

Whitfords & District Cricket Club

Member Code of Conduct

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Policy Purpose and Guidance

This document outlines the expected behavioural conduct of all Whitfords and District Cricket Club members. This Code of Conduct is relevant during match days (on and off field), during training, official club functions, and at any other time when representing Whitfords and District Cricket Club.

By registering as a member of Whitfords and District Cricket Club, you accept and shall abide by the following Code of Conduct during any match and/or Club function whilst on Club grounds or affiliated venues.

Whitfords and District Cricket Club is also bound by the Club constitution for general governance for the administration and committee proceedings for the Club. This document is available for viewing by contacting the Secretary.

Our Vision

Our vision for Whitfords and District Cricket Club to be a consistently successful, first choice amateur cricket club in the Northern Coastal Suburbs, open to men, women, and juniors seeking senior cricket experience across all skill levels.

Our Aim

Whitfords and District Cricket Club aims to provide a safe and inclusive environment, opportunities for members to develop themselves through the game of cricket, and a space for both players and families to grow a community around the game of cricket.

Our Values

Respect is central to the Spirit of Cricket, thus, central to how we interact as a Club internally with each other, externally with others in the community, and when representing the Club within WASTCA, PSWL, and other WA Cricket Competitions the Club participates in. As such, when representing Whitfords and District Cricket Club, ensure you show:

Respect for the game of cricket

Respect for the opposition

Respect for relevant match and association officials

Respect for the Club

Respect for Player, Committee, and Volunteer Members of the Club, and,

Respect for community members and others associated with the Club



Code of Conduct

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 verbally 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 an 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 the person's name and the person's address when required by another person who is lodging a report.
6. The captain of a team shall ensure that all players comply with the Code of Conduct. The captain of a team may be in breach of the Code of Conduct if a player in that team continually engages in disorderly or improper conduct or behaviour.

Spirit of Cricket

Cricket owes much of its appeal and enjoyment to the fact that it should be played not only according to the Laws, but also within the Spirit of Cricket.

The major responsibility for ensuring fair play rests with Club Leadership and Captains, but extends to all players, coaches, and relevant volunteers enacting on behalf of Whitfords and District Cricket Club.

In upholding the Spirit of Cricket, the following points as set by WASTCA shall be applicable for all Club members:

1. Where games have an appointed umpire, the umpire addresses both Captains as normal but also addresses the two teams prior to match.



2. Where games have no umpire, two captains meet prior to the game to discuss the tone/spirit with which they want the game to be played.
3. Both sides ensure after the game to either shake hands or fist bump.

Online/Social Media Conduct

We expect our members to conduct themselves appropriately, and to abide by our values of **Respect** when using electronic communication to share information (privately or publicly) with other members, the wider community when representing the Club, or when posting material on public websites connected to the Club.

Code of Conduct Breaches

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.

Club Membership & Registration Fees

All fees and memberships to be paid as soon as possible upon registration. Payment plans may be made in arrangement with either the Club Registrar or Treasurer on a case-by-case basis. For players with outstanding membership fee amounts after Round 3, that player may be removed from selection until such payments are made.

Training

Whitfords and District Cricket Club expects all members to train with purpose and intent, with an aim to drive not only the performance of yourselves but of your fellow Club members.

The Club also requires members to present to training in Whitfords training apparel - if not possible, plain white/blue shirt and plain training shorts is an acceptable alternative.

Aligning with our Club values, we expect members where possible to assist with the preparation and packing down of drills and equipment where required, as well as engaging in any training activities developed and facilitated by Club leaders or coaches (where applicable).

Match Day

Support your team mates and treat all players and officials in line with Club values, and within the spirit in which the game is intended.



Players are to arrive at their respective grounds at least 30 minutes before the commencement of play, or as otherwise instructed by your captain or coach (where applicable). Ensure you are in Club attire upon arrival, and when taking the field, there is an expectation that members are to only wear Whitfords and District Cricket Club attire.

Home games at Macdonald Park require various duties to ensure the ground is game ready, and also ready for use by other groups that share our clubrooms post-match. Key duties include:

- Laying boundary markers and setting up stumps
- Setting up scoreboard, electronic and paper scoring, and scorer's table and chairs
- Frogbox where applicable
- Advertising banners
- Clubroom furniture and bar equipment where applicable

In line with our values relevant to **respect** for the Club, clubrooms and others, we expect all members to assist in both setting up, packing down, and locking up of clubrooms on match days at Macdonald Park. In addition, please always be mindful of your rubbish at both home and away grounds, and leave the clubrooms/changerooms as they were found.

Social Events/Post Match Days

All social events and post match days will be guided by both our Liquor Licence and availability of Clubrooms/hired spaces, with alcohol only served during the times specified in our Liquor Licence.

All service of alcohol will cease 30 minutes prior to either the close of the Club bar or official end of function. Thursday and Saturday night bar closing times will be at the discretion of bar staff within the times specified by both Clubroom availability set by Joondalup City Council and our Liquor Licence.

Servers will follow Responsible Service of Alcohol training procedures and will ask for proof of age for anyone who looks 25 years old or younger, with only Government-issued photo identification accepted as 'proof of age.' Servers will also follow Responsible Service of Alcohol training procedures when refusing service to an intoxicated person.

If a person becomes intoxicated (and is not putting other people at risk with their behaviour) the person will not be served alcohol but will be provided with water and support for safe transport home from the Club, where available.



If a person becomes intoxicated (and is putting other people at risk due to their behaviour) the person will be asked to leave our club premises immediately and offered safe transport options, where available.

