smart playing top: and are to wear this at all games and training. The coaches of each team will also have sunscreen for players to use for protection.

**SMOKING**

Smoking in accordance with the Tobacco Act 1987 smoking is prohibited within 10 metres of sporting venues during organised underage sporting events. This includes matches, training, or practice sessions to prepare for our competition.

**ALCOHOL**

Alcohol Consumption is not permitted at any WRJCA Junior Games, Woolworth’s Blast, T20 Blast or Junior Practice sessions unless within a licensed premise. Our club faces fines or suspension, and members may be prosecuted under the common law for breeches of this policy legislated by WRJCA, Cricket Australia and Vic Health. Victoria Police Liquor Licensing Department have advised the WRJCA that clubs and members are to ring 000 to report incidents where alcohol consumption at junior games has not stopped after an official club warning. It is the club’s responsibility to ensure its members are aware of the requirement.

**WRJCA FIXTURE**

The club will be notified of fixturing closer to the commencement of the season. However, these fixtures will be subject to change over the first 3 rounds of competition as regrading assessments take place. The best method of keeping up to date with fixtures etc, is to check mycricket.com.au click on “fixtures” links on the left-hand side of the homepage.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDRAISING**

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

The Senior and Junior sections of the club hold several social events throughout the season. The club considers the social activities a fantastic opportunity to meet some of the other members, their partners, children, and friends within a social setting. These activities are also integral form of fundraising for the club.

Social activities will be advertised on the clubs Facebook page, Juniors monthly newsletter and posters around the clubrooms. If you wish to assist or have suggestions for these activities, please contact the Junior President or members of the junior committee.

**SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDRAISING**

The club raises funds on annual basis for several priorities determined by the senior and junior committee. This fundraising helps to assist in the approved operation of the club. The support of all club members is vital in this pursuit. If you know of any sponsorship and/or fundraising opportunities, please contact Our Sponsorship Person (melissa urzia)

**RESPECT YOUR ENVIROMENT**

As the premises are shared by many people, please be considerate of others by acknowledge the following:

* Indoor areas of the club are strictly NON-SMOKING. This includes the toilets and the change rooms. Under no circumstances is anyone to smoke in the rooms
* Do not litter. There are plenty of bins placed inside the rooms and around the ground. Clean up your mess.

**HOW CAN I HELP**

The club relies heavily on volunteers to ensure its operation.

If you would like to assist in any area, please do not hesitate to offer your help. There are several areas where the committee are often seeking assistance.

These range from:

* Assisting in coaching, team managing and assisting at training sessions
* Assisting in organising social functions
* Assisting teams on match days (scoring, umpiring, and providing refreshments) All teams will have rosters for each family for these requirements
* Join our junior committee
* All volunteers must have a working with children’s card, only needs to be a volunteer card

**USEFUL WEBSITES**

**Wyndham Vale cricket club:** [**www.wyndhamvalecc.com**](http://www.wyndhamvalecc.com)

**Facebook:** [**https://www.facebook.com/Wyndham-Vale-Cricket-Club-297442814475018**](https://www.facebook.com/Wyndham-Vale-Cricket-Club-297442814475018)

**Western Region Junior Cricket Association website:** [**www.westmetro.vic.cricket.com.au**](http://www.westmetro.vic.cricket.com.au)

**Facebook Group:** [**https://www.facebook.com/groups/7733587869**](https://www.facebook.com/groups/7733587869)

**My Cricket website:** [**www.mycricket.com.au**](http://www.mycricket.com.au)

**My cricket collects all player statistics and allows you to view results all the teams throughout the club**

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