

# WALKERVILLE CRICKET CLUB (WCC) CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct is a guideline to acceptable behaviour during the course of a game and the cricket season. It is expected that participants and officials demonstrate the common sense and sportsmanship that has made our Club great.

It is a WCC requirement that you read and agree to the conditions of the Code of Conduct.

Cricket is a game of unique appeal as participants must play within the rules but also within the "spirit of the game". Embracing the spirit of the game means participating, as a player or official, fairly and exhibiting respect for others, along with the games traditional values. Being gracious in defeat and showing humility in victory are key examples of this spirit and do not take cricketing ability to display.

As a proud club with a long history the WCC has forged a reputation as a club that plays hard, tough cricket to the spirit of the game. WCC is highly respected within the Adelaide Turf competition and it is our expectation that this continue with the current generation of players.

We play to win, but we play in the spirit of the game!

## Players and Officials shall:-

- Assist the umpire carrying out their duties.
- Respect the umpire, the opposition and the games traditional values.
- Not show dissent at an "umpires" decision by actions or abuse.
- When given out, move immediately off the ground and not indulge in tantrums.
- Avoid wasting time - incoming and outgoing batsmen should pass inside the boundary line and fieldsmen should move quickly to position.
- Players must maintain a standard of dress consistent with that required by the Club.
- Not engage in inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with players and/or officials.
- Not deliberately impede or distract an official or opposition player during the course of play.
- Not use language or gestures that offend, insult, humiliate, intimidate or vilify another person.
- Not verbally or physically threaten players or officials at any time.
- No alcohol shall be consumed by a player or participating official on or off the ground, during any match.
- Not bring the game and the Club into disrepute by their actions or words.

Physical violence, unless in absolute self defence is unacceptable and an automatic life ban may be imposed.

The Team Captain is responsible for their teams' behaviour and should brief players on the behaviour requirements and that players' conduct themselves in a manner that conforms to the Code of Conduct, image and spirit of the game of cricket.

A breach of this Code or any action deemed detrimental to the game of Cricket, WCC or the Association, will be reported to the Team Captain and the WCC Committee. On hearing of all available evidence, the Committee may impose one or all of the penalties listed below.

## Penalty Range -

- a) Verbal Reprimand/Warning from Walkerville Cricket Club Captain
- b) Written Reprimand/Warning from Walkerville Cricket Club Committee
- c) Ban of 2 to 5 matches at the discretion of the Walkerville Cricket Club Committee
- d) Ban of 6 or more matches, season or life ban at the discretion of the Walkerville Cricket Club Committee.

The penalties described above are in addition to any that may be imposed by the Adelaide Turf Cricket Association for a breach of *Adelaide Turf Cricket Association Code of Conduct and Guidelines for Penalties*.

I ..... agree to the conditions of the

Name of Player/ Official

**Walkerville Cricket Club Code of Conduct.**

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** ...../...../.....

Player/ Official Signature

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** ...../...../.....

Guardian Signature