

## CODE OF CONDUCT



### SCARBOROUGH Mercantile CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED

#### Introduction

Scarborough Mercantile Cricket Club trades under the name of Scarborough Sharks Cricket Club (SSCC).

Cricket has traditionally been one sport to maintain and promote the highest levels of conduct and sportsmanship. We are all familiar with the saying “It isn’t cricket” which implies that a certain type of behaviour is unacceptable. This document is a set of guidelines to provide all members with an understanding of the expectations the club has of each and every player and spectator. These guidelines are relevant during match days (on and off the field), training, and club functions and at any other time when representing Scarborough Sharks Cricket Club (SSCC).

The guidelines form part of the Players’ Code of Conduct (The Code) and will be enforced by the committee of the Scarborough Sharks Cricket Club, and/or the Tribunal of the Perth Swan Cricket Association. Players and spectators in breach of these guidelines can expect to receive penalties varying from a caution through to suspension, depending on the severity and the nature of the breach.

By registering to be a member with SSCC you agree to abide by The Code.

#### Objective

Our objective is to ensure that all players, when representing Scarborough Sharks Cricket Club, play cricket in the true spirit and traditions of the game so that the game can be enjoyed by all, including spectators, opposing players and umpires.

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No person bound by this Code of Conduct shall engage in disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour. Disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour includes, but is not restricted to, a person:

1. Assaulting or attempting to assault, or abusing, either orally or physically, an umpire, player or spectator
2. Disputing, as distinct from questioning, an umpire’s decision, or reacting in an obviously provocative manner towards and umpire
3. Using crude or abusive language, or hand signals or other gestures
4. Engaging in any form of conduct or behaviour detrimental to the spirit of the game or likely to bring the game into disrepute
5. Refusing to supply that person’s name and that person’s address when required by another person who is lodging a report
6. The captain of a team shall ensure that the players (including the person acting as 12th man) comply with the Code of Conduct. The captain of a team

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breaches the Code of Conduct if a player in that team engages in continuing disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour.

7. Any fines or penalties levied by the PSCA in regards to breaches by individuals or captains shall be the responsibility of the individual or captain. A player shall be deemed unfinancial until fine has been paid. The club will assist in any appeals that the SSCC committee agree are warranted.

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### **Racial and Religious Vilification Code:**

No person who is participating in a match under the jurisdiction or auspices of the Perth Swan Cricket Association or its affiliates shall engage in any conduct, act towards or speak to any other person in a manner which offends, insults, humiliates or vilifies such person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent or ethnic origin.

The captain of a team shall ensure that the players (including the person acting as 12th man) comply with the Racial and Religious Vilification Code.

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### **Expectation of Players:**

The Committee of Management of the Scarborough Sharks Cricket Club has set down these guidelines for all players, including spectators, representing Scarborough Sharks Cricket Club.

### **Umpiring Decisions:**

The umpire's decision is final and should be accepted immediately, whether batting or fielding. A bowler is entitled to ask the umpire why he turned the appeal down, but should accept this explanation, if one is given, and immediately play on. The use of offensive language—generally in the form of a disparaging and abusing remark to an umpire is not acceptable.

### **Walking:**

When there are no neutral umpires, a batsman must walk if he is in no doubt that he has been dismissed fairly. Placing pressure on your team-mate, who is acting as umpire, can place doubt in his mind and lead to unnecessary friction between the two teams.

### **Upon being dismissed:**

The actions of the dismissed batsmen – in failing to leave the crease promptly on being given out and then banging his bat on the ground or throwing the bat on returning to the pavilion, including audible foul language, is unacceptable.

### **Post-Match Drinks:**

Players are encouraged to have a drink and friendly chat with the opposition after a match, either home or away, but should also make every effort to return to the Bennett Park clubrooms in time for the after-match presentations.

### **Sponsors:**

Sponsorship is critical to the growth and success of our club and players are encouraged to be aware of our sponsors and promote them with family and friends. Players are reminded to support our sponsors where possible.

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### **Racial Vilification:**

Under no circumstances will the club tolerate such behaviour. The committee will deal with Scarborough Sharks players, if an official PSCA report is not made. Likewise, if a Scarborough Sharks player is subjected to such abuse, the club will take the matter to the PSCA and ensure the matter is dealt with in the appropriate manner.

### **Training Expectations:**

All players shall make every effort to train at least once a week. It is understood that work commitments can clash with those of the cricket club, but every effort should be made to attend training. Your captain should be made aware if you are unable to attend training.

