



# Carlow Cricket Club Code of Conduct 2024

## Preface

This Code of Conduct has been adopted by Carlow Cricket Club Committee to provide a clear description of the behaviour expected of all members, parents, supporters, and volunteers.

Respectful behaviour towards each other is a cornerstone of our club's culture.

Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in a formal complaint being lodged to the Club Committee, and the initiation of the Club's Discipline Policy.

## The Code

Carlow Cricket Club expects you to adhere to the following standards of behaviour:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket
- Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief
- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination
- Display high standards of behaviour, wear appropriate clothing and attend on time
- Promote the positive aspects of cricket, for example fair play
- Encourage all participants to learn the laws and rules and play within them, always respecting the decisions of match officials
- Actively discourage unfair play, rule violations and arguing with match officials
- Recognize good performance not just match results
- Encouragement from senior players towards younger players and the setting of examples of sportsmanlike conduct

- Avoid negative and derisory comments, which have a negative effect on team spirit
- Obedience to Law 42 ‘Player Conduct’.
- Ensure the safety of all players – this requires that appropriate protective equipment should be worn at all times

**Juniors (under 18s):** For their own safety, those who are under the age of 18 are required to wear all appropriate protective equipment when batting or wicket-keeping. This applies at all times during match-play and training and is not open to debate.

**Seniors (18 and over):** The Club also strongly recommend that members over the age of 18 wear all appropriate protective equipment. However, this decision ultimately remains with the individual. As a result of this, all Senior Members will be required to sign a waiver absolving the Club of responsibility of any injury that may be sustained, should they choose not to wear appropriate protective equipment at any time.

- Support the Captain, and/or Coach, in any reasonable request, they make with regard to setting up the field of play prior to training, or on match day
- Place the well-being and safety of children above the development of performance
- Ensure activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual
- Not smoke, drink or use banned substances while in the club or attend under the influence of such
- Follow child safeguarding policies and any other relevant guidelines issued
- Report any concerns in relation to a child, following reporting procedures laid down by the the club. This includes all members and officers of the cricket club and all guests of those members and officers, as well as all individuals who watch/attend/participate/represent officiate in matches hosted by the club in whatever capacity
- On match day, players shall:
  - Arrive at the ground at least 60 minutes ahead of the scheduled start time for ‘home’ games, and 45 minutes ahead of the scheduled start time for ‘away’ games
  - Assist in any setting out the playing field, where necessary
  - Help prepare the Club House for teas and refreshment during games, and take responsibility to help clean up after the match
  - Be properly dressed and ready for pre-match warm-up, organised by team Captain prior to the start of play
  - Remain at the venue for the duration of play, until the game has finished, unless given express permission to leave from the team Captain
  - Remain on the boundary to support their team-mates, unless given express permission from the team Captain
  - When playing at home, players are reminded of their responsibility to provide tea and refreshments for themselves and the visiting team
  - When playing away from home, any players availing of a lift from a team-mate is encouraged to offer the driver petrol money (€5.00 per passenger is recommended)

## **Volunteers**

Volunteers make a valuable contribution to our club. Typically, volunteers are seen as role models for other club members. Accordingly, the conduct of volunteers should be of exemplary standard. Volunteers should:

- Consider well-being and safety at the club before development of performance
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with the club, based on mutual trust and respect
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play)
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the governing bodies and the club
- Hold the appropriate, valid qualifications and insurance cover
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances
- Have been appropriately vetted, if required
- Hold relevant qualifications and be covered by appropriate insurance
- Always work in an open environment (i.e. avoid private, or unobserved, situations and encourage an open environment)
- Inform players and parents of the requirements of cricket
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with young players, based on mutual trust and respect
- Ensure physical contact is appropriate and necessary and is carried out within recommended guidelines with the young player's full consent and approval
- Not engage in any form of sexually related contact with a young player. This is strictly forbidden, as is sexual innuendo, flirting or inappropriate gestures and terms.
- Attend appropriate training to keep up to date with their role, especially with respect to the safeguarding of children

## Parents/Carers

Parents and Carers also have a vital role in maintaining a standard of conduct in our club.

Parents and Carers should:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
- Help your child to recognize good performance, not just results
- Never force your child to take part in sport
- Set a good example by recognizing fair play and applauding the good performances of all
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
- Accept officials' judgments
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport
- Use correct and proper language at all times

## 2. SELF DECLARATION

I ..... acknowledge that I have read, understood and accept the code of conduct and discipline procedure and I agree to be bound by the areas set out in the code of conduct while participating/representing or attending Carlow Cricket Club in any capacity.

Signed  
Print Name  
Role  
Date