

NWS Hurricanes District Cricket Club - Code of Conduct

All players, spectators and supporters associated with the NWS Hurricanes DCC should become familiar and adhere to the code of conduct which outlines the expectations and values of the club to ensure that everyone is working towards the same common goal of developing as cricketers and as a club. Failure to adhere to the code of conduct will result in varying levels of disciplinary action including but not limited to;

- Being stood down for round/s
- Being 'dropped' (being selected in a lower grade)
- Additional duties/tasks for the club
- Monetary fines

This disciplinary action will be decided by the disciplinary subcommittee made up of Senior players, captain's and board Members.

Objective

Our objective is to ensure that all players represent the club in a respectful and positive manner, 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.

Training Expectations

All players are expected to attend training on a Wednesday held at Kanebridge Oval or alternative locations. It is understood that work, study or emergency 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.

At the completion of each training session a group meeting will be held in which all players are expected to stay until the completion of (to discuss weekend matches and how to improve as a club) after which players must assist in the packing up of training equipment.

Training Attire

The current club training shirt is expected to be worn to all training sessions along with club shorts or pants.

Communication

Club wide communication will be carried out through the facebook group and all are expected to regularly monitor the group for any new information. Matchday communication between the club (Updates) are expected to be made as comments on the weekly post as regularly as possible.

Team communication will be carried out through a whatsapp group with all the members of the team for the upcoming round, which will be altered as team members change and will be used by the captains to provide details and organize for matchday.

Registration Fees

All Registration Fees should be paid as soon as possible once made available, alternatively players may be able to use payment plans once arranged with the club treasurer and be paid on time without reminders from the treasurer.

Player Availability

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

Selection Policy

Where a player is unavailable for selection, he should not consider himself a certainty to be selected as soon as he makes himself available again. It is quite possible that the player will not be selected in any grade upon his return or in a lower grade than previously selected.

Players will be selected on form, ability and behavior by the selection committee and captains prior to the start of each round. Captain's will advise any individual through a phone call or at training if they will be playing in a different grade during the upcoming round which will be done by the higher grade captain. Then alterations to group chats will occur.

Covers

Players are expected to assist with the laying of pitch covers on the evenings prior to games. Generally speaking, this occurs between 4.30pm – 6.00 pm on Friday evenings and possibly Thursdays but may change due to inclement weather.

All players will be required to ensure they attend covers on the Fridays they are allocated via the covers schedule. If you're unable to attend when you're allocated it is your personal responsibility to find someone to attend on your behalf.

On match days the covers and Hessian are required to be put away in an orderly stored manner either before play if weather is unlikely to intervene or after play (unless a match is being played on the ground the following day).

Match Days

Players are to arrive at the ground, at least one-hour and 15 minutes (or otherwise instructed by captains) before the commencement of play, dressed in club polo.

Home Games

Teams are expected to be at the ground an hour and a half (or otherwise instructed by captains) before the start of play to ensure the responsibilities are completed including the laying of boundary markers, removal of covers from playing area, seats/scoring table to be set up, general assistance for drinks and setting up the scoreboard. The covers and Hessian either before play if weather is unlikely to intervene or after play are required to be put away properly in an orderly stored manner and the continued cleaning of change rooms and ground.

Away Games

When playing away it is the responsibility of the player to arrange to be at the ground at least one-hour and 15 minutes (or otherwise instructed by captains) prior to the commencement of the game, dressed in club polo. If it involves a lift with another player it is their responsibility to arrange a carpool. Away changing rooms are expected to be left in a condition better than when our club first entered.

Post-Match

At the completion of a match players are expected to assist with the pack up of the ground and any covers, Players are also encouraged to spend time post match with the side, opposition and umpires and opposition whilst playing home or away.

Monthly Presentations (Monthly Fiddler dinner/ drinks)

Monthly post Match presentations for player of the round awards will be held at the fiddler on the last saturday of each month during the season. All players are expected to attend.

Social Functions

Throughout the season there will be several functions organised by the Social Committee. The Key functions being the Pre-Christmas Day/Nighter round at Kanebridge, season launch as well as the Annual Presentation Night, but there are many others. It is expected that players will make every effort to attend club functions, and where possible, invite partners and friends to events organised.

Meat tray

All Players will be required throughout the season to assist with the meat tray raffle ticket sales at the fiddler on saturday afternoon/ night. At the completion of the meat tray 2 people will be

required to count and cash and send the amount to a board member. Then at the next convenient opportunity give them the cash.

The individuals that do the meat tray will be allowed to purchase 2 drinks each or a meal with the cash from the meat tray before the count.

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 directed at the umpire 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

Upon being dismissed the dismissed batter must leave the pitch promptly and not question the umpire's decision in any manner, additionally the dismissed batter must not be seen or heard throwing any objects or audible foul language.

Under-age Drinking

NWS Hurricanes DCC adheres to a Responsible Service of Alcohol policy within the club and players under the age of 18 are not permitted to drink alcohol at club functions, including training and match days/nights. Exceptions to this would be where the parent or guardian is present and permits their child to do so. Players assisting under-age players to gain access to alcohol is considered, by the executive board to represent a serious breach of our Code of Conduct.

Code of Conduct

(Incorporating the By-Laws of the NSW Cricket Association)

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:

Assaulting or attempting to assault, or abusing, either orally or physically, an umpire, player or spectator

Disputing, as distinct from questioning, an umpire's decision, or reacting in an obviously provocative manner towards and umpire

Using crude or abusive language, or hand signals or other gestures

Engaging in any form of conduct or behaviour detrimental to the spirit of the game or likely to bring the game into disrepute

Refusing to supply that person's name and that person's address when required by another person who is lodging a report

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

Racial and Religious Vilification Code

Under no circumstances will the club tolerate behaviour of Racial, Religious or any other Vilification. The committee will deal with all Hurricanes players if an official NSWCA report is not made. Likewise, if a Hurricanes player is subjected to such abuse, the club will take the matter to the NSWCA and ensure the matter is dealt with in the appropriate manner and any counseling that may be required.

No person who is participating in a match under the jurisdiction or auspices of the NSW 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.

Online Behaviour

To foster a positive and supportive club environment, it is essential that club members refrain from posting derogatory statements about the club or any fellow club member on social media or any other online platform.

Club members are responsible for their online behavior and will be held accountable for any derogatory statements made about the club or club members, even if such statements are made on personal social media accounts.