



ASHBURTON WILLOWS CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKET PLAYING POLICY



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PHILOSOPHY OF PLAYER PARTICIPATION

The Ashburton Willows Cricket Club (AWCC) is committed to ensuring that all players get the most out their cricketing experience. We wish it to be enjoyable and rewarding. We want to ensure the environment is one that is encouraging, positive and safe – for players, parents and supporters. Coaches will try to give all players every opportunity to learn the game, improve their skills, and contribute meaningfully to the team’s performance on match day. This will apply especially in the younger grades where there will be clear intent to give everyone an equal go. As players move into the older grades, especially U/14 and U/16, the coaches will look to prepare players for the more competitive senior grades cricket.

1. The Club will endeavour to do everything in its power to ensure the Junior Section is a safe, healthy, enjoyable and competitive environment to improve both cricketing and life skills. It is hoped that juniors will go on to become accomplished contributors to the rich history and traditions of the AWCC.
2. All parents/guardians, players and coaches are expect to read and abide by the codes of conduct of the AWCC.
3. Team structure and participation will be at the discretion of the coach, once teams are formalised via the selection / team formation process noted below.
4. The annual registration process will include a priority registration period for players who have played at AWCC the season prior and no player who played the year before will be refused a place in a team in the following year, as long as they register during the priority registration period.
5. The Club recognises that it has an obligation to give all players a fair go during matches and at training.
6. Skills will be developed through attendance at practice sessions each week and at special clinics run by senior players at intervals during the season.
7. The AWCC understands that junior players develop skills at differing rates it is therefore our priority to nurture them from match to match and through training so that they optimise their own potential.
8. The Club requires all junior cricketers to wear their helmets during a match whilst batting or keeping. They must also wear their helmets whilst batting in the nets.
9. The AWCC is a Sun Smart club and therefore AWCC hats* and sunscreen are to be worn in the field whether it is during a match or at training.
10. The AWCC is a member of the Good Sports Program and has achieved the highest possible accreditation at Level 3.
11. Players are to wear the appropriate AWCC playing kit on match days.
12. Players are expected to arrive at their grounds 30mins prior to start time.
13. Parents will be expected to umpire, score and provide morning tea at least once during a season.
14. The AWCC will issue a schedule of games and calendar of social events as soon as available each season. Attendance at social events is encouraged.
15. Sponsorship of the Club is welcomed and much appreciated. If you have any interest in this please approach any official of the Club.
16. If at any time you have an issue with the treatment of your child please seek the advice of your Coach or any of the officials listed on our club website let so that the matter can be resolved quickly. (Emily Wilhelm is our Member Protection Officer and is always available to be contacted on 0402 068 339) **AWCC requires all relevant parties read and abide by all of the above.**

CODES OF CONDUCT

The AWCC has codes of conduct for all players, coaches and parents/guardians.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play by the rules.
- Always encourage your fellow players, be supportive and do not criticise them.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your Captain or Coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse, deliberately interfering with or provoking an opponent or throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted.
- Treat players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Never make remarks based on race, gender or religion to any one.
- Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents, without them there would be no game.
- Foul language is not acceptable.
- Attend training, listen to your coach and concentrate on developing your skills.
- Correct uniform is to be worn on match days.

Please be aware be it player, parent/guardian or coach, any violation of the codes of conduct in this playing policy may result in disciplinary action or expulsion from the Club.

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PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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- Encourage and support the children to always play according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by both teams.
- If you disagree with an official keep it to yourself and in perspective, everyone makes mistakes.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child, they deserve your support.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory so the result of each game is accepted with good grace and not disappointment.
- Condemn the use of violence or verbal abuse in any form by anybody.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.
- Be prepared to assist the club by volunteering your time.
- The Club warmly encourages parents to take a real interest in their children's cricket. We have found that children get far more enjoyment from the game when one or both parents come along to watch and help them.
- **Remember the behaviour of your child is your responsibility, not the Coach's.**

COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

- Lead by example in ensuring the players show respect and courtesy at all times.
- Be reasonable in your demands on young player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players that rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or provoke.
- Promote the etiquette of cricket.
- Whenever possible, group players according to age, height, skills and maturity.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players. As far as possible give each player equal playing time and coaching attention.
- Remember children play for fun and enjoyment, and winning is only a small part of their motivation.
- Never tell off or ridicule a child for making an error or losing a game.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the children.
- The scheduling and length of practice times and competition should take into consideration the maturity level of the children.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- If in doubt follow the advice of a physician in determining when an injured player is ready to recommence playing.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
- Do not in any way abuse your position of trust.

AGE LEVEL PURPOSE & SELECTION POLICY

At each age level, we have clarified a simple philosophy/mantra for coaches and team managers to use as a guideline when conflicted with team listings and player selection issues. If the situation cannot be resolved between coaches, the Junior Coordinator will make final decision.

Under 10s – Encourage equal participation for all players and ensure opportunity to improve skills with bat, ball and fielding. With multiple teams listed, we encourage friends to play together, and consider groupings of parents who already know each other through school communities etc.

Under 12s – Encourage equal participation for all players and ensure opportunity to improve skills with bat, ball and fielding. With multiple teams listed, we encourage a 'soft' pre-season trial process to attempt grouping players into levels of capability.

Under 14s – Encourage a positive environment for all players and help them to identify areas of strength to focus on, eg are they a batsman, bowler, wicket-keeper? Use these areas of strength to introduce batting and bowling line-ups/order. With multiple teams listed, we encourage pre-season trial process to group players into levels of capability, but to still ensure a good blend of batsmen, bowlers, keepers for each team.

Under 16s – Prepare our players for senior cricket and encourage those with greater capability to begin their transition in advance by participating in senior training and lower grade matches. Play in the spirit of the game, but with clear intent to win, with a game-plan that aligns with the vision of the AWCC Senior coach. If multiple teams listed, we encourage pre-season trial process to group players into levels of capability, but to still ensure a good blend of batsmen, bowlers, keepers for each team.

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