



MT ELIZA CRICKET CLUB INC.

Mt Eliza Cricket Club – Member Code of Conduct

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The image and reputation of the Mt Eliza Cricket Club are vital to its ongoing success and reflect the Club's standing in the community. Our "Member Code of Conduct" sets the standard of conduct required of our club's members and officials as representatives of the Mt Eliza Cricket Club. Club members and officials are expected to abide by our Member Code of Conduct. As members—whether players, social members, or officials—your conduct while representing the club in any capacity must meet the standards set out by our club.

The Mt Eliza Cricket Club expects high standards of behaviour from all people involved in the club and sport, and it is vital that the integrity of the game and club is maintained. At the Mt Eliza Cricket Club, at every level, the principles of fairness, respect, responsibility, and safety should be upheld at all times. The following standards serve as guidelines, and a Disciplinary Committee of Mt Eliza Cricket Club reserves the right to charge a member or official for conduct they believe falls outside the spirit of these guidelines, whether it is explicitly covered in the Member Code of Conduct or not.

Mt Eliza Cricket Club – Guest Code of Conduct

Visitors and spectators of the Mt Eliza Cricket Club are to abide by the General Standards held by our club and must be signed in by a Club Member. The Mt Eliza Cricket Club reserves the right to refuse entry to our club rooms to any visitor not behaving in an acceptable manner. Any spectators showing unsocial behaviour may be requested to leave the club rooms or surrounding reserve areas.

Code of Conduct - General Standards

These are the minimum standards required of all members and guests of the Mt Eliza Cricket Club.

1. Unsportsmanlike behaviour is not acceptable.
2. The use of verbal or physical abuse is not acceptable. Appropriate language should be used.
3. Members will refrain from any form of harassment, including:
 - a. Harassment of any person with a disability
 - b. Sexual harassment
 - c. Racial harassment or vilification
4. Any member that causes the club to be fined as a result of their behaviour may be required to compensate the club for the amount of the fine.



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5. No member, while representing the club as a player or acting in the official capacity of scorer or umpire, shall drink alcohol prior to or during the course of a match.
6. Members are expected to take pride in our clubrooms and respect the furniture and fittings. Prior to leaving the clubrooms, members must ensure the area they (or their guests) have used is clean and tidy.
7. Members are responsible for the behaviour of any visitors they introduce to the club.
8. Coaches and officials of junior teams are expected to support and promote these guidelines to junior cricketers and their supporters. All senior members should be positive role models for our junior members.
9. Members and guests are expected to conduct themselves in an acceptable manner and display responsible behaviour.
10. Members are expected to make umpires, opposition players, and officials feel welcome when they are guests of our club.
11. Members are expected to respect umpires, opposition players, and officials.
12. When umpiring in senior or junior matches, members should adjudicate in a fair and unbiased manner.
13. Members are expected to respect our club officials and other members.
14. Members are expected to play a part in the operation of the club.
15. When in charge of a motor vehicle, members are expected to drive in a sensible and safe manner, especially in the presence of pedestrian traffic.
16. Senior playing members are expected to assist in developing junior players and be prepared to attend junior training sessions and matches when called upon.
17. Club members are expected to welcome new members and include them in their activities.
18. All members are responsible and liable for anything they say and represent on any social media sites. Negative or threatening comments will not be tolerated.
19. Abuse of alcohol is not acceptable and contravenes the Club's commitment to the ADF Good Sports Programme.



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Player-Specific Rules and Guidelines

Rule

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 on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin.

Point or gesture towards the pavilion or behave aggressively or derisively towards either batter upon their dismissal.

Threaten to assault another player, umpire, team official, or spectator.

Deliberately and maliciously distract or obstruct another player or official on the field of play.

Guideline

Includes actions outside the course of normal cricket play, such as deliberately hitting or kicking the wickets and actions that intentionally or negligently result in damage to advertising boards, boundary markers, or any part of or contents of any building or structure at the ground.

This includes swearing and offensive gestures that are not directed at another person, such as swearing in frustration at one's own poor play or fortune. The extent to which such behaviour is likely to give offense shall be taken into account when assessing the seriousness of the breach.

This includes mimicking another player with the intention to insult, belittle, denigrate, intimidate, threaten, disparage, or vilify them based on that person's race, religion, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin.

Includes charging or running towards any batter and getting in their face.

Engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with other players, umpires, or officials in the course of play.

Players will breach this rule if they deliberately attempt to distract a striker by words or gestures while a bowler is running in or deliberately shepherd a batter while running or attempting to run between wickets.



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Umpire-Specific Rules and Guidelines

Rule	Guideline
Show excessive dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.	Includes excessive, obvious disappointment with any umpires' decision and obvious delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket. This rule does not prohibit a bowler or team captain involved in the decision from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision. Further, it does not prohibit the captain from commenting on the umpires' performance in the captains' report.
Show serious dissent at an umpire's decision by action or verbal abuse.	Dissent should be classified as serious where the dissent is expressed by a specific action, such as the shaking of the head, snatching a cap from the umpire, pointing at a pad or bat, other displays of anger, or abusive language directed at the umpire or excessive delay in resuming play or leaving the wicket. This rule does not prohibit a bowler or team captain involved in the decision from asking an umpire to provide an explanation for a decision. Further, it does not prohibit the captain from commenting on the umpires' performance in the captains' report.
Engage in excessive appealing.	Excessive shall mean repeated appealing when the bowler/fielder knows the batter is not out, with the intention of placing the umpire under pressure. This rule is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing. However, the practice of celebrating or assuming a dismissal before an umpire's decision may also come within this rule.
Intimidate an umpire, whether by language or conduct.	Charge or advance towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing. This rule is not intended to prevent loud or enthusiastic appealing. However, a player should not aggressively approach an umpire on appeal.

General Rules for Players

Players must obey the laws of cricket and play within the 'spirit of the game'. The captain and coach must use their best efforts to ensure that team members comply with this rule and all of the above.

Penalties

If the Disciplinary Committee decides that any person is guilty of breaching any of the rules of this Player Code of Conduct, they will typically apply a penalty within the normal range of penalties for each level of offense set out in the table below. However, the Disciplinary Committee may also



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apply any or all of the penalties set out in this section where circumstances require a greater penalty due to:

- The player having been found guilty of a previous offense or offenses (whether in this or other competitions) or,
- Where the offense is particularly serious.

When imposing a penalty upon a person who has breached this Player Code of Conduct, the Disciplinary Committee may take into account any circumstance it considers relevant, including:

- The seriousness of the breach;
- The harm caused by the breach;
- The person's seniority and standing in the game;
- Remorse shown by the person and the prospect of further breaches;
- The person's prior record; and/or
- The impact of the penalty on the person.

Penalty Range by Level of Offence

Level of Offense Penalty Range

Level 1	Official reprimand and/or a ban of 1 multi-day match and/or 2 one-day matches
Level 2	Ban of up to 2 multi-day matches and/or 4 one-day matches
Level 3	Ban of up to 4 multi-day matches and/or 8 one-day matches
Level 4	Ban of 5 or more multi-day matches and/or 10 one-day matches or a life ban.