Training is to be used to improve your game and those that you are training with. The bowling of excessive deliberate short pitched deliveries and the continual 'slogging' of balls out of the nets will not be tolerated. Remember, the players you are training with are your teammates. No player should leave training early without notifying the person in charge of training.

### **Training Attire:**

Tracksuit pants/shorts and an appropriate white or light coloured cricket shirt should be worn at all training sessions.

### **Scarborough Sharks Cricket Club Social Rooms:**

These rooms are to be treated with respect at all times. Please ensure that all opposition players also respect these rules.

### **Playing Subscriptions:**

All subscriptions should be paid on or before the scheduled date as decided by the committee.

### **Afternoon Tea :**

SSCC committee will advise the players each season what arrangements are in place to provide afternoon teas for home games.

### **Under-age Drinking:**

Players under the age of 18 are not permitted to drink alcohol at club functions, including training and match days/nights. Players assisting under-age players to gain access to alcohol is considered, by the committee, to represent a serious breach of our Code of Conduct.

### **Player Availability:**

All players are expected to be available for all games throughout the season. Exceptions can occur, but wherever possible, plans involving weekends without cricket, should be scheduled outside the cricket season.

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### **Selection Policy:**

Where a player is unavailable (or available) for selection, he must notify the captain prior to selection on Thursday nights.

He should not consider himself a certainty to be selected as soon as he makes himself available again. It is quite possible that he will not be selected in any grade upon his return.

Whilst every effort will be made to play players in their preferred team we may need player to move teams to help club balance. Suitable communication will be entered into with affected players and captains prior to decision being made.

### **Social Functions:**

Throughout the season the club will arrange social events from time to time including the end of season presentation night. Players should make every attempt to attend, and where possible, invite as many of their friends as possible.

### **Match Days:**

Players are to arrive at the ground, at least 60 minutes (30 for one day grades) before the commencement of play. When playing away, we should arrange a car pool from Bennett Park.

Departure time from the ground varies depending on the travelling time.

At home games there are various duties that need to be done. These include laying boundary markers and scoreboard. After play, these need to be placed away.

### **Breaches of the Code of Conduct**

**Any breach of this code can be reported to a member of the Committee who in turn will advise the Club President. An independent person, from within the Committee, will be appointed to investigate the breach and report to the Full Committee with recommendations of an appropriate penalty should the breach be proven.**

### **The Committee**

**I agree to abide by this code**

**Signature** .....

**Name** .....

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### Attachment 1: The Spirit of Cricket

**Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action, which is seen to abuse this spirit, causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play, not only rests with the captains, but with all players alike.**

It is the responsibility of administrators, officials, players, coaches and spectators of the Scarborough Sharks Cricket Club to create and promote a safe and family friendly environment. It is also to reflect how we all would like to be treated by others, that being, fairly, equally and with respect and dignity.

#### **Captains:**

The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the 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.

#### **Players:**

1. Be honest and supportive of your coach, captain, selection committee and colleagues in regard to training, injury, team selection and decision making issues.
2. Conduct yourself in a professional manner in relation to language, punctuality and demeanour.
3. Be consistent in your endeavour to maintain high personal behaviour at all times.
4. Have team goals, work hard for yourself, your team and your club, and be conscientious especially in your attitude and preparation to training and match day.
5. Co-operate with coaches, captain and team officials, show them utmost respect and assist them at all times.
6. Be a role model to others, demonstrating integrity, equity and fairness.
7. Be familiar and abide by the Laws of Cricket. Accept both the letter and the spirit of the rules.
8. Accept responsibility and be accountable for your actions, in a sporting, social and community sense.

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### **Officials:**

1. You are a role model; your behaviour should be positive and supportive. You should also respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
2. Take responsibility for your actions and actions of your players, spectators and fellow officials.
3. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions and be open to discussion and interaction.
4. Encourage and facilitate players' independence and responsibility for their own behaviour, performance, decisions and actions.
5. Provide a safe environment for the conduct of cricket.
6. Show concern and attend appropriately and promptly to others who may be injured or ill.

### **Spectators & Parents of players:**

1. Sportspeople participate in the game of cricket for their development, benefit and enjoyment. Encourage this participation.
2. Respect decision making of coaches, captains, selection panels and officials. Teach and reinforce this respect with others. You set the example.
3. Applaud and congratulate performances and efforts from all teams (your team and opposition team) participants, regardless of the outcome or result.
4. Condemn the use of violence in sport of any form.
5. Encourage players to follow the rules and abide by the umpires decision.
6. Do not use abusive and foul language or do not harass players, coaches or officials.
7. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
8. Promote and maintain standards of socially accepted behaviour. Promote by actions, the club as a community based family club.