



Gawler Central Cricket Club – Senior Players Code of Conduct

Spirit of the Game:

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to it being played within its laws and within the Spirit of the Game.

Any action that abuses this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The responsibility for fair play rests with all players, with Captains ultimately accountable.

GCCC Players Will At All Times:

- Act with respect towards all players, officials, members and the game
- Act with respect for all facilities and resources provided
- Present with a 100% commitment to playing, training, personal improvement and the club as a whole
- Have pride in the club and promote our club positively within the community
- Communicate respectfully in relation to all aspects of the club
- Support the club, and build team spirit at every opportunity
- Participate within our club in more than just the role of a player
- Prepare for each match in a manner which enhances the entire team performance
- Act as a role model for younger developing players within our club
- Behave in ways which promote the reputation of the club in a positive light.

Responsibility of Captains:

The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the *Spirit of the Game* as well as within the Laws of Cricket. In addition, Captains must fulfil expectations set and agreed to at the time they are appointed to the position.

The *Spirit of the Game* involves respect for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain and team
- The role of the umpire
- The game's traditional values.

It is against the *Spirit of the Game*:

- To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture
- To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- To indulge in cheating or any malicious practice, for instance:
 - ♦ to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out
 - ♦ to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing
 - ♦ to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.

Players:

Captains and umpires together set the tone for the conduct of a cricket match. Every player is expected to make an important contribution to this.



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Cricket Etiquette:

- Players must respect the decision of the umpire. It is the role of each player, as well as the captain, to ensure this respect is maintained
- Respect other cricketers.

Violence:

There is no place for any act of violence either on or off the field of play. This covers both physical contact and the racial vilification of players.

Social Media:

GCCC players will communicate in relation to all aspects of the club with respect. This includes the appropriate use of Social Media. The posts and comments, particularly on the GCCC Group page, are deemed to be made in a public forum and notices and comments should be considered and measured based on this extended audience. For additional information please refer to the Gawler Central Sporting Club Social Media Policy (<http://gcsc.com.au/gcsc-social-media-policy/>